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"TALKING TOGETHER"

SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week 4 – Principal Update

iSea iCare Workshop

On Tuesday we were excited to host the Term 2 iSea iCare workshop. 40 student ambassadors from nearby schools came together in our Library to learn about our local marine environment. They learnt about where marine debris comes from and its pathways to the ocean.

Ambassadors then went on to teach what they'd learnt to our very own Year 1/2 classes. This required a lot of confidence and clear communication skills. We are so proud of our Ambassadors- Evie, Mia, Annie and Nate. Big thanks to Miss Mayor and Elisha for helping to organise and host the day.



Zero Tolerance for Physical Behaviours

We have recently observed an increase in physical behaviours at school, occurring both in classrooms and in the yard. I want to make it very clear to our students and community that Somie Rise has zero tolerance for aggressive or physical behaviour towards students or staff. Everyone has the right to feel safe at school and in their workplace.

When incidents are reported, they are addressed promptly through documentation, communication with families, and appropriate consequences, which may include suspension. All processes are guided by Department of Education policies and procedures.

5Rs- What are they?

We support positive, inclusive behaviours at Somie Rise. These steps increase positive and respectful relationships between students and staff, while creating consistent predictable routines to ensure calm, safe and supportive learning environments.

The 5Rs are explicitly taught to students and you'll see them displayed around our school, in every classroom, for reference.

Our priority is to ensure that all students feel safe and connected to school where they can be kind, creative and curious learners.



Remind

A reminder of the expected behaviour will be provided, and you will be asked to adjust your behaviour.



Redirect

Two options will be provided to reset your behaviour. You will be asked to choose one of the options and demonstrate the expected behaviours.



Reset

You will be moved to another location within your learning space.



Remove

You will be removed from the learning space determined by the classroom teacher.



Restore

After the reflection sheet has been completed, a restorative conversation with your teacher will take place and your parents will be contacted.

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Walk to School

🚶 Walk to School Day – **Friday 22nd May** 🚶 🚶

We invite all families to join us for Walk to School Day on Friday 22nd May!

📍 Meet at Clarendon Drive Reserve

🕒 8:10am

Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult for the walk to school.

Once we arrive at school, Victoria Police will be onsite with some fun activities for students and families. We also welcome everyone to stay and enjoy Breakfast Club together afterwards!



Before and After School Care

We are so lucky to have an amazing before and after school care service at Somie Rise. Check out DS Sports online for information about their program and booking system.

SOMMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY

FUN

ACTIVE

ENGAGING

DOWNLOAD OUR PARENT BOOKLET BELOW ↘

THE DS SPORTS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS LOCATED AT SOMMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE CHILDREN WILL BE EXCITED TO BE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, COOKING, ARTS & CRAFT AND MUCH MORE.

BREAKFAST AND AFTERNOON TEA IS INCLUDED AND WE PROVIDE ENOUGH YUMMY, HEALTHY, APPEALING FOOD AND DRINK TO ENSURE THE CHILDREN ARE SATISFIED, AND KEEN TO SEE WHAT IS ON THE MENU FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

DS SPORTS IS ALWAYS SEEKING TO IMPROVE THEIR OPERATIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY FEEDBACK PLEASE EMAIL DSINSCHOOLS@GMAIL.COM

<https://www.dssports.org/somerville-rise>

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Learning Update

Reading

At Somerville Rise Primary School, we are committed to giving every child a strong start in reading and writing. We use a systematic synthetic phonics approach, supported by Little Learners Love Literacy resources. By using a structured, evidence-informed approach, we ensure all students develop the strong decoding skills they need — setting them up for long-term reading success.

What is Systematic Synthetic Phonics?

Systematic synthetic phonics is a structured way of teaching students how to read and spell.

- Systematic means skills are taught in a clear, carefully planned sequence.
- Synthetic means students learn to blend (or “synthesise”) individual sounds together to read words.

Children are explicitly taught:

- The sounds letters and letter combinations make
- How to blend sounds to read words
- How to break words into sounds to spell them
- How to recognise common spelling patterns

Decodable Books

We use ‘decodable’ books to support students in learning to read at school and in the home reading program. These books align directly with the phonics sequence we teach at school, so that students practise only the sounds they have already learned.

This helps prevent guessing and strengthens real reading skills.

- Practise blending and segmenting sounds
- Read decodable texts matched to their learning
- Build fluency and confidence over time
- Develop the skills needed to become an independent reader



Reading in the Middle and Upper Primary School

When students become proficient in decoding text, reading moves beyond “learning to read” and into “reading to learn.” At Somerville Rise we explicitly teach students how to:

- Understand and analyse a wide range of texts (stories, information reports, persuasive texts and media texts)
- Build vocabulary and word knowledge
- Use comprehension strategies such as predicting, questioning, summarising and clarifying
- Identify themes, main ideas and author purpose
- Think critically about what they read

Teachers model these skills, guide students through practice, and provide opportunities for independent application. Students read a variety of rich, engaging texts to broaden their knowledge and deepen understanding.

Stay tuned for a new video from *Rise and Shine Productions* (aka Lauren and her phone) via our Facebook page that will show you what our reading program looks like in action at school.

Have fun learning!

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Curriculum and Learning

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School

Term 2 – Week 5

Tuesday 19th May
Friday 22nd May

District Cross Country
Walk to School Day with Victoria Polce

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 25th May
Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May

Junior School Swimming
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Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

Term 2 – Week 7

Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 8th June
Friday 12th June

King's Birthday Holiday
Whole School Assembly- 2.45pm

Term 2 – Week 9

Tuesday 16th June

Winter Sport Lightninging Prem, 5/6 Students

Term 2 – Week 10

Wednesday 24th June
Friday 26th June

District Girls Football
Last Day Term 2, 2.30pm finish

#KeepYourEyesonSomieRise #FromGoodtoGreat
At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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