

Calendar

- 8th May: Mother's Day Breakfast
- 13th May: GRIP Leadership
- 15th May: Tabloid Sports Year 4-6
- 18th May: School Council Meeting
- 22nd May: World Turtle Day
- 26th May: National Sorry Day
- 8th June: King's Birthday Holiday
- 26th June: Last day - 2:30pm finish

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- 17th July: National PJ Day
- 4th August: F-3 Gymnastics
- 11th August: F-3 Gymnastics
- 18th August: F-3 Gymnastics
- 25th August: F-3 Gymnastics
- 1st September: F-3 Gymnastics
- 2nd September: Year 4/5/6 Anglesea camp
- 18th September: Last day - 2:30 finish

Year F/1 J

Levi

For his fantastic work in Sounds-Write lessons.

Well done!

Year F/1 M

Sam

For trying really hard in all of his learning.

Keep it up!

Year 2/3

Dylan

For your amazing writing and maths over the last 2 weeks!

You're a star!

Year 3/4

Alayna

For thinking creatively and choosing interesting ideas to entertain her audience when writing narratives.

Year 5/6

Neve

For amazing persuasive writing to convince her family for a pet

Newsletter #13

Have you seen our Fairy Garden?

Many of our Junior children have been excited to see what is happening in our Fairy Garden,



halfway down the corridor of the main school building. These fairies move and visit their friends. Thanks to Karson for donating some fairy items for the fairies to include in their garden.

Winter is for warmth and staying dry



As families will be aware, Term 2 and 3 are 'shoes off' terms to ensure our carpets are free from mud and dirt so when we sit on the floor for learning, we can remain clean. Students are welcome to bring in some slippers for the classroom, and these can stay the duration of Terms 2 and 3 if that makes things easier for families.

GRIP Leadership for Year 6 students

Next week on Wednesday 13th May our Year 6 students will be attending Federation University (Mt Helen Campus) to participate in a day learning about student leadership. It is open to all the primary schools in the area and usually involves about 200 senior students. This is a day we have participated in for many years and in recent years have chosen to include all Year 6 students, rather than just school captains. Parents will need to drop their children at the Uni and collect them again at the end of the session (approximately 2:30pm). We look forward to hearing about their exciting activities.

Our **Winter Sports** is scheduled for **Friday 15th May** for students in 4/5/6 – so please add this date to your calendars. The day will run a little differently this year and we only have one, longer day, instead of two shorter days this year.

Stop the Spread of Germs!
When you cough or sneeze...



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue.

(If you don't have a tissue, you can use your elbow.)

Throw the tissue away and wash your hands.

Today's cold temperatures (and snow in some areas of Ballarat!) demonstrate that we are well into our Winter season now. We continue to have large numbers of students away unwell. Please remind your children about hygienic practices to ensure they are as well as can be expected as cooler weather approaches.

We appreciate you keeping your children home to recover and rest if they are unwell.

Many thanks to Judy Hutt and Chris Gartlan who supported me and led school activities as Acting Principal while I was unwell last week.

Sue

Sue Izard
Principal

Star Writer Award

To Milo

For completing beautiful handwriting and trying so hard with his letter formation



For 25 Nights

Evie
Cassie

For 50 Nights

Harrison
Amara
Ollie T.
Bayleigh
Lottie
Layla
Ollie O.
Angus
Matilda S.
Thomas

For 75 Nights

Rossi
Brody
Darcy
Levi
Aurora
Cian
Remi
Summer
Emily-Jane
Hollie S.



Class News

Term 2 Week 3

F/1 J and M

This week F/1 have been focusing on making special crafts to get ready for Mother's Day this weekend.

Foundation students have been focusing on counting to 20, and the Year 1 students have been counting beyond 20. In Marc Van, students have been learning about koalas and creating a koala sanctuary. In Auslan, students have been learning how to sign things that mums, grandmothers and special people do.

F/1J and F/1MF hope all mothers, grandmothers and special people have a fantastic Mother's Day. I had fun playing outside with my friends. - Angus F/1MF

I had fun counting in maths. - Hudson F/1J

2/3

In class we have been making playdough and mixing different colours with it. - Everlyn

In maths we have been playing additional games and my favourite game is around the world. We have been making Mother's day crafts for our mum's. - Kayden

The class novel we just read was called Collecting Colour and I really enjoyed reading about weaving. Carter

A friendly reminder that the Mother's Day Breakfast is tomorrow morning and we hope all mother's, special people enjoy your special day.

3/4

In Mathematics, we have been learning how to play the game 'Connections'. This game involves using number cards and the four operations to make target numbers. We are continuing to practice our multiplication facts. In Reading, we have been inferring by paying attention to what we are reading and reading between the lines. In our class novel, 'The One and Only Ivan', we have learnt more about Mack, the owner of the Big Top Mall. Despite all of the money challenges he is facing, he still gave some of his money to the cleaner, George, so he could buy crayons for his daughter. In Writing, we have been trying to make the problems in our stories more interesting and less predictable. We are learning to 'Show, Not Tell' so that our audience won't go to sleep! In Auslan, we have learning signs we can use on Sunday for our mothers and we are looking forward to celebrating them tomorrow at the school breakfast.

Emily and Lucy

5/6

This week in Maths we got to eat jelly beans while learning about data, graphing and interpreting information! We also have been learning about budgets and have been planning excursions around Ballarat, considering expenses and keeping to our limit of \$20 per person. In The Last Bear, April has finally built Bear's trust and has been able to remove the plastic from their foot. The pantomime for next term is also coming together. We have been going through the script and auditioning for our roles. Happy Mothers and Special Persons for this weekend.

Tyce

OSHC News with Danielle and Ace

Term 2 Week 3

This week in oshc we created bird houses, made windchimes, played Pokémon monopoly, had a very large game of four square, loom banded and made comics.



Ready to support your child with Before and After School Care

Please remember to book your children into before school care if you need to drop them off earlier than 8:45am.

Please remember advertised fees are greatly reduced when you apply the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

Napoleons OSHC is open from 7am each day, until the 9am bell and reopens at 3:30pm for the after-school program which concludes at 6pm each night.

Cost is as follows:

\$24.20 BSC and \$33 ASF

These costs are before CCS is applied which drastically lowers the total price.

Parents can make bookings via the link below:

https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollment_v2/centre/x59V4dmEiRga0jfjM94231W4yA?param=



OSHC Award

Henry

For being good big buddy and making sure the foundations are included.



Hollie S

For helping the younger children and breakfast club

Quacktains Award

Tilly S

For listening and sitting so well at group time.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be running this year on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 9:00am** in the OSHC room. This program provides children with a calm and welcoming start to their school day, ensuring they are settled, nourished, and ready to learn.

Children can enjoy a variety of breakfast options including cereal, toast, fresh fruit, fruit cups, milk, and occasionally yoghurt. Breakfast Club also offers an opportunity for children to socialise w All students are welcome – There's no need to book, just come along.

If your child arrives at school hungry on other days, breakfast can still be provided **upon request** in the OSHC room between **8:40am and 8:55am**. Please encourage children to let staff know if they need support accessing breakfast with peers in a relaxed environment while being supported by OSHC educators.



NAPOLEONS GENERAL STORE

LUNCH ORDER MENU 2025

PIE & PASTIE	\$ 5.50
SAUSAGE ROLL	\$ 5.00
PARTY PIE	\$ 2.80
HOT DOG	\$ 4.99
PIZZA HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.00
STEAMED DIMSIM	\$ 1.50
CHICKEN NUGGETS	\$ 1.00

HAM & CHEESE	\$ 5.99
HAM CHEESE TOMATO	\$ 5.99
CHICKEN CHEESE MAYO	\$ 5.99
EGG & LETTUCE	\$ 5.99
CHEESE SANDWICH	\$ 4.99



DRINKS		SNACKS	
LARGE MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 6.00	YO YO BISCUIT	\$ 2.50
SMALL MILK CHOC OR STRAWBERRY	\$ 3.50	ICY POLE LEMONADE	\$ 2.50
POP TOP - APPLE ,ORANGE , APPLE- BLACKCURRANT	\$ 3.50	POTATO CAKE	\$2.00
WATER	\$ 3.00	MINI MUFFINS	\$2.80

Playgroup

We are excited to welcome Playgroup back this year at the kindergarten. Playgroup will run **Every second Friday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am**, making use of the kindergarten's excellent facilities and outdoor spaces.

Upcoming Playgroup Dates:

- Friday 8 May 2026
- Friday 22 May 2026
- Friday 5 June 2026
- Friday 19 June 2026



Napoleons Playgroup
1 friend

Playgroup provides a relaxed and supportive environment where young children can explore toys, engage in creative play, develop social skills, and build confidence in a play-based setting. Sessions are designed to encourage early learning through play while allowing children to interact with others in their community.

Parents and carers are invited to stay and participate in the session, providing a valuable opportunity to connect with other families, share experiences, and build relationships within the school community.

Playgroup will be facilitated by **Danielle from OSHC** at the start of the year. We are currently seeking a volunteer to take over facilitation of the program later in the year. If you are interested in supporting this program or would like more information, please contact the OSHC service on 0494 322 830.

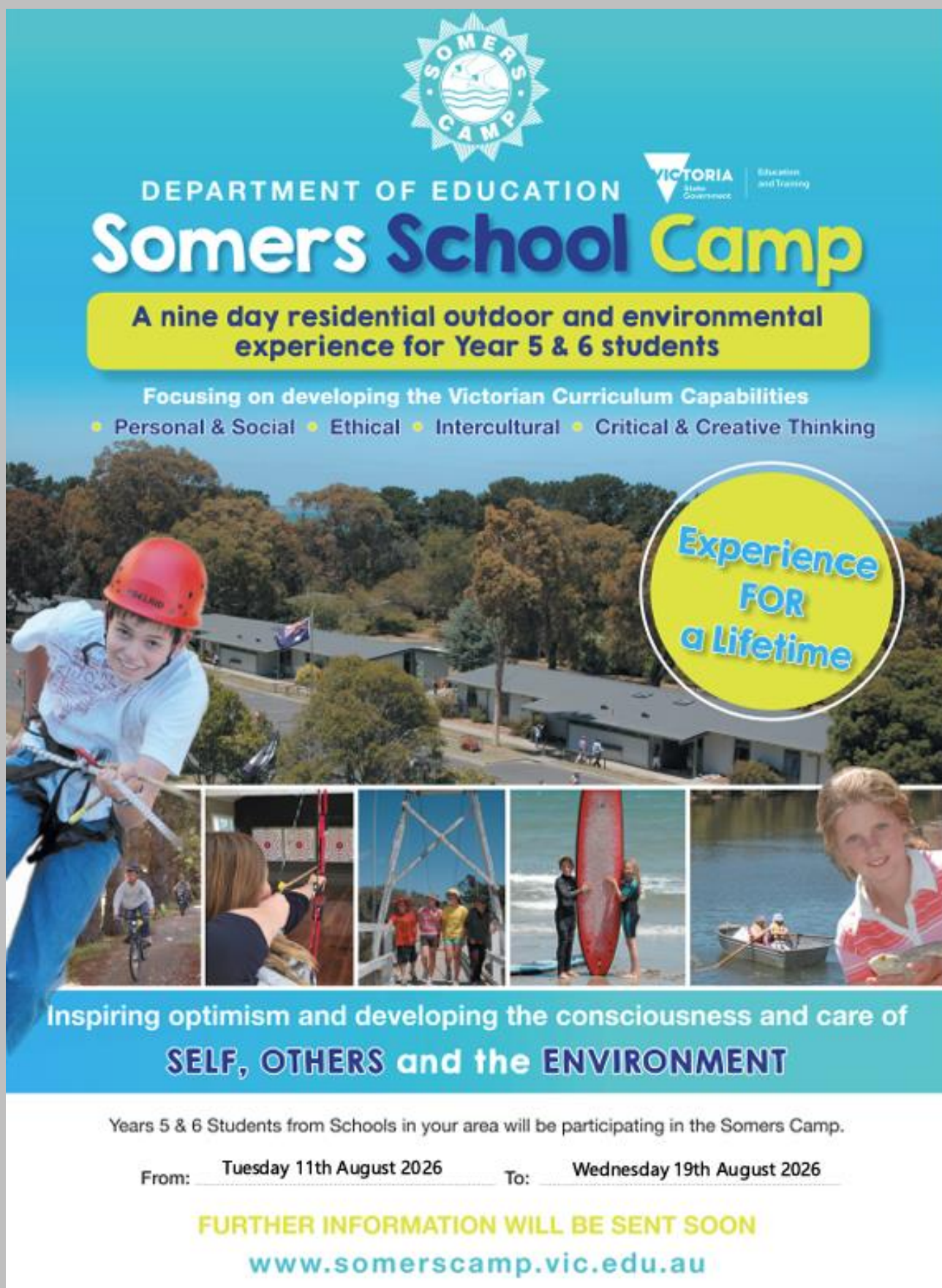
Somers School Camp – Grade 5/6

This year is a Somers School Camp year, with 160 places available for students across the Central Highlands.

The cost per participant is \$350 and includes a unique nine-day residential learning experience. Students from our school who have attended in the past have consistently described it as an amazing and rewarding opportunity.

Schools are typically allocated around four places, although additional spots are sometimes offered. Further details will be shared as they become available.

Please see the flyer below for more information. If you would like to submit an expression of interest, please complete the application form available on Compass no later than **Monday 11th May**.



The flyer features a blue background with a white gear-shaped logo at the top center containing a sun, waves, and the text 'SOMERS CAMP'. To the right is the 'VICTORIA State Government Education and Training' logo. The main title 'Somers School Camp' is in large white and yellow font. Below it, a yellow banner contains the text 'A nine day residential outdoor and environmental experience for Year 5 & 6 students'. Further down, it lists 'Focusing on developing the Victorian Curriculum Capabilities' with bullet points: Personal & Social, Ethical, Intercultural, and Critical & Creative Thinking. A large yellow circle on the right says 'Experience FOR a Lifetime'. The bottom section has a collage of photos showing students participating in various activities like rock climbing, cycling, archery, and kayaking. A blue banner at the bottom reads 'Inspiring optimism and developing the consciousness and care of SELF, OTHERS and the ENVIRONMENT'. At the very bottom, it states 'Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.' followed by the dates 'From: Tuesday 11th August 2026 To: Wednesday 19th August 2026'. The footer includes 'FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON' and the website 'www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au'.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Australian Government recommends 60 minutes of movement every day.

For the month of May Napoleons is getting moving! Movement challenges and a calendar to record our movement. Aim for 60mins a day. Just record your movement and the time spent. Eg. Netball 60 minutes

Thursdays in PE our movement for the week will be checked by Miss Daws.



MOVEMENT MAY CHALLENGE

Prizes will be handed out at the completion of the challenge.

- 1 class will win an EXTRA HOUR of PE
- 10 Individuals will be regarded with a piece of sporting equipment
- Every participant will be given a certificate

Movement can be anything.

Walking, Running, Jumping, Bike Riding, Horse Riding, Gymnastics, Dirtbikes, Netball, Basketball, Running, Hiking, Football, Skipping, Cricket, Games outside, PE, Weight lifting, Yoga. Be creative!

If you need an extra calendar- grab one from the front office. Family members can join in too, they just wont be eligible for the prizes!

NAME :

MOVEMENT MAY 2026

Monday

Tuesday







Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 PE TODAY 	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 PE TODAY 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 PE TODAY 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 PE TODAY 	29	30	31

Music lessons will be held on a **Wednesday** for those students who have enrolled



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MUSIC LESSONS

GUITAR ONLINE ENROLMENTS
 KEYBOARD CALL 0401951592
 SINGING DON'T MISS OUT

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GOLDEN PLAINS SKATE PARKS AUTUMN 2026

FREE SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOPS WITH EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE PROVIDED

3pm - 5pm for the following locations and dates...

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Bannockburn Skate Park | Saturday, 14 March |
| Teesdale Skate Park | Saturday, 21 March |
| Lethbridge Skate Park | Saturday, 28 March |
| Meredith Skate Park | Saturday, 4 April |
| Smythesdale Skate Park | Saturday, 11 April |
| Dereel Skate Park | Sunday, 12 April |
| Enfield Skate Park | Saturday, 18 April |
| Bannockburn Skate Park | Sunday, 19 April |
| Lethbridge Skate Park | Saturday, 25 April |
| Meredith Skate Park | Saturday, 2 May |
| Smythesdale Skate Park | Saturday, 9 May |
| Bannockburn Skate Park | Saturday, 16 May |
| Lethbridge Skate Park | Saturday, 23 May |



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For full details, registration and weather updates use the QR code or visit revolutionise.com.au/vsa
 Follow @AllAboardSessions on facebook and instagram for all event updates and content.



SKATEBOARDING VICTORIA



Travel free



Under 18s **travel free** on all public transport with a Youth myki



Buy a Youth myki

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RESPECT

our school staff



"I need to
speak to you
right now."



**Be the role model
your child deserves.**



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