

# JUMBUNNA

## "TALKING TOGETHER"

SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### Week 8 – Principal Update

#### Attendance Updates

As mentioned in previous Jumbunna editions this year, our school is collectively working closely with our families to improve our students' attendance in 2025. You may have noticed that if your child is listed as being absent from school without an explanation, our office team will contact families to ensure everything is ok.

The 2025 attendance goal is to have 80% or more students with less than 20 days absent from school.

Going to school every day is an important part of your child's education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed after school. Attending and participating in school will help your child:

-  develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
-  develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team work
-  establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and keep family holidays to outside term time.

#### Road Safety

We have had a number of families contact the school with concerns around road safety of some of our adults picking up and dropping off their children. The last thing anyone wants is to endanger our children. The below is a snippet from the Mornington Peninsula Shire website around the programs in place to ensure the safety of all on our roads.



**Road Safety around Schools** - The Kiss & Go program is designed to provide families with a safe and convenient area for dropping off and picking up children from school. It's a short-term stopping area for children to be able to walk between the car and the school, using the safety of the footpath. Park and Stride, along with remote drop-off locations also serve to reduce congestions around schools.

If you feel that members of our school are not demonstrating safe driving please contact the Mornington Peninsula Shire on 1300 850 600 or access the link [Report a problem - Mornington Peninsula Shire](#).

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### BPA Principal Forum

The role of School Principal has changed over the years and my responsibilities go beyond our amazing school and have elements of improving our system. A few weeks back Mrs Jelleff and I attended the Bayside Peninsula Area (BPA) Principal Forum with leaders from our catchment. Our new Area Director, Michael Devine, shared some of the work we are doing as an area in relation to improving our schools, classrooms and ultimately students. I would like to draw the attention to one of the things that hit home for Mrs Jelleff and I around the direction of the BPA and how closely this aligns to the work we are doing at Somie Rise.

The BPA mission is Excellence in Every Classroom, which aligns with our 2025 mantra of Establishing Excellence!



It is always positive to walk away from those days with the knowledge we are on the right path, our school is doing the right work and we are setting our student up for excellence!

### NAPLAN

NAPLAN can be a very anxiety inducing time for some of our little humans and we work very hard to make sure we make the experience as smooth and predictable as possible. A huge thank you to Mrs Harry for her hard work in making this year's NAPLAN assessments calm and organised!

From all reports our students have done a great job at completing the assessments and navigating the technology with ease!

We understand that NAPLAN is a single test on a single day for our students. We are working hard to improve our academic results as a school and from the work that has been demonstrated this year – this is a great start to the transformation.

Well done to all students, teachers, and families for making NAPLAN 2025 a positive experience.

### School Council

On Wednesday we held our Annual Meeting and our very first school council with our new committee. It is very exciting to have some new faces join our team to support the work of our school. I am pleased to announce the following office bearers for the 2025 school year.

**President** – Christian McLennan

**Vice – President** – Kate Harding

**Treasurer** – Nicole Shepperd

**Secretary** – Kim Kyberd

### 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 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

### Term 2 Week 3

Wednesday 7 May

Whole School Cross Country

### Term 2 Week 4

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

World Education Support Day

Whole School Assembly

**#KeepYourEyesonSomieRise #2025EstablishingExcellence**

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



**Kindness**



**Curiosity**



**Creativity**

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