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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Primary School

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Week 8 – Principal Update

Cyber Safety

As part of my being the Principal of Somie Rise, I have a number of system wide obligations that I must ensure I am working towards for the Department of Education. One of these responsibilities is working as part of the Southern Peninsula Network and attending our meetings.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of listening to two detectives from the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Support Team (SOCIT) from Frankston division. This has probably been a taboo subject in general discussions; however, children are being preyed upon by these predators and we need to speak about the issues that impact our children.



eSafety
Commissioner

The SOCIT team is made of specialist detectives that are specially trained to respond and investigate child abuse and sexual crimes, and support victims.

What the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team does

SOCIT prioritise the needs of victims. Any investigation is a victim-led process.

SOCIT members aim to:

- ensure your safety and wellbeing
- assist your ability to regain control of your circumstances, and
- provide access to support, information, justice, and services appropriate to your needs.

One of the concerning items discussed yesterday was a trending crime that the victims referred to "Nudes for Food". This unsettling trend has seen victims send child abuse material to unknown adults in exchange for Uber Eats or food deliveries. The normalisation of the behaviours is a concerning part for the victims – who often didn't see anything wrong with the exchanges. This type of online danger is everywhere, and it is important for parents to know who their children are talking to and what digital footprint they are leaving behind.

I have included a great article from the eSafety Commissioner for our families to read.
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people/unsafe-contact>

2026 Enrolments – Reminder

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!

Numbers are filling fast, and places may be limited to those who are not in our school zone.



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Student Absences

This will continue to be a focus for our school for 2025 and working with families to ensure that we are minimising unexplained student absences.

If your child is absent, please ensure to:

 **Inform the School:** Notify us of your child's absence as soon as possible through Compass, email or via the absence phone line.

 **Provide a Reason:** Clearly state the reason for the absence. The Department of Education requires us to keep accurate records on all absences.

 **Follow Up:** If your child is absent for an extended period, keep the school updated on their status and any anticipated return date.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...



If you miss...	That equals...	Or...	So from Kinder to Year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until...	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years	Part way through Year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	Over 2 1/2 years	Part way through Year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	Over 5 years	The end of Year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	Nearly 8 years	The end of Year 4	40%

We will be following up all student absences and will determine if they are being correctly marked on our system. Please note that there are only a few reasons why students should not be at school,

1. Your child is unwell
2. Your child has an approved appointment – doctor, dentist, allied health, paediatrician etc.
3. You are on a long-term holiday

Any other reasons will be considered **Parent Choice – School Unapproved** as per the school attendance guidelines from the Department of Education.

Semester 1 Reporting

Our teachers have been busy behind the scenes preparing Semester 1 reports for students. Reports will be uploaded to Compass in Week 11 for families to access.

Please ensure that you can log in to COMPASS to access these reports. Student reports are snapshots of each student's learning at this time, based on evidence from a range of assessments. These include work samples, NAPLAN, teacher designed assessments, observations, discussions, notes and feedback from students.

The reports do not stand on their own, they are an important element of our reporting and communication practices. Teachers, parents and students all share responsibility for learning. It is, therefore, important that you discuss the report with your child and plan what you will work on together.

Please remember these reports are based on the first 6 months of learning in 2024. Remember student's do not progress on a continual plane, they may plateau and grow at different speeds. If anything in the report needs clarification, please do not hesitate to make a booking with your child's teacher via the COMPASS portal for discussion during Parent Teacher Interviews in Week One of Term Three.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

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

Term 3 Week 1

Monday 21st July

First Day on Term 3

Term 3 Week 2

Friday 1st August

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

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 15th August

District Basketball

Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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