

# The Somerville Source

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## Dates to Remember



26th June - Report distribution

2:30 pm finish time

End of term 2

13th July - Start of Term 3

15th July— Yr 8 & 9 info for 2010 C course selection

## Principal's Report—June 22nd, 2009

With all the buzz at the moment about Australia qualifying for the World Cup, I hope that all parents saw the article in the Independent News this week about Somerville SC. FIFA testing of the synthetic turf soccer field now being complete. The testers were very impressed with verbal feedback suggesting that the field meets all the standards for at least FIFA 1 Star, if not 2 Star certification. During the June break FieldTurf Australia will be adding a few thousand kilograms of rubber in-fill to the field to account for any settling.

We have been formally notified that Somerville SC will receive \$200,000 under the Commonwealth Government's National School Pride initiative. During Term 3 the following projects will be completed as a result of the funding:

Complete installation of Hitachi Starboard Duo Interactive White Boards to each classroom

Additional student seating & tables, including some synthetic turf surrounds for use at recess & lunchtime.

Video Security upgrade to incorporate synthetic turf soccer field and surrounds

3 x class sets of "Quizdom" eLearning units

Shade sail for existing "teenager" playground equipment.

I expect our successful National Secondary Schools Computer Fund application, another Commonwealth Program, to bring funding of \$100,000 (and later an additional \$70,000) into the school early Term 3. Funds will be used initially to purchase 3 more "Computers On Wheels" – 75 notebook computers on special trolleys – which will dramatically improve computer access for students in the school.

On Friday June 12, as well as completing report proofreading, all staff received training in the management of an anaphylaxis event. Parents aware of students who may suffer from such severe allergic reactions are advised to inform in writing our First Aid Officer – Sara Hyde – of the relevant details as soon as possible.

As we come to the end of Term 2 and enter Term 3 I would like to remind parents that all students in Years 7 & 8 participate in a "water safety" program as part of their Physical Education course. I ask that all parents support such activities, and other opportunities that the school organizes, by promptly returning permission forms and ensuring that students arrive at school with the appropriate gear.

Reports will be distributed this Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the end of the school day. As is the norm, we do not conduct Parent – Teacher interviews in line with this reporting cycle. I advise any parents who are concerned about their child's progress to contact the relevant Form or Subject Teacher at the beginning of Term 3. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 after the distribution of reports. School resumes on July 13 with all students beginning new "electives". New individual student timetables will be distributed on Day 1. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing mid-year break.

*C. Lloyd*

Our Staff & Students would like to wish Chris Dalmau of Year 9 the best of luck as he heads off to the UK with the Mornington Peninsula U 15 cricket squad to participate in 12 cricket matches against a number of English schools for 22 days. Chris will be accompanied by his dad on the trip. Chris said he and his dad are looking forward to touring England with a visit to Dublin in Ireland. Good luck to Chris & the team!



PSSSA District Cross Country competition was held at the Hastings Foreshore on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following students who placed at this competition: Jessica Thornell ( 2<sup>nd</sup> under 15) Elizabeth Brew (7<sup>th</sup> under 16) Jay Forrest (6<sup>th</sup> under 13) Scott McKinney (10<sup>th</sup> under 13) Luke Burton (10<sup>th</sup> under 14) & Ryan Marston ( 11<sup>th</sup>under 15) The following under 15 Boys team came in third place: Reid Moule, Ryan Marston, Reece Twyford & Andrew Scott. Regional competition will be held on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Winners at this level will advance to the State competition!

A friendly reminder to parents and students that Year 7 Interschool Sport competitions including Badminton (Boys and Girls), Soccer (Boys and Girls) Football (Boys) and Netball ( Girls) will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,

*Joe Wilson* SSC Inter School Sports Coordinator



#### Middle School Soccer

An outstanding effort was shown by our Year 9 and 10 boys at the latest intermediate interschool school completion. The boys were placed second. They beat Dromana SC and Mornington SC well, drew with Rosebud SC and lost a close match with Mt Eliza SC, the eventual winner. Please accept my genuine congratulations. Thank you for your hard fought play and fabulous sportsmanship. You each represented your college well.

*J. Bookless* Coach

#### YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

The Year 8 Boys Football team travelled to Emil Madsen reserve on the 1/6/09 to compete in interschool football. The boys tried hard, but with only 16 players (as quite a few boys couldn't play on the day due to injury or illness) they did it pretty tough. Somerville played 2 games, and unfortunately lost each of them – but it was pleasing to see the effort and teamwork improve with each match. Special mention to Jayden Regan of 8A and Daniel Dickinson of 8D who played very well all day.



## Hands On Learning



Following on from last term's newsletter, unfortunately there was no response to the plea for unwanted materials or any second hand tools that may be lying around your back yard or taking up space in the garage. Currently the Hands On team are in the process of getting their own classroom which will provide the students with many more practical hands on skills, again this will need resources. Please, if you're de-cluttering over the school holidays and are throwing out old cutlery, crockery, pots, pans cups etc, they too would be gratefully appreciated.

*Valli Bowden*

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### Middle School Matters

#### 2010 Course Selection

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July is a very important date to remember for Year 8 and Year 9 students and families.

An Information Evening outlining course details and selection process will be held at the college from 6.45pm to 8.30pm. Please be there.

#### Year 10 Transition

It is now time for our Year 10 students to give serious thought to their transition from Somerville Secondary College to the next phase in their education and/or training.

Please be assured Form teachers are hard at work, discussing possible pathways for each student in the class.

So far we have had a visit from teachers and students from Mt Erin Secondary College and next week we will be having a similar visit from Western Port Secondary College.

We have planned class visits to Mt Erin SC over three weeks so students can become more familiar with the school at Frankston. Look out for the excursion form soon! There is nil cost.

Student will be participating in vocationally focused activities including the Beacon No Dole Charter Signing and targeted industry visits (more information to follow).

#### Year 10 examinations

We cannot let the opportunity pass without congratulating our Year 10 students on the way they presented for their recent exams. Their conduct was exemplary and all took their exams seriously.

#### *J. Bookless*



### SKATE & CREATE

Mornington Shire Youth Services is developing a community project for Somerville in consultation with 15 of our students. The project is to design a Skate Park and the surrounding landscape. The students will play a significant role in the development of this community project by investigating other skate parks, researching skate equipment designing artwork and feeding back their findings. This is a great opportunity not only for the ownership of such a project in their own back yard but also to give back to the community and to lift the profile of Skaters.

*Valli Bowden.*

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# Ads & Community Announcements

Fresh Entertainment Present:

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## Breakfast Club

I would just like to take this opportunity again to thank Bakers Delight for their on going support in donating bread to the college. This kind donation has made it possible for the Breakfast Club to be still running after 2 years and feeding approximately 30- 35 students a week.

*Valli Bowden*

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Thank you.

Where: To be displayed around the soccer pitch, on sport uniforms, at school events and in appropriate school publications.

Why: To get Somerville Secondary College off the ground and establish our Sport Program, including equipment and uniforms for sport teams.

How: By contacting Chris Lloyd on 03 5973 1000 or by email [somerville.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:somerville.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

We are very excited at Somerville Secondary College about having our own school and our own identity. We know the community has been waiting a long time to have its own school and we would love you, your family and local businesses to be a part of it. Every little bit helps so we would be very grateful for any assistance you could offer.



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