

# The Somerville Source

News from Somerville Secondary College

Principal's Report; 14th June 2019

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## Dates To Remember



**Monday 17th June**  
*SMR Cross Country*  
**Course Counselling Info Evening!**

**Tuesday 18th-21st June**  
*Year 10 / 11 Exams*

**Friday 21st June**  
*Spelling Bee Winners announced*

**Wednesday 26th June**  
*Monash Uni Day (10 / 11)*

**Thursday 27th June**  
*Senior Girls Football*  
*All Boys Netball*

**Friday 28th June**  
*Term 2 Ends - 2:32pm finish*

**Monday 15th July**  
*Term 3 Starts - 8:25 Locker bell*

### GAT – General Achievement Test

All of our students currently studying a Year 12 VCE subject completed the GAT today (Wednesday June 12). The behaviour of our students was, as expected, extremely good. Results for the GAT will be published to students at the end of the year (late December) as part of the annual reporting of VCE Study Scores.

### End of Semester One Reporting

All students who have completed at least 6 weeks in a class during Semester 1, 2019 will receive a written report via the Compass Portal (Parent & Student Accessible). Reports will be available as of 14:00 on Friday June 28 as a downloadable pdf. For students in Years 7 – 10 there will be a summary report showing growth (as measured against the Victorian Curriculum Standards) over the last 12 months for students, (graphical and letter form.) For students in Year 7 we can only report the current achievement level as we do not have any historical data to include. Similarly, for students new to the college in 2019 we can only show current level of achievement. All reports should include written comments on student performance against learning tasks (normally at least 3) as well as a graphic related to the work habits of 'effort' and 'behaviour'. Each report from 7 to 12 will include an 'Overall Result' outcome at the top of the page – indicating a 'Satisfactory' or 'Not Satisfactory' outcome for that class for the semester. Attendance data is not printed on reports but is available via the Compass Portal. Any parent who cannot access the Compass Parent Portal should contact the college office to have their password reset to allow access to the reports (and a host of other information).

I strongly encourage students to look at their own report and reflect on the comments and achievement levels indicated by teachers with a view to improving their performance in the second half of the school year.

### Staffing Changes

At the end of Term 1, Mrs Beggs (Science & Mathematics Teacher) resigned from the Department of Education. As I was aware of the fact that Mrs Beggs was intending to resign I had already advertised her teaching position nationally. Unfortunately, on the first advertising of the position, and subsequent interview processes, the selection panel made a decision to make 'no appointment' to the vacancy due to the lack of a suitably qualified, experienced and capable teacher. Two subsequent advertisements for the position with varying levels of expectation (removal of Physics and senior Mathematics) also resulted in no suitable applicant being located. A current advertised position for the Junior Science classes will close on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> – hopefully with a better field of applicants. I hope to have a suitable Science Teacher in place for the by the last week of this term or the first day of Term 3 at the latest. We have had suitably qualified Casual Relieving Teachers with Science qualifications in place since the beginning of this term but there will be an impact on reports for students in Science for classes 7B, 8B and elective Science 9.

### School Board/Council Vacancy

We still have one vacancy for an interested parent to join the Somerville Secondary College School Board. If you are interested in taking up this informative position, please contact the College Principal via email ([somerville.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:somerville.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)) or phone (03 5973 1000).

### End of Term 2

Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Term 2 and, as normal, classes will be shortened to conclude the school day at 14:32 rather than 14:52. Buses will be arriving earlier than normal and parents who pick up students should make arrangements to pick students up about 20 minutes earlier than normal. I wish everybody a safe and relaxing term break. School returns on Monday July 15. I will be on leave for the entire term - an Acting Principal will be in place for the commencement of the term.

*Chris Lloyd*

Principal

# Assistant Principal's Report

## VOICE

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction, and as a result we held our annual Attitudes Towards School Survey this week. All students from Year 7 to 12 were given the opportunity to provide feedback and we look forward to receiving the results of this survey in Term 3. We intend to use the information this provides to continue to improve your child's experience at school and to celebrate with them the things that they believe we do well, here at SSC.

Last week I was fortunate to attend the annual State Education Conference at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Amongst other keynote speakers I was afforded the privilege of listening to an inspiring gentleman by the name of Russell Quaglia. His presentation focused on Student Voice, something that I am very passionate about. I left his session feeling extremely inspired and cannot wait to share my learning with other staff and most importantly our students. Watch this space!

## GROW

As some of you may be aware, we have established both a Reading Enrichment Program (REP) and a Maths Enrichment Program (MEP), at Years 7 and 8. This is a targeted program aimed at helping our students to improve their core skills and allowing them to close the gap in their learning. Whilst the programs are still in their infancy it is important to congratulate our students in these programs and celebrate their progress. All students that have recently sat a new benchmarking assessment have shown a growth in their Reading level which is beyond that expected in a 6 month period, one student even rose 8 Reading levels! Congratulations Thomas. I would like to acknowledge the amazing work the following staff members are working with our REP and MEP students. Thank you to Ms Bastone, Ms Bentley, Ms Holman, Mr Just, Ms Reumer and Ms Zurcas.

## COMMUNITY

During week 6 of this term we held the first of our 5Up days. Over 90 Grade 5 students from Baxter Primary, Somerville Primary and Somerville Rise Primary Schools attended on the day and were extremely well looked after by our wonderful staff and students. It was beautiful to see a range of our students running lunch time activities, taking the students from lesson to lesson (high school can seem so big!) and inviting them to play four square with them. Thank you to our supportive primary schools for sending such inquisitive and thoughtful young minds and thank you to Ms Bentley for organising the day. We look forward to Term 3.

*Katie Johnson*

Assistant Principal



# School F E E S

If you are unable to pay your College fees in full, we are more than happy to discuss the option of a payment plan. By doing this you can make regular payments (weekly, fortnightly or monthly) at a cost that is affordable to you. It is advisable that you sign up to a payment plan as soon as possible to ensure that your payments can be spread over a longer period of time, making them more affordable to you.

We have various options available:

1. Centrepay—If you receive a family allowance or pension payments from Centrelink every fortnight, you can elect to have an amount deducted from your payment. This payment will come to us every fortnight. There are no fees involved for you.
2. Credit/Debit Card—We will deduct the agreed amount through our EFTPOS facilities here at the College. All you need to do is provide your card number, expiry date and complete the Authority Form and we will do the rest.

If you would like to commence a payment plan, please feel free to call the College and speak with one of our Admin staff who can go through the options with you. Phone: 5973 1000



Dear Parents,

We have received feedback from students that some of you are experiencing difficulties with the online Compass system when trying to consent and pay for excursions.

If you are unable to log on to Compass please contact the office and your password will be re-set. All events, excursions and camps are issued via the Compass system so access is required by parents and guardians to be able to consent and make payment.

If you have CSEF to utilise, a call must be made to the office advising that you would like to use it and we will process the amount accordingly. You will then be able to consent online for the event or excursion.

Please also remember that notifications are also sent out via Flexi Buzz which you can download using the appropriate app on your phone or tablet. This is a FREE application and is great for communications to and from the college. We are here to assist you so if you have any additional queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Administration Team*



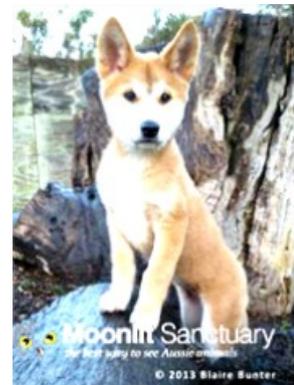


# Moonlit Sanctuary

The best way to see Aussie animals

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of May Year 8 from SSC went on an excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary. Despite the wet, pouring weather, we still had an amazing time. On this excursion, we got to learn about what the animals are like and what they are scientifically called. We even got to hold Gramps, a Shingleback lizard who is 38 years old! We got to feed the kangaroos and wallabies, we saw different types of birds and a bunch more! Moonlit Sanctuary helped us learn more about animals, and will surely help us when it comes to our assessment tasks.

Alessandra E. Year 8



## Year 8 Excursion



Our class had a great time at the Moonlit Sanctuary. It was crazy how many wild animals I saw in the one place. There were all types of birds there as well as koalas, emus, dingoes, eagles, wombats and we saw heaps more. My favourite thing that day was seeing all the wallabies on the open path come up to you for a pat and feed, they were really friendly and fluffy. The whole trip was wet and muddy but it didn't bother us too much. We all went inside the reptile room and got to hold different types of lizards and this one big snake that was really cool. When we were given free time to explore the place I went and looked at the wedge tailed eagle, they were a lot bigger than I thought they were going to be and they just looked really cool in general. We had a staff worker for the sanctuary show us around and give us very good descriptions and facts about all the animals we were observing and she was just very helpful to have with us on the day. I really enjoyed this excursion and I learnt a lot from and it was a great experience over all. I know I will be visiting the Moonlit Sanctuary again soon.

Charlie M—Year 8



## *District Cross Country—Term 2*

### **District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country was held at the Hastings Foreshore on Thursday 23 May, on a lovely sunny day! 12 students competed for SSC and four students were able to finish in the top 15 and qualified for SMR Cross Country on Monday 17 June at Cruden Farm. Congratulations to Michael W (3<sup>rd</sup> 17-20 Boys), Traye G (12<sup>th</sup> 16 Boys), Matthew Wi (5<sup>th</sup> 15 Boys) and Miranda H (15<sup>th</sup> 14 Girls).



## District Athletics—Term 2

### District Athletics

Several of our Athletes represented SSC at SPD Athletics on Tuesday 7 May. It was a lovely sunny day and everyone tried their hardest. Our most notable achievements included:

Miranda H – 1<sup>st</sup> 100m, 1<sup>st</sup> 400m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m (Miranda will represent us at Zone Aths in October)

Sebastian H – 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 110m hurdles

Bridget C – 3<sup>rd</sup> Triple Jump

Michael W – 3<sup>rd</sup> 400m

Isaiah P – 3<sup>rd</sup> Long Jump

Nelson R - 3<sup>rd</sup> Shot Put



## Love Your Library - (Ad Infinitum!)

Education Week reared it's academic head a few weeks ago.

Our thoughts turned to the gritty dilemma of how best to showcase this event; How to get the focus ...just right. So we created a Year 7 and 8 Classroom Library .

Our basic teaching and learning structure is dependent on Literacy and Numeracy. From these skills, all else is possible.

If we pare back to the very core the reason the students, teachers, support staff, volunteers etc. turn up each and every day, it is to teach, learn and support.

We are all here to put skills in young people's heads and hands. We are here to provide them with career opportunities. We want them to have choices and to enable them to enjoy a decent salary and job satisfaction.

It is ,with these prospects in mind, that we embraced Education Week. We will be using some Library funds generously donated by Somerville & Tyabb Rotary to send our Year 7 and 8 students on a personalized shopping trip!

To stock our new Junior Library we will be inviting our young students to choose a book from an online bookshop and send the request to our Library. Each purchase that gets put on the shelf will include the name of the student who chose the title. Each student will have contributed to the Year 7 and 8 Classroom Library .

So the collection will have been chosen by the readers. They have had a say in what they want to read. For Education Week it was a perfect platform to give action to our student voice.

Long live literacy!

*Sue Curran*

Library Manager



# Work Experience 2019 / VET Discovery Day

Fancy working outside? Maybe in IT or Daycare? In Term two our students completed Work Experience and more recently, VET Discovery Day.

Our students will soon be in a position where the electives they choose will play a part in specific qualifications— so choose carefully guys! We will be holding a Course Selection Information Evening on Monday 17th July. This evening is vital for students to understand their career pathway in 2020.



# Student Wellbeing



Student Wellbeing is one of the most informed and connected resources a school can have.

With access to a myriad of support organisations. Below are just a few of the agencies available to individuals who are seeking information - or just want someone to listen.



Search

- 1300 22 4636
- Chat online
- Email us
- Online forums
- Register | Login

Beyond Blue Support Service  
Support. Advice. Action



Get help now

Fundraise

Donate



Research

Clinical resources

Getting help

Education & training

Get involved

About us



Information & support ^ Schools & health professionals ^ About headspace ^ Get Involved ^ Blog

## For young people

Learn about mental health, or if you need support, get in-touch with someone who can help.



### Life Issues

Relationships, sex, gender and bullying



### Health & wellbeing

Get tips for maintaining your mental health



### Mental health

Learn about mental health challenges



Get Help!

1800 55 1800

1800 55 1800  
Anytime. Any Reason.

Mental Health Australia



Donate

Join

Log in

Enter search terms



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## AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS 36 ACU – FRANKSTON



Australian Defence Force Cadets Depot, 35 Robinsons Rd Frankston.  
PO BOX 4030 Frankston VIC 3199 Email: [36acu@cadetnet.gov.au](mailto:36acu@cadetnet.gov.au)

### RECRUITING INFORMATION NIGHT

*The Australian Army Cadets is a leading youth development organisation. Cadets is about learning new skills, challenging yourself, making new friends and having fun in a military setting.*

As an Army Cadet you will gain many attributes which you will be able to take with you through the rest of your life. To Name a few:

- \* Leadership
- \* Confidence
- \* Courage
- \* Teamwork

- \* Discipline
- \* Moreship
- \* Initiative
- \* Respect

You will also be taught different skills which have relevant to the Army itself such as:

- \* Drill
- \* First Aid
- \* Fieldcraft
- \* Safe weapon handling
- \* Navigation
- \* Signals
- \* Engineering
- \* Marksmanship

Sounds great doesn't it!

So why not come on down to our information night and see 36ACU in action and attend our open night

#### Eligibility for Enrolment

- Be between the age of 13 (and in yr 8) - up to but not including 17 years old.
- Be an Australian Resident,
- Be physically and psychologically able to participate in cadet action,
- Not be a member of the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) or the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) or the Australian Defence Force (ADF)
- Be available to attend 85% or more of the activities and parade nights conducted by the Army Cadet Unit (ACU) they wish to join,
- Agree to abide by the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) Code of Conduct,
- Complete the application form and all documents required by the AAC & ACU.
- Have their application accepted by 36ACU Officer Commanding

#### When

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

1900 – 2030 Hrs (7pm-8.30pm)

#### Where

Australian Defence Force Cadet Depot  
35 Robinsons Road, Frankston (Mel. Ref. 102 J10)  
Email: [36acu@cadetnet.gov.au](mailto:36acu@cadetnet.gov.au)

COURAGE INITIATIVE - TEAMWORK – RESPECT

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## Somerville & Tyabb Rotary members installing new equipment!



After providing a huge amount of weight and strength training equipment to the college approximately 18 months ago, the generous people at the Rotary Club of Somerville & Tyabb have come through again with the donation of a fantastic 'leg press' for the 'Rotary Gym' at the school. Not only did Rotary donate the equipment, they also donated their time to come and assemble it at the college. Chris, Daryl, Derek, Graeme, Dick, Mike (ours and theirs) all pitched in to provide a great new addition to the already outstanding weight and strength training facilities in the 'Rotary Gym' room. Thank you to Somerville & Tyabb Rotary for your continued support of the college and outstanding ongoing generosity.

*Chris Lloyd*

Principal

Reminder: **Crib Point Community Market** will be held on Saturday, July 13th - 9am to 1pm  
Cribby Koala Treasure Hunt for kids.  
INDOOR & OUTDOOR STALLS, Devonshire teas, plants, candles, -bric-a-brac, & lots more.  
Where: Crib Point Community House  
7 Park Rd, Crib Point VIC 3919  
New stall holders are welcome.  
[market@cpch.org.au](mailto:market@cpch.org.au)

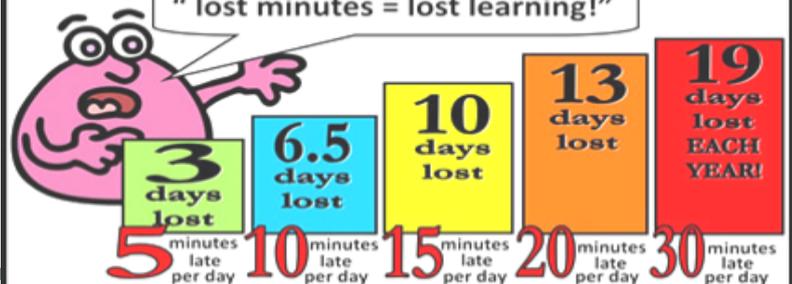
**SOMERVILLE MARKET**  
At St Andrews Church  
Every 2nd Saturday of the month  
(13th July)  
8:30 am—12:30 pm

Support your local stallholders  
Inquiries: 59776980 (Graeme)

### Punctuality means ...

School begins at 8:30 be on time!

"lost minutes = lost learning!"



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!