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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Week 2 – Principal Update

Attendance Update

At the end of the term, we received an update of our semester 1 student attendance from the Southeast Victorian Region.

In the graph to the left, we can see a large group of students who are hovering between 0 and 10 days.

Over half of our students are on track to meet our 80% attendance goal for 2025.

We do have many students who have already missed 10+ school days for 2025. Some of these are due to extended family holidays or significant illnesses, which have been communicated to school. Unfortunately, there are several absences that are for reasons that are not school approved. Absences for sibling's birthdays, sleep ins or even attending movie premiers are increasing and impacting on various aspects of school life.

While I appreciate last term was a long hard slog to get to the finish line, this term is much shorter, and we really want to make sure we have students at school as much as possible to make sure they access the learning program in their classroom.

We appreciate your support on this matter.

Sick Bay visits

Over the past two weeks, the office team has seen an increase in the visits to sick bay. As much as the care and support of the students is our number one priority, it is becoming a little concerning that students attend for minor concerns. Please have a chat to your children about the needs to attend sick bay. We will be politely asking the students to build some resilience for these minor things and promote speaking to the yard duty teachers and having a rest outside.



Thank you for the support on this one.

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School Review

We are pleased to share that our school is currently completing an Alignment Review. This process is part of the Department of Education's school improvement model and is designed to help schools align their practices, strategies, and resources with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO 2.0). All Victorian schools undertake a school review every four years.

The Alignment Review provides an opportunity to reflect on our progress, celebrate successes, and ensure that we are well-positioned to deliver the best possible outcomes for our students. As part of the review, the panel – including our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), our Intensive School Support principal, and external reviewers – have worked with us to observe teaching and learning, speak with staff, students, and school councillors and analyse our data and practices.

Early feedback has highlighted the strong sense of community at our school, the dedication of our staff, and our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing and achievement. The review has also helped us identify areas of focus that will shape our next steps.

Following the completion of the Alignment Review, we will develop a new Strategic Plan that will guide our school over the next four years. This plan will build on our strengths while setting clear priorities for continued improvement and growth.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, insights, and support during this important process.

Staffing Updates

This week Ms Ferguson, Mrs Davison and I held interviews for Education Support positions to support our teachers and students in the classroom. We were very excited by the quality of applicants and the recruitment of our new staff. We will introduce our new staff at our next assembly. We have been very excited by the inclusion of Ms Sienna Ogier and Mr Jarryd Phillips.

I know they will be great additions to our school and everyone will welcome them into our school community!

2026 Enrolments

This week we sent out letters to our 2026 Foundation families offering them a place at Somerville Rise. This year we were inundated with tours and visits from families, and I am very pleased to announce that we have confirmed 30 Foundation enrolments for 2026.

As we start to prepare for our transition sessions in term 4, this is a reminder to any current families with children starting foundation in 2026 to get their enrolment forms in to avoid missing important information for transition sessions. Families outside our zone are not guaranteed a spot as we draw closer to our capacity in Foundation.

If you know of any new families that will be enrolling for next year, could we ask that you please remind them of the due date.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 3 Week 3

Wednesday 6th August

School Council – 5:30pm

Term 3 Week 4

Friday 15th August

District Basketball

Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm – SRC Badge Presentation

Term 3 Week 5

Monday 5th August

Book Week Begins

Scholastic Book Fair Open

Whole School Book Week Incursion – Treasure Hunt

Friday 22nd August

Book Week Dress Day and Parade

Term 3 Week 6

Friday 29th August

Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

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