

# JUMBUNNA

## "TALKING TOGETHER"

SOMERVILLE RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### Week 7 – Principal Update

#### 2025 Victorian Government Schools Principal Conference

This week, Ms Jelleff and I had the pleasure of attending the Victorian Government Schools Principal Conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Not only were Ms Jelleff and I attendees, we had the humbling opportunity to present our own workshop with Amber and Brooke from the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO).

Our presentation, taking a deliberate and structured approach to implementing evidence based practice, combined the research from AERO and the personal journey our school has undergone in the previous 18 months.



Although we know our school, students and teacher and the work we are doing – sharing our story in front of over 250 Principals, Assistant Principals, Regional and Central Department Educators was a daunting task. Like we often say to the students (and teachers), we had to get into the learning pit and get in the wobbly zone and we came out the other side of the presentation proud of the work we are doing at Somie Rise and sharing our story to educators from all over Victoria! This may be one of my all-time favourite Somie Rise achievements!

Although Ms Jelleff and I were caught up in our presentation, we were lucky enough to hear from some amazing people in our sector and listen to their stories of leadership that linked back to the Department theme of Excellence in every Classroom. Dr Sonya Hood shared her leadership journey with Scanlon and her presidency of the North Melbourne Football Club. Although quite different worlds, we noticed some very common themes of our school journey. One that stuck most was around the concept of recruiting potential staff, where a person's values were preferred over their talent! Something that our school has prioritised over the past few years, in finding the right people to that share our school vision.

#### Official Welcome

On Tuesday we officially welcomed Miss Megan Ferguson to the Somie Rise team. Miss Ferguson was thrown into the deep end and was in charge with Mrs Harry while Ms Jelleff and I were at the conference.

I know that our school will welcome Miss Ferguson to our school and that the students and families of 3/4A will welcome the consistency. As well as teaching 3/4A, Miss Ferguson joins our leadership team and will lead the work of Disability Inclusion at Somie Rise.



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### Student Behaviour





We are noticing some unwelcomed behaviours appearing in the yard during break times. This term we have seen an increase of physical behaviours from students toward staff and other students.

Everyone in our school has the right to feel safe, and if these complex behaviours occur, we have created some steps to ensure we maintain student and staff safety.

1. Any students demonstrating physical behaviours towards others – the student will be removed from the environment this has occurred.
2. Student will remain inside during breaks for the remainder of the day of the event and the following day.
3. If the student is unable to regulate with an adult, parents will be contacted to collect their child. This is always a last resort, and we often work behind the scenes to ensure that students have the necessary supports and adjustments to make it through the school day successfully.

I appreciate that this is sometimes confronting for families, and we will only go down this path if Lauren or myself deem it necessary. Our number one priority is and will always be the safety and wellbeing of all our students and staff.

This is a timely reminder of our school's four golden rules, the expectations that form the basis of all teaching and learning at Somerville Rise.

-  All students have the right to learn
-  All teachers have the right to teach
-  All members of our community have the right to be respected.
-  All members of our community have the right to feel safe.

As Principal of Somie Rise, I am very proud of what we are working towards and the growth we have seen in the past 12 months. I am disappointed that some of our students do not feel safe and that their learning is being impacted by others.

Each person in our school has the potential to make the right choices and I ask that families support us in ensuring we hold our community to high expectations.

Thank you for the continual support in this area.

### 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.

Keep living the dream!

Matt Jackson  
Principal



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### What's happening at Somerville Rise Primary School!

#### Term 2 Week 8

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Whole School Assembly

#### Term 2 Week 9

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

Winter Lightning Premiership – Year 5 and 6

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Positive Leadership & Activated Youth – Year 5 Incursion

#### Term 2 Week 10

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Girl's Footy Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Whole School Assembly – Leaders on the Rise June

#### Term 2 Week 11

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term 2

#### Term 3 Week 1

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

First Day on Term 3

#### Term 3 Week 2

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August

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

#### Term 3 Week 4

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

District Basketball

Whole School Assembly – 2:45pm

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



**Kindness**



**Curiosity**



**Creativity**

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