

JUMBUNNA

"TALKING TOGETHER"

SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SOMERVILLE RISE
Primary School

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Week 4 – Principal Update

Therapy Dog Reminder

This week, our favourite little member of staff, Moe, had to have some time at home to rest after a busy week. It is a great time to remind our families that Moe is a trained therapy animal and needs to be treated kindly and a little differently than our own pets. Mrs Harry has written a lovely poem to remind us all how to treat Moe with the respect he deserves.

How to Treat Moe the Therapy Dog 🐾

Moe is a dog who comes to our school,
He helps us feel calm — he's gentle and cool.
But Moe's not a toy, he's not here for play,
There are kind, safe rules we follow each day.

We don't pick up Moe — he's small, it's true,
But lifting him up is not kind to do.
We pet him gently, soft and slow,
And only if an adult says it's okay to go.

His lead is special — we don't pull or yank,
We walk him kindly, just like a friend — thanks!
No tugging or swinging or dragging him near,
We show him respect, and keep our hands clear.

When Moe wears his bow, it's his time to rest,
He's off the job and doing his best.
So we give him space and let him be,
No pats or hugs — just let him feel free.

Moe's our friend, and we're his too,
Kind and calm is what we do.
With gentle hands and voices low,
We help Moe feel safe wherever we go.



2026 Enrolments - Reminder

With the success of Open Morning last week and our highest number of school tours, we have been inundated with 2026 Foundation enrolments. If you have a child that is attending school in 2026, we suggest you get your forms in as soon as possible to ensure that you are guaranteed a place in Foundation.

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!



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Staffing Updates

As mentioned in previous editions of Jumbunna, we have been busy behind the scenes trying to recruit a teacher to replace Miss Mlakar and allow Mrs Kandasamy to get back to her tutor role. This term we have gone through a thorough process and have been able to secure Miss Megan Ferguson to Somie Rise.

Miss Ferguson is currently working at Sandringham East Primary School and was originally teaching in the Traralgon area like Mrs Jelleff. We have notified the families of 3/4A of Miss Ferguson's start date, and I am sure that everyone in our community will make Miss Ferguson feel welcome!



Miss Ferguson will begin in Week 7 of this term 😊

Spelling Mastery

This year we have placed a lot of effort in improving our spelling curriculum. With the work has gone into Spelling Mastery this year, we are pleased with the progress we are seeing from our students. We have looked at the timing of the lessons and have made some minor changes to the timetable to allow Spelling Mastery to occur at 3:05pm each day and trial if this is a more successful time for students and teachers.

This trial will remain in place for the next few weeks and students will be dismissed from their spelling mastery class at the end of the school day.

Your child's teacher will let you know which class they are being dismissed from to avoid any confusion for families and students.

Buddy Bench Project

A big thank you to the Mt Martha Men's Shed for generously providing timber for our new Buddy Bench. With creativity and care, our students worked alongside Mr Harvey to design the perfect seat to promote kindness and connection in our schoolyard.

Thanks to the skilled men at the Men's Shed, the bench was built and installed yesterday. It looks fantastic and is already loved by our students!

We're also incredibly grateful to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council for funding this project and making it all possible.

A wonderful community effort supporting student wellbeing!

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal



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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 2 Week 5

Tuesday 20th May

District Cross Country

Thursday 22nd May

Horses for Causes
iSea, iCare Workshop

Term 2 Week 6

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Lower Primary Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 27th May

Horses for Causes

Friday 30th May

Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise May

Term 2 Week 7

Wednesday 4th June

School Council Meeting 5:30pm

Term 2 Week 8

Monday 9th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 13th June

Whole School Assembly

Term 2 Week 9

Tuesday 17th June

Winter Lightning Premiership – Year 5 and 6

Thursday 19th June

Positive Leadership & Activated Youth – Year 5 Incursion

Term 2 Week 10

Tuesday 25th June

Girl's Footy Day

Friday 27th June

Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise June

Term 2 Week 11

Friday 4th July

Last Day of Term 2

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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