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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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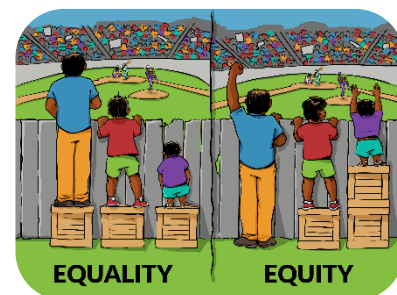
Week 7 – Principal Update

Building an Inclusive School: The Role of Adults in Fostering Belonging

At Somie Rise, we have worked very hard to create a culture of being a place where every child feels safe, valued, and included. Inclusion is not just about policies or accommodations, it's about the behaviours, attitudes, and actions of every member of our community. As educators, parents, and community members, we all play an important role in ensuring that every student, regardless of background or ability, experiences a true sense of belonging.

Modelling Inclusive Behaviours

Children learn by observing the adults around them, and inclusion starts with us. When we demonstrate respect, empathy, and understanding toward **ALL** students, we set the foundation for a culture of acceptance. Simple yet impactful actions – such as learning and using each child's name, engaging with students of all abilities, and avoiding exclusionary language – send a powerful message that everyone belongs.



Encouraging Positive Peer Relationships

As adults, we are responsible for fostering a school culture where differences are celebrated rather than seen as barriers. Encouraging students to collaborate in diverse groups, promoting cooperative learning activities, and facilitating friendships across backgrounds help build empathy and understanding. We must also guide children in recognising and addressing exclusionary behaviours when they arise.

Communicating with Care

The way we speak about inclusion matters. Whether in classrooms, at home, or within the broader school community, our words should reflect openness and encouragement. Addressing misconceptions, challenging stereotypes, and ensuring that discussions about diversity, equity, and inclusion are age – appropriate and constructive will help shape students' perspectives for the better.

Advocating for Equity in Education

True inclusion means ensuring that every student has access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to succeed. This includes advocating for differentiated instruction, supporting students with additional learning needs, and ensuring that extracurricular activities and school events are accessible to all. By actively working to remove barriers, we create a more equitable and empowering learning environment.

A Collective Commitment

Inclusion is not a one-time effort, it is an ongoing commitment that requires the participation of the entire school community. By working together to create an environment where all children feel seen, heard, and valued, we pave the way for a more compassionate and inclusive future.

Thank you for being a part of our journey toward true inclusion.

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2025 Somerville Family Fun Day







On Monday 10th March, the annual Somerville Family Fun Day celebrated it's 10 year anniversary. Being part of our community is one of the best parts of my job as Principal and I was so excited to be in attendance and celebrate the occasion.

With the help of our parent helpers and staff, our Year 6 students sold Zooper Doopers to raise funds for the Year 6 Graduation ceremonies. The stall raised just under \$600 for the day!




I loved meeting a number of potential students and catching up with our families and students that visited us on Monday! A huge thank you to Chris McLennan and Elisha Page for their tireless behind the scenes work and for setting up the day at 7:00am.




On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank the following parents, staff and students for the contributions to a successful day.

 Brooke Mackintosh
 James Morrison
 Elly Glaves
 Chrissy Davison
 Elisha Page
 Emily Harry
 Sophie B

 Nicole and Tyler S
 Kim and Annabelle K
 Chris, Hugh and Elliott Mc
 Tee B
 Merrissa C
 Nikki W

I would also like to thank the following businesses and families in our community that donated to our stall.

 Somerville Family Day
 Bay2Bay Rentals
 Somerville Junior Football Club

 Mrs Day and our visual arts program
 Beck Family
 McLennan Family

Annual Easter Raffle

Somie Rise – you have done it again! Our Easter donations were next level, and we are so grateful for everyone's donations! A huge thank you to Nicole and the fundraising team for creating our amazing prizes!

Tickets are available at the office for \$1 each! I have already claimed first prize but there are plenty of other prizes available for our community 😊

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 firsthand, the amazing work that is happening!

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal



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Friday 14th March 2025, Edition 7

What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 1 Week 8

Monday 17 th	NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Conventions of Language
Tuesday 18 th	NAPLAN – Year 3 & Year 5 Numeracy
Wednesday 19 th March	School Council Meeting AGM – 5:30pm
Friday 21 st March	Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

Term 1 Week 9

Monday 24 th March	2025 NAPLAN Test Window closes – Year 3s and 5s
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Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday 1 st April	School Photo Day
Friday 4 th April	End of Term 1 – 2:30pm finish

Term 2 Week 1

Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of Term 2
Thursday 24 th April	2025 Easter Hat Parade
Friday 25 th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Term 2 Week 2

Wednesday 30 th April	School Open Morning – Foundation 2026
Friday 2 nd May	Glasses for Kids Program
	Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise April

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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