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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week 5 – Principal Update

District Cross Country

A few weeks ago, we held our own Somie Rise Cross Country day. The fastest students from each age group were invited to the District Cross Country event to compete against other schools in our area. On Tuesday 28 Somie Rise students travelled to Hastings to compete.

All students demonstrated a tremendous effort and resilience in their events. Special mention goes to Evie Cumming who placed 5th in the 8/9-year girls. Unfortunately, this age group does not progress to the next stage however we look forward to following Evie's success in 2027!



Well done to all students who participated, teachers and ES staff who attended to support students and Mr Patterson who works behind the scenes to make these events happen.

Baby Boom at Somie Rise

There's something in the water at Somie Rise! We're excited to celebrate a special season for our staff, with three wonderful teachers preparing to welcome new additions to their families.

Brooke Andrews (5/6A), Elly Glaves (FA) and Emily Harry (Learning Specialist) have recently announced their exciting news. Brooke will begin her leave at the beginning of Term 3 and Elly and Emily will begin theirs at the beginning of Term 4.



While we'll certainly miss them during their leave, we're committed to ensuring our students continue to thrive by carefully selecting outstanding replacement teachers who will bring the same care, expertise and enthusiasm to our classrooms. Details will be communicated with students and families later in the year.

We know our community will join us in congratulating our growing Somie Rise families, while warmly welcoming the new staff who will support our students during this exciting time.

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Dates for your Diary

Each year Victorian State Schools have 4 Curriculum Days and in 2026, 1 Professional Practice Day. These are important to our school to support professional learning of staff and ensure wellbeing and classroom learning practice is top notch at Somie Rise.

Monday 13th July- Curriculum Day (first Monday Term 3)

Monday 5th October- Curriculum Day (first Monday Term 4)

Monday 2nd November- Professional Practice Day (day before Cup Day holiday)

2027 Enrolments – Reminder

Following the fantastic attendance at our Open Morning in Week 1, we have been inundated with tours for prospective 2027 Foundation students. What a thrill as a principal, to share first-hand the amazing work that is happening at our school!

If you have a child that is attending school in 2027, we suggest you enrol on line as soon as possible to ensure that you are guaranteed a place in Foundation. Also, if you know anyone in our school zone please encourage them to get in touch, to book a tour and find out more about the enrolment process.

Have fun learning!

Lauren Jelleff

Acting Principal



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Wellbeing Update

Supporting Student Wellbeing Through Respectful Relationships & Berry Street in our classrooms at Somie Rise

Student wellbeing is an important part of everyday learning at our school. Alongside academic growth, students participate in weekly wellbeing lessons, daily Welcome Circles, and multiple social emotional learning opportunities each week. Our focus is on supporting students to build positive relationships, emotional awareness, resilience, and social skills.

Two key frameworks that guide this work are the Victorian Department of Education's *Respectful Relationships curriculum* and the *Berry Street Education Model*.

Respectful Relationships (RR)

Respectful Relationships is part of the Victorian Curriculum and is taught in all government schools from Foundation to Year 12. The program helps students develop healthy relationships, emotional literacy, and positive coping skills.

The 8 Respectful Relationships topics are:

1. Emotional Literacy, 2. Personal Strengths, 3. Positive Coping, 4. Problem Solving, 5. Stress Management, 6. Help-Seeking, 7. Gender and Identity, 8. Positive Gender Relations

Foundation–Year 6 students will continue to work through Topics 1–6 across the year, with Topics 7 and 8 being introduced during Term 3 in an age-appropriate way aligned to the Victorian Curriculum.

Berry Street Education Model

The Berry Street Education Model supports students to feel safe, connected and ready to learn. Staff use strategies from the model across classrooms and school environments to help students develop emotional regulation, engagement and resilience.

The five Berry Street domains are:

Body, Relationship, Stamina, Engagement, Character

You may notice students using calming strategies, emotional check-ins, movement breaks, or talking about resilience and growth mindset at home — these are all examples of the wellbeing skills we are building together at school.

Our aim is to create a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where every student can learn, grow and thrive.

Our policies are always accessible via our website. Our [Wellbeing Policy](#) can be found here.

Megan Ferguson

Learning Specialist: Disability Inclusion

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School

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 Lightning 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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