

Week 3 – Principal Update

Loud Shirts, Big Hearts! 🌈



Our Somie Rise community turned up the colour for Loud Shirt Day, raising a fantastic $207!

Loud Shirt Day supports children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Funds raised help provide services such as speech therapy, hearing support, early intervention and support for families, helping children communicate, connect and thrive.

Thank you to all the students, staff and families who joined in and contributed. From bright colours to bold patterns, it was a wonderful way to have some fun while showing kindness and generosity. A very special thank you to the amazing work of the SRC team and the organisation of Mrs Harry, Ms Deacon and Mrs Kandasamy. Well done, Somie Rise – our shirts were loud, and our community spirit shone even brighter!

Welcome to the Team, Cleo! 🐾



Our Somie Rise family is growing by four paws! We are excited to welcome **Cleo, our second therapy dog**, who joins Moe in supporting the wellbeing of our school community.

Cleo will help bring comfort, connection and a little extra joy to the school day. Alongside Moe, she will support students to feel settled, build confidence and develop positive connections – and we suspect our parents and teachers will enjoy a little canine company too! 🐶

Students will be supported to get to know Cleo and learn how to interact with her calmly and respectfully, ensuring positive experiences for everyone.

Welcome to Somie Rise, Cleo – we're delighted to have you on the team!

Parent Requests and Class Placements for 2026 – REMINDER

I am happy to receive in writing from families, any special learning needs (physical, social, or emotional) which may have an impact on their grade placement. I must have these by 4pm, Friday 30th October (Correspondence beyond this date will not be considered). All requests will be considered but are not guaranteed. Please email all class placement requests to matthew.jackson@education.vic.gov.au.

Once grades are finalised, there will not be any changes to class formations and placements.

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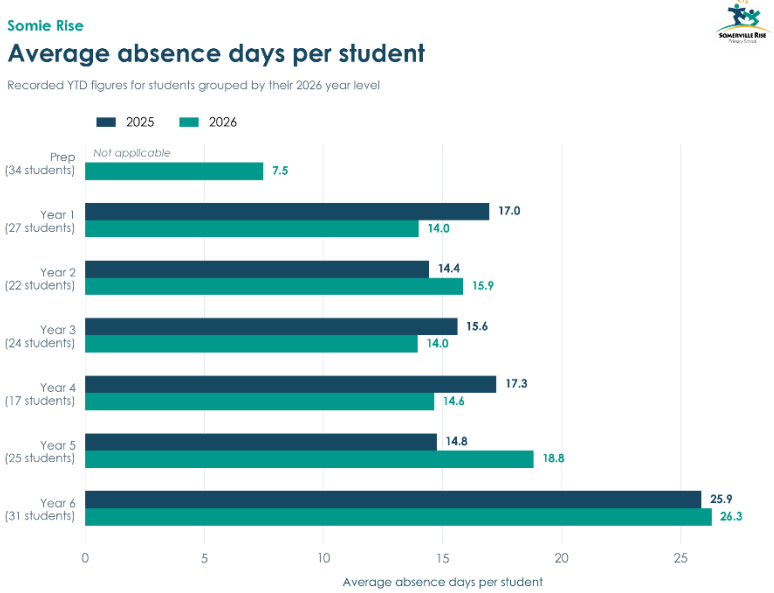
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Making Every School Day Count

Our latest attendance review shows encouraging improvements for several Somie Rise year levels! Comparing the recorded 2025 and 2026 year-to-date figures for the same groups of students, average absence days per student have decreased.



These reductions mean more opportunities for students to learn, strengthen friendships and enjoy school life.
Thank you to our families for supporting regular attendance and working with us when challenges arise. We understand that illness sometimes requires children to stay home, and we encourage attendance whenever students are well and able.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal

Wellbeing and Engagement Update

Growing, Learning and Transitioning at Somie Rise

As we move towards the end of the year, there is lots to celebrate at Somie Rise! Our students have grown, developed new skills, built friendships and engaged in many community events. With exciting change on the horizon, we want to ensure that every child feels safe, supported and ready for the next step in their learning journey.

We aim to maintain consistent routines, familiar structures, and positive relationships as much as possible as we head into the end of the year. There is an important reason behind this! Research into child development, wellbeing and learning highlights that predictability helps children feel safe and secure. When children know what to expect, they can spend less energy worrying about what comes next and more energy connecting, exploring and learning.

We also know that connection comes first. Feeling known, valued and supported by trusted adults helps children develop a sense of belonging, build resilience and navigate change with greater confidence.

Looking Ahead to Our Transitions

While we value the comfort and security of familiar routines, we also recognise the importance of preparing our students for change by providing opportunities to explore, practise new experiences and feel excited about what lies ahead. Throughout the transition process, students will participate in several mixed-group sessions, helping them build new connections, develop confidence, and become familiar with different learning environments. During Statewide Transition Day, students will find out who their 2027 teacher will be and which classmates they will be learning alongside, marking an exciting step towards the year ahead. Please check out the date section of Jumbunna for upcoming transition sessions.

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 4 – Week 4	
Monday 26th October	F – 2 Water Safety Program – Core24
Tuesday 27th October	F – 2 Water Safety Program – Core24 World Teacher's Day
Wednesday 28th October	F – 2 Water Safety Program – Core24
Thursday 29th October	F – 2 Water Safety Program – Core24
Friday 30th October	F – 2 Water Safety Program – Core24 Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm
Term 4 – Week 5	
Monday 2nd November	Professional Practice Day – Student Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 4th November	Elephant Ed Body Education Workshop – Year 5 & 6
Thursday 5th November	Elephant Ed Body Education Workshop – Year 5 & 6 2027 Foundation Transition Session 1
Friday 6th November	Whole School Transition Session 1
Term 4 – Week 6	
Thursday 12th November	2027 Foundation Transition Session 2
Friday 13th November	2026 Christmas Free Dress Day Deadly Future Leaders Excursion iSea, iCare Excursion Whole School Assembly – 2.45pm
Term 4 – Week 7	
Thursday 19th November	2027 Foundation Transition Session 3
Friday 20th November	Whole School Transition Session 2
Term 4 – Week 8	
Thursday 26th November	2027 Foundation Transition Session 4
Friday 27th November	Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise – 2.45pm
Saturday 28th November	2027 State Election BBQ @ Somie Rise
Term 4 – Week 9	
Monday 30th November	Year 3/4 Beach Day
Tuesday 1st December	Year 5/6 Beach Day
Friday 4th December	Somie Rise Christmas Carols and Twilight Market
Other Important Dates	Friday 18th December – Curriculum Day #4 – Student Free Day

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At Somie Rise we value…



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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