

12th December 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ASSEMBLIES NEXT WEEK

Next week we will have a different schedule of assemblies. Parents are most welcome to attend any of these events. They are as follows:

Monday 18th at 2pm – Prep/1/2/3 Assembly

This assembly will involve the normal certificates and announcements as well as Christmas songs and a Tai Chi performance.

Monday 18th at 2.45pm Years 4/5/6 Assembly

This is a special sport assembly where the sports teachers, Graham Mathews, Lola Hughes and Jenny Waters will highlight the sports achievement for the year.

Thursday 21st at 2.30pm Year 6 Graduation Assembly

This whole school assembly will farewell our Year 6 students. The presentation will include music and dance items from the graduating students. This is definitely a very emotional and heart-warming experience.

THANKYOU WENDY WANG

Our Chinese Intern, Wendy will return to China in three weeks, at the end of her 12 month placement. We wish to thank Wendy for her outstanding contribution to our Chinese teaching program and her support for Chinese students learning English. Wendy has been such a happy and professional staff member and we wish her a very successful future in education.

THANKYOU SCHOOL BANKING TEAM

Every Tuesday morning, an amazing team of parents come in to process the student banking. They do such a professional job in helping the children establish patterns of saving. We want them to know that we all appreciate them so very much. At the end of the year, two of these parents Siska Tang and Lillian King, who have supported the program for years, will leave us as their children are off the secondary school. We extend Special thanks to them for their generous donation of time and experience. The team are:

Cherry Lam Siska Tang
Sana Okino Ramona David

Yin Lim Emily Loh
Lily Lim Catherine Leung
Bich Trieu Lillian King
Sunghee Kim

WILMA CULTON

CANTEEN TRADING DATES



Please note the following trading dates for next week.

Monday 18 th Dec	Canteen Open
Tuesday 19th Dec	Canteen Closed
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Canteen Open
Thursday 21st Dec	Canteen Closed
Friday 22nd Dec	Canteen Closed

The Canteen will re-open in 2018 on Tuesday 30th January.

Wishing you and your family a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe 2018.

Elia
Canteen Management

2017 YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The 2017 Year 6 Graduation will be held at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Rd, Ringwood, on Thursday, 21st December at 7pm.



Ticket sales will open on **Wednesday 6th December at 9am** and close on **Friday 15th December at 6pm**.

You will need to enter the unique URL (see below) into your search engine

<https://www.trybooking.com/TFZR>

Tickets are free and are limited to **5** per family, this will allow all families to enjoy this special event.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Welcome to Camp Australia Before and After School Care.

On the last day of school December 22nd, the after school care program will operate from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. We will be having a fun party day, creating healthy pizza, biscuit decorating, slime fest, face painting, table tennis tournament and fun inside and outside. We look forward to a fun afternoon.

Please ensure if you are changing your booking for next year you will need to log on to your parent portal through the website to make the changes. This also includes the grade 6 children and any other children who may be changing schools. Any questions please let me know!

Passport to Summer School holidays will be here before we know if. Our holiday club will commence on 27th December. Please note Breakfast is now being served at Holiday clubs. We have some fun and exciting times to look forward to over the holiday break. We will be heading out on excursions to the movies, bowling, and a farm. We will be having fun, incursions and creating yummy food, beautiful and fun arts and crafts and playing lots of sports and games. Please ensure your child brings along a sunsmart hat for the outdoor activities. To check out the program further please log on to www.campaustalia.com.au, select the holiday club finder and use the parent portal to create a booking

I know this time of the year gets so busy so a special thank you to all the parents who are getting in touch with us to let us know that their child is not attending on a day that they have been booked in. It makes it easier for all of our staff to commence activities without having to locate those who have not arrived. It is extremely important to notify us if your child is booked into our program but, for whatever reason, will not be attending. We take full responsibility for your child when their name appears on our booking roll, therefore we must know where your child is at that time. Failure to attend without notification results in our staff being pulled away from the care of others in order to locate your child. We follow a very strict procedure in doing this which can result in us contacting the Police in the event that we are unable to contact a parent, guardian or nominated collection person to verify a child's whereabouts.

If a 'last minute' decision is made for your child to attend our service, please be sure to contact us by phone or text so that we can expect their arrival. This assists us in providing the appropriate number of staff to ensure child / staff ratio is maintained. This is essential for the care and safety of all who attend our program. Thank you.

For any booking needs or changes please log on to www.campaustralia.com.au to use your parent portal or to create a parent portal account.

Have a great week,

*Christine, and educators
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CHOIR PERFORMANCE



This Thursday, approximately 40 students from Years 2 - 5 will be visiting the BUPA Aged Care centre to perform for the residents. Thankyou to all the students who have been giving up their lunchtimes to prepare for this visit. The residents are always so thankful when students visit and in the past we've even had tears when it came time to leave!

The students are also busily preparing for a small concert next week and we would like to invite parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of the children performing to come along. The performance will be held on Monday the 18th of December at 2:30pm in the school hall. Please arrive from 2:15pm onwards to be seated and ready to be blown away!

Miss D'Aquino

LIBRARY THANK YOU



We have had many wonderful parents who have given their time to volunteer in the library this year. Thank you...your help has been invaluable! Have a joyous Christmas and every best wish for 2018.

Library Staff

SPORTING ACHEIVEMENT



Last week I had the opportunity of a lifetime to represent Victoria at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Over 4000 athletes came to Adelaide to represent their state or country in various sports. Some countries that participated at the games were New Zealand, India, Philippines, Pakistan, Fiji and more. In Victoria alone, we had 590 student athletes with 12 of them in my team, the

U12 Victorian Boys Softball Team. We played 8 games over the course of 6 days. Each game consisted of 1 and a half hours of play and 1 hour warm ups. There were 5 teams in my division, including Victoria, which meant we played each team twice. In the end, we finished 3rd overall, winning both games against ACT and SA and unfortunately losing both games against NSW and QLD making our count 4-4. I played on first base, giving me the best chance to succeed and play to my best ability. Some of the highlights of the tournament for me weremaking lots of new friends from various states and making lifelong friends in my own Victorian softball team. Some other fantastic moments was when we got to go to the final day of the Ashes Test cricket at the Adelaide oval to see Australia beat England and also supporting and hanging out with other Victorian teams on our excursion day. I would like to thank all the Serpell students and parents who participated in the free dress day to support the cost of the trip. I would also like to thank Mrs. Hughes for believing in me that I could do it and pushing me to challenge myself. Lastly, I would like to thankmy amazing friends and supporters in year 6. You guys were the reason I pushed myself to get the bronze medal and I couldn't have done it without you. I encourage anyone who loves their sport as much as I do to try out next year and the experience you will get will be unforgettable.

Thank you, Matthias Lillis 6KS

DIARY

Fri 15 th	Dec	Graduation Ceremony Tickets close today at 6pm
Wed 20 th	Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Rehearsal (9:15 – 1:00pm)
Thur 21 st	Dec	Yr 6 Graduation – 7pm
Fri 22 nd	Dec	Last Day of School – 1:30pm finish
2018		
Mon 29 th	Jan	Book Collection Day & Uniform Shop Open 8am – 5pm
Tue 30 th	Jan	1 st Day of School 2018 Yr 1 -6
Tue 6 th	Feb	1 st Day of School 2018 Prep

A reminder to all parents that KT Tutoring will not be operating next week, the last week of school.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Serpell Giving Day for DONCARE

doncare

An enormous thank you to absolutely everyone in our community who participated last Thursday, in Serpell Giving Day.

Serpell Primary families provided a fantastic variety of toys to DONCARE who were once again, amazed and grateful at the amount and high quality of the gifts which were donated. It was a busy, yet rewarding morning and great to see so many students dropping off their gifts and dressed in their festive clothes.

A HUGE thank you to Lia and her staff at DONCARE who really were enthusiastic in helping to sort out the gifts, pack them into boxes and load the cars. They were truly amazing! The gifts will be distributed to families who are in need during this festive season next week. Thank you for making a difference to other people's lives this festive season.

In addition, 'thank you' to all Social Action Committee members from each classroom that have assisted in contributing to the many worthy causes this year. It has been a pleasure to have worked with each of you. Your commitment has been outstanding.

We would also like to thank the parents and children from Doncaster Gardens Kinder who also donated some gifts for Doncare.

***Thank you and best wishes.
The Social Action Committee Leaders.***

SERPELL BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 9th DEC - PRELIM FINALS

U 11 Boys	Storm 10	Biralee Breakers 30
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MID WEEK COMPETITION - GRAND FINAL

1 / 2 Boys	Swords 8	St Clements Paccagnan Maguire 12
1 / 2 girls	Sonic 9	Templestowe Heights 3

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Judging from the feedback we've received, the **Pyjama Disco** was a great success! There were large moons and stars behind a backdrop of black; a beautifully decorated kids bed on display; strobe lights; and DJ Mike pumping age-appropriate tunes. The look of wonder on some of the kids' faces as they walked into a dimly lit hall was priceless, and for the Foundation kids, when 'Bananas in Pyjamas' first came on...well, it was almost too much excitement to contain! The kids all seemed to have a wonderful time.

Thankfully, it was a cool day and kids were provided with dance moves from the wonderful **Fitnessworx** team. Thanks to Simone and Drew Mitchell for providing such great dancers to create a fantastic vibe!

An event such as this cannot proceed without countless hours, extra effort and careful attention to detail. Our special thanks to **Ebru Kurt** for leading the charge with, Christine Shihata assisting, and making the event so much fun for the kids.



Thanks also to Julie Mallios, Elisha Fontana, and Bukola Oageng for decorating the hall (from 7am!), and all the volunteers (too numerous to name) who gave up their time to supervise and assist during the day. I noticed some even

showing the kids how it's done by having a boogie. It was a great team effort and awesome way to celebrate the end of year with such a memorable event.

Yvette Kwei

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Serpell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.90 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2018.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au

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www.creativemusic.com.au

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