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SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Week 7 – Principal Update

Father's Day Celebration

This morning, we celebrated the important role fathers, grandfathers, and special carers play in the lives of our students. Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and show appreciation for the love, guidance and support these special people provide every day.

Our Father's Day Stall was a huge success, with students excited to carefully choose a gift to take home. A big thank you goes to our amazing parent volunteers who organised, wrapped and ran the stall – it was heartwarming to see the smiles on students' faces as they made their selections.

On behalf of everyone at Somerville Rise Primary School, we wish you a very Happy Father's Day and thank you for the positive impact you have in shaping the lives of our children.



Parent Requests and Class Placements for 2026

The leadership team and teachers are commencing the development of our plans for 2026 to ensure that we have a smooth and successful beginning to the school year. We ask that if you are moving or changing schools, it is important that we know of these intentions as soon as possible – could you please email the office on Somerville.rise.ps@education.vic.gov.au even if it is only a possibility.

To ensure that we cater for all our students, we will use a range of assessments and information to base our decisions for grade blends (gender balance, academic spread etc). Teachers spend many hours developing and organising these groupings. Children will not necessarily be placed in friendship groups, as we believe that all children need to learn the skill of developing new friendships. We believe that there are many opportunities such as recess and lunch to socialise. We have well developed social skill programs to encourage positive relationships with all students, ones that foster the development of a wide group of friendships. We all know that we do not necessarily work well with our best friends! Of course, this does not mean that your child will not be with any of their friends!

I am happy to receive in writing from families, any special learning needs (physical, social, or emotional) which may have an impact on their grade placement. **I must have these by Friday 31st October 2025** (Correspondence beyond this date **will not** be considered). All requests will be considered but are not guaranteed. Please email all class placement requests to matthew.jackson@education.vic.gov.au.

Requests from previous years are not retained therefore a new request must be provided. Requests based purely on friendships or staffing are not appropriate. Staffing has not been finalised for 2026, and staff are still being allocated to year levels.

Once grades are finalised, there will not be any changes to class formations and placements.

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Before and After School Supervision

With the introduction of Breakfast Club five days a week, we are noticing an increase in unaccompanied students before 8:30am. Teacher supervision does not start until 8:45am. We have had a few parent concerns around unsupervised students before school that are impacting the start of the school day.

Just to correct any misconceptions, the school gates open at **8:30am each day**. Students can enter the school from this point onwards and stay out of any extreme weather. We understand that some families need to get to work, however your children are not supervised by our staff before 8:45am.

If you need to drop your children off before this time – I recommend that you contact DS Sports and enrol in before school care or alternatively remain with your children until 8:45am.

We appreciate your support on this matter.

2025 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey – REMINDER!

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. **Thank you to the families who have already completed the survey!**



A Compass news feed was posted on **Monday 18th August** when the survey went live. To access the survey, you will need the PIN sent out on 31st July. <https://www.orima.com.au/parent>. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

SunSmart

Hats are back! As part of our SunSmart policy, students are required to wear hats from the 1st September until the 30th April.

Somerville Rise encourages students' sun protection skills by:

-  staff role-modelling personal sun protection measures at school, including applying sunscreen before going outside
-  including skin cancer prevention education for all year levels, where appropriate. SunSmart has free curriculum resources for primary and secondary schools
-  encouraging and reminding students to wear sun-protective clothing, hats, close-fitting wrap-around sunglasses, and to use and reapply sunscreen
-  where possible, providing sunscreen or encouraging students to bring it to school
-  reminding students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors.



Please ensure that school hats are in a presentable appearance. Any hats that have been modified by students will be confiscated. We appreciate your support on this matter.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson
Principal

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What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

Term 3 Week 8

Tuesday 9 th September	District Athletics
Wednesday 10 th September	School Council – 5:30pm – Webex
Friday 12 th September	Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise – 2:45pm

Term 3 Week 9

Friday 19 th September	Last Day of Term 3 – 2:30pm Finish Whole School Footy Day – Parade at 9:15am Hotdog Day
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Term 4 Week 1

Monday 6 th October	First Day of Term 4
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Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 15 th October	Bright Sparks Program – Year 6s
Friday 17 th October	Koorie Kids Day Out Whole school assembly

Term 4 Week 3

Wednesday 22 nd October	Bright Sparks Program – Year 6s
Friday 24 th October	Whole School Photo

Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday 28 th October	World Teacher's Day
Wednesday 29 th October	Bright Sparks Program – Year 6s
Friday 31 st October	Whole school assembly

Term 4 Week 5

Monday 3 rd November	Professional Practice Day – Student Free Day
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thursday 6 th November	2026 Foundation Transition Session #1

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 13 th November	2026 Foundation Transition Session #2
Friday 14 th November	Whole school assembly

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At Somie Rise we value...



Kindness



Curiosity



Creativity

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