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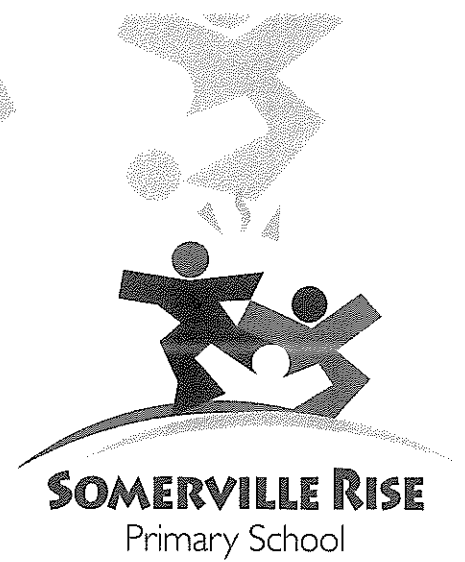
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To the parents of the eldest child



As previously advised, our school is very saddened by the unexpected passing of the much loved and legendary Craig White. Our school community conveys its deepest sympathies and our thoughts are with Annette, Glenn, Mycheal, Jane Hart and the extended family and friends.

As many of you are aware Craig was one of the original members of staff at Somerville Rise Primary School and has been a teacher, mentor and friend to countless people in the Somerville and surrounding communities.

Craig was a very special person who meant so much to our school community and his infectious sense of humour and kind heart is a devastating loss.

Craig was an amazing teacher who made such a difference in so many children's lives. He loved his work and was universally loved by all his work colleagues, parents and the children he taught.

We are currently looking into ways in which we can adequately honour the impact Craig has had on the lives of everyone in our school community. If anyone in our community has suggestions we welcome them.

We have put measures of support into the senior unit in the short term whilst longer term arrangements are being made, so your patience while we work through this is appreciated.

We have a commemoration pad in the foyer in front of the Library at school for anyone who would like to write a message to Craig's family, we also welcome members of the wider community to come and pay their respects.

Craig White, you will live on in all the people your life has touched.

The funeral for Craig will be held on Tuesday 12th February at 3pm at the Bunurong Memorial Park. Address: 790 Frankston - Dandenong Rd, Dandenong South VIC 3175.

Whilst the school will be open on Tuesday, all of our staff will be attending the funeral and will be absent for the whole day. The local Principal network has kindly offered to send teachers to cover classrooms in acknowledgment of the love and respect our community holds for Craig and his family. We understand many of our families will be attending the funeral and Craig's family have secured a venue large enough to accommodate all of those who wish to attend. The family has asked that instead of flowers they would prefer donations to the school Barn.

Would families who are not intending to send their children on Tuesday please contact the school no later than 10am Monday morning, so we can manage appropriate relief staff on Tuesday to run a modified program and support the family with catering.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Fammartino', written over a white background.

Nicky Fammartino
Principal, Somerville Rise Primary School