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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SOMERVILLE RISE
Primary School

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Week 5 – Principal Update

Curriculum Day #3 – Preventative Intervention Training

Last Friday our staff participated in the Preventative Intervention Training with TESSA Inc. Our staff spent the day working with Rowan in training our whole team in dealing with critical incidents and high level behaviours of concern. This is a break in emergency type stuff and ensuring that everyone stays up to date with the best practice when supporting our little humans.



e-Scooters and Road Safety

Earlier today we received an email from a concerned citizen of Somerville around the way in which two students were riding on an e scooter. After looking into the DE Policies and Victoria Police Policies, the legal age to ride an electronic scooter is 16 years of age.



Department of Education	Victoria Police
Cycling to and from School Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths, as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings. Children aged 12 years or older are required by law to ride on the road. Road safety authorities recommend that children under the age of 9 are supervised by an adult when riding on the road. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision. Schools may wish to provide secure storage for bicycles and helmets. https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/cycling-and-school/policy	Legal e-scooter use Use of e-scooters is legalised in Victoria. You can legally ride an e-scooter in Victoria if you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ride on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"> shared-use paths (not on footpaths), or roads that have a speed limit up to 60km/h are at least 16 years old wear a helmet do not travel more than 20km/h do not use your mobile phone do not carry a passenger (dinking). https://www.police.vic.gov.au/electric-powered-scooters-e-scooters

I am currently investigating this matter with the department to ensure that our school is giving the right advice to families. For the time being we ask that students do not ride their electronic scooters to school without parental supervision.

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The Barn

It has been a very exciting time for Mr Patterson and the students with the Barn being open and ready for use! One of the negatives from the construction last year was that students were unable to access the Barn and work with Mr Patterson learning about environmental science and sustainability. This week, students were back in the swing of things and getting their hands dirty in the garden beds.

We can't wait for our next crops to be ready to share with our students and families.

Staffing Updates

It has been a week of mixed emotions for our staff and students, as we temporarily said goodbye to Ms Macauley AKA Ms Broccoli to some of our students. Peri is expecting her second child very soon and we are so excited to meet the newest addition of the Somie Rise family. We are in the process of hiring another staff member to jump in while Peri is on family leave. We also welcomed back Ms Deacon this week to resume her role in the library and 4/5B. A huge thank you to Mrs Kandasamy for her work in Ms Deacon's absence and being so flexible. Ms Jelleff is having a wonderful time in Japan, and I know that Mrs Harry has been doing an amazing job in her place.

Evacuation Drill

On Wednesday we held our first evacuation drill for 2025. Each term we practice different drills to ensure that our school and community are aware of our school processes in the case of an emergency. This week we evacuated from our classrooms to the school oval. The students (and teachers) were organised and calm and made it to the evacuation point in record time.

Morning Learning Lab – Start Your Day the Right Way!

Looking for a quiet space to get some extra learning in before school? Our Morning Learning Lab is open daily from 8:30AM - 8:50AM in the library!

This is a great opportunity for students to:

- ✓ Get help with their learning
- ✓ Practice reading, writing, or maths
- ✓ Complete unfinished work
- ✓ Prepare for the day ahead in a calm environment

Everyone is welcome – come along and make the most of your morning!

2026 School Tours

If you have any children starting foundation in 2026 or know anyone in our school zone, we would love to have them come and tour our school and see first-hand the amazing work that is happening!

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal



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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Week 6

Tuesday 4th March

GRIP Student Leadership Conference – Student Leaders
Parent / Teacher Interviews – 3:40pm – 6:30pm
School Council – Close of Ballot 4:00pm

Wednesday 5th March

Foundation Assessment Day – No Foundation Students
School Council – Votes counted and Declaration of Poll

Friday 7th March

Whole School Assembly – February Leaders on the Rise 2:45pm

Week 7

Monday 10th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 12th March

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Writing

Friday 14th March

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Reading

Week 8

Monday 17th

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Conventions of Language

Tuesday 18th

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Numeracy

Wednesday 19th March

First School Council Meeting – 5:30pm

Friday 21st March

Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

Week 9

Monday 24th March

2025 NAPLAN Test Window closes – Year 3s and 5s

Week 10

Tuesday 1st April

School Photo Day

Friday 4th April

End of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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