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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week 4 – Principal Update Halloween Edition

Celebrating World Teachers' Day at Somerville Rise!

This week, we proudly celebrated World Teachers' Day – a special moment to recognise the incredible dedication, care, and passion of our teachers at Somerville Rise Primary School.

Every day, our teachers go above and beyond to create engaging, supportive, and inclusive classrooms where every child feels seen, valued, and inspired to learn. Their commitment to helping students grow – academically, socially, and emotionally – makes a lasting difference in the lives of our learners and families.



At Somie Rise, our teachers don't just teach lessons; they build confidence, nurture curiosity, and model kindness and resilience. Whether it's designing creative learning experiences, offering a listening ear, or finding new ways to spark a love of learning, our teachers embody the very best of what education can be.

To all our amazing teachers – thank you for everything you do. You make Somerville Rise a truly special place to learn and grow. 

Changes to digital device use in Primary Schools

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Education recently announced changes to student digital device use in primary schools. From 2027, schools with students in Prep to Grade 6:

-  must not invite families to purchase or bring their own student digital devices to use at school from Prep to Grade 6
-  should follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for Grades 3 to 6.

These changes will require schools to provide class sets of digital devices for use by students from Prep to Grade 6. However, the recommended device time means that class sets can be shared across a wide range of class groups.

The use of digital devices by students with disability as a reasonable adjustment to support student learning is exempt from these changes. Where schools have current BYOD programs for students in Foundation to Grade 6, students can continue to bring these devices, but schools should implement the recommended digital device time from 2027.

We will continue to update our community as things are announced. You can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning: Policy](#).

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Parent Requests and Class Placements for 2026 – FINAL 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 TODAY, Friday 31st 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.

Updates to our Semester Reports

In line with the 5Rs and the Somie Rise Learning Behaviours and Expectations, we have refined the assessed Work Habits in our Sprint and Semester Reports to ensure alignment with these key documents.

At Somerville Rise, we have identified the main areas within the classroom that impact student learning. These continue to be grouped into two categories — Behaviour and Effort.

Behaviour	Effort
- I own my actions - I manage my emotions - I follow instructions - first time, every time - I behave in a way that allows others to learn - I take turns to speak - I use my manners - I treat others how they want to be treated - I listen to others	- I arrive on time - I line up in roll order and stand quietly - I have all of my equipment ready - I have a go at all learning tasks - I work to the best of my ability - I complete tasks on time - I ask for help - I contribute to class discussions

Classroom and Specialist Teachers will continue to provide feedback on students' Behaviour and Effort through Sprint Feedback.

However, within Semester Reports, Classroom Teachers will assess student behaviour and effort using the following Teaching and Learning Expectation Statements:

- I come to class ready to learn
- I behave appropriately
- I take responsibility for my learning
- I am respectful

These expectations are explicitly taught and discussed with students throughout the year to ensure consistency and shared understanding across all classrooms.

The 2025 Colour Run

One of the most exciting days on the Somerville Rise calendar, the annual Colour Run! A Compass news feed went out recently to remind families to register to begin their fundraising for the event!

Please save the date and start working towards raising money for our school. This will contribute funds to resurface our courtyard grass with synthetic grass!

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson

Principal

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 3 rd November	Professional Practice Day – Student Free Day
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 5 th November	Flying Book Worm Theatre Company Incursion
Thursday 6 th November	2026 Foundation Transition Session #1
Friday 7 th November	Cross School Transition #1

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 13 th November	2026 Foundation Transition Session #2
Friday 14 th November	Whole school assembly
	Hotdog Day Fundraiser
	Whole school assembly

Term 4 Week 7

Wednesday 19 th November	School Council 5:30pm
Thursday 20 th November	2026 Foundation Transition Session #3
Friday 21 st November	Somie Rise Colour Run
	Cross School Transition #2

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 27 th November	2026 Foundation Transition Session #4
Friday 28 th November	Puberty and Body Education
	Christmas Free Dress Day

Term 4 Week 9

Monday 1 st December	Beach Safety Day – Year 3/4
Tuesday 2 nd December	Beach Safety Day – Year 5/6
	Somie Rise Christmas Concert
Friday 5 th December	Cross School Transition #3

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 9 th December	Statewide Transition Day
Friday 12 th December	Year 6 Parent BBQ
	Whole school assembly – Leaders on the Rise November
	4 UP – Somerville Secondary College
	Year 5 Leadership Day – Enchanted Adventure

Term 4 Week 11

Tuesday 16 th December	Year 6 Graduation
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 6 Celebration – Gumbuya World
Thursday 18 th December	2025 Final Assembly
Friday 19 th December	Curriculum Day – Student Free Day

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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