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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Week 5 – Principal Update

2026 Transition Sessions

It has been an exciting time at Somie Rise with students participating in our 2026 transition sessions. On Thursday we welcomed our 2026 Foundation students and their families to begin their school journey at Somie Rise.

Our new students were very excited to join their new classmates in the Teddy Bear Picnic session while their parents and grandparents joined Ms Ferguson and myself for our first Parent Information Session. It is always exciting to hear about families hopes and aspirations for their children and it is such a privilege that families have chosen Somie Rise to start their education.

The students were so brave and the only tears that we saw came from mums and dads 😊 We can now officially announce our 2026 Foundation team;



Ms Glaves
Foundation A



Ms Goddard
Foundation B



Mrs Davison
Education Support



Ms Verbakel
Education Support

Today our current Year 1 – Year 5 students began our transition sessions to assist teachers with the formation of class combinations for 2026. Students will participate in 3 transition sessions before the Statewide Transition Day on Tuesday 9th December.

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 today 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.

Congratulations to Foundation B and 3/4A for the most students signed up on the platform.



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Buildings and Grounds Updates

It is scary to think that our new courtyard was completed approximately a year ago. Unfortunately the grass just never had a chance of developing with the popularity of the space. On a positive note, with the help of our amazing fundraising team and the support of our school community we have been able to raise enough money to install synthetic grass in the courtyard space so that it can be used all year round.



The team at Gecko Surfacing Solutions will begin the works on Monday morning and should take a couple of weeks depending on the weather!

Student Safety at Pick Up

We have noticed an increase in families using the staff carpark to drop their children off before school. Although this may be convenient, it is unsafe for our students and staff. Can all families please ensure they are using the carpark available outside of the school grounds moving forward.

We have also been informed by the Shire that a number of parents are completing illegal U-turns near the school crossing on Graf Road. Please be vigilant when driving near school crossings as our students aren't always the best at following traffic conditions. This is a council and police matter and is taken out of our hands! Nothing worse than getting pulled over in front of everyone at school pickup or drop off!



Thanks for helping keep our children and community safe!

Before and After School Supervision

With the introduction of Breakfast Club five days a week, we are noticing an increase in unaccompanied students before 8:30am. Teacher supervision does not start until 8:45am. We have had a few parent concerns around unsupervised students before school this term.

Just to correct any misconceptions, the school gates open at 8:30am each day. Students can enter the school from this point onwards and stay out of any extreme weather. We understand that some families need to get to work, however your children are not supervised by our staff before 8:45am.

If you need to drop your children off before this time – I recommend that you contact DS Sports and enrol in before school care or alternatively remain with your children until 8:45am.

We appreciate your support on this matter.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 11th November
Wednesday 12th November
Thursday 13th November
Friday 14th November

Somerville Remembrance Day Service – Years 6s
iSea, iCare Workshop
2026 Foundation Transition Session #2
Whole school Photo – reschedule
Hotdog Day Fundraiser
Whole school assembly

Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 18th November
Wednesday 19th November
Thursday 20th November
Friday 21st November

It's Okay not to be Okay workshop – Year 6s
School Council 5:30pm
2026 Foundation Transition Session #3
Somie Rise Colour Run
Cross School Transition #2

Term 4 Week 8

Thursday 27th November
Friday 28th November

2026 Foundation Transition Session #4
Puberty and Body Education
Christmas Free Dress Day

Term 4 Week 9

Monday 1st December
Tuesday 2nd December

Friday 5th December

Beach Safety Day – Year 3/4
Beach Safety Day – Year 5/6
Somie Rise Christmas Concert
Cross School Transition #3

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday 9th December
Friday 12th December

Statewide Transition Day
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 16th December

Wednesday 17th December
Thursday 18th December
Friday 19th December

Year 6 Graduation
Christmas Raffle Drawn
Year 6 Celebration – Gumbuya World
2025 Final Assembly
Curriculum Day – Student Free Day

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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