

# JUMBUNNA

## "TALKING TOGETHER"

SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### Week 6 – Principal Update

#### 2025 GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On Tuesday, Mrs Harry and I ventured into the city with our student leaders and attended the 2025 GRIP Student Leadership Conference. This is third time our school has attended in as many years and it has been such a valuable experience for our students.

The theme of the conference was learning skills to make changes as soon as the students got back to school. Seeing how our students interacted with other students from around the state was amazing and left both Mrs Harry and I very proud to be part of Somie Rise!

I can't wait to see the things our students leaders organise this year!



#### School Yard Behaviours

During the week we have seen an increase in aggressive student behaviours. This is disappointing to hear after such a smooth and calm transition into 2025.

During the week, we had a student assembly to address the behaviours that were occurring. The main points that were discussed were:

- 1. Tackling / rough play is not tolerated at our school.**

We understand that kids can be kids, however this nearly always results in an injury and then requires teacher / adult involvement.

- 2. Following the directions of adults.**

If a staff member gives students a reasonable and fair direction, they need to follow instructions.

- 3. Playing in the correct areas of the yard**

We often see students eating in the wrong spaces of the school or playing without a hat outside of the courtyard.

The discussion continued to come back to ensuring that everyone at school feels safe and enjoys their day. Please follow up with you children at home to ensure we are all on the same page.

#### Before and After School Supervision

As the year has continued we are seeing a lot more students arrive at school before 8:30am. Mr O'Brien opens gates at this time each day however the yard is not supervised by leadership until 8:45am. We are seeing an increase in unsupervised children and low level behaviours that are impacting our school. This includes rough play and littering from breakfast club attendees.

We request that if parents needed to drop their children off earlier than 8:30am that they utilise DS Sports for before school care. Thank you for your support on this matter.

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### Mobile Phones

Each year we like to remind families of the Department of Education's views on mobile phone use. I have attached the link to the DE policy and also a great resource for parents of pre-teens who are dealing with mobile phone dilemmas with their children.

### [Responsible Mobile Phone Use](#)

### [Department of Education - Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy](#)

While at school, students must have their mobile phone stored at the front office. Student should not be using their mobile phone on school property. Please discuss this with your children and reach out if we can assist in anyway.

### e-Scooters and Road Safety – Update

After last week's Jumbunna, I received an update from the Department of Education. Please read below.



Good Afternoon Matt,



Thank you for your query regarding electronic scooters. We acknowledge they are becoming increasingly popular ways students want to travel to school.

Our team is currently updating the [Cycling to and from School policy](#) to include both e-scooters and e-bikes and we will advise when it has been updated.

In the meantime, the OHS Safety team have provided some advice on the issue which will be incorporated into the updated policy.

Information about the legal definition and use, offences and hire/shared scheme can be accessed through the [Victorian Police website](#).

You can legally ride an e-scooter if

-  you are at least 16 years old
-  wear a helmet and do not travel more than 20km/h

**Until this policy is updated, our students are not of the legal age to ride an Electronic Scooter and as such will not be able to ride e-scooters and e-bikes to school.**

### 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!

#### Term 1 Week 7

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Somerville Family Fun Day – Fruit Grower's Reserve

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Writing

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Hamper Donation & Free Dress Day

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Reading

#### Term 1 Week 8

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Conventions of Language

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Numeracy

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

First School Council Meeting – 5:30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

#### Term 1 Week 9

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

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

#### Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

School Photo Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

End of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish

#### Term 2 Week 1

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

First day of Term 2

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April

2025 Easter Hat Parade

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

#### Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

School Open Morning – Foundation 2026

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Glasses for Kids Program

Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise April

**#KeepYourEyesonSomieRise #2025EstablishingExcellence**

**At Somie Rise we value...**



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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Edition 6**

**Kindness**

**Curiosity**

**Creativity**

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