

15th May 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS VISIT

Next week we will have our Team Visit by the Council of International Schools. This is a re-accreditation visit, following our accreditation ten years ago. The Visiting Team will fly in on Saturday, tour the school on Sunday and spend next week assessing the school against the CIS best practice international standards. The Visiting Team are:

Dorothy Hayes, Chair, Hayes Education
Philip Wilson, Co-chair, AP Adelaide High School
Frank Catalano, Principal Glen Waverley PS
Angie Jeary, International School Ho Chi Minh City
Rondie Howard, Independent Academy Hong Kong
Koula Giannini, Adelaide Sec. School of English
Amanda Botelho, Kensington Kindergarten, Thailand
Kylie Sayer, Secretary, Glen Waverley Primary

The school has completed an exceptionally detailed self-assessment against each standard, located on an online platform. The Visit will review our work and will result in commendations and recommendations that will inform our 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan. The areas assessed are:

- Purpose and Direction
- Governance and Leadership
- Curriculum
- Teaching and Assessing for Learning
- Student Learning and Wellbeing
- Staffing
- Premises
- Community and Home Partnerships

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

Next Monday at 2.30pm, we will conduct a whole school assembly to welcome our guests. The Prep and Year 1 students will also perform their singing items for the whole school. Please come along and join in the fun.

THANKYOU PARENT ASSOCIATION

What an enormous day we had last Friday! The Mothers' Day Breakfast was an amazing success with mums, grandmas, aunties and students all sharing time together in

the stadium. Special thanks to the dads and grandfathers who supported the event by staffing the food! After that, we had the PA Mothers' Day Stall, which the students yesterday agreed at assembly was a wonderful opportunity to them to buy something special for their mum. Thank you to every person who supported these events and to the PA committee in particular who did so much work in preparation for the very successful opportunities.

PREP and YEAR 1 CONCERT

Last Friday night was so very special with more than 300 Prep and Year 1 children making their stage debut at the concert entitled "Around the World." Thank you to the staff who did such a professional job with the students, to the audience who clapped and cheered so enthusiastically and especially to the children who bravely took to the stage to dance and sing for us. I was so proud of everyone!



NAPLAN STARTED TODAY

Students in Years 3 and 5 will this week will complete the Naplan assessment in literacy and numeracy. The students are very well prepared. They are only 8 and 10 years old. The school receives important and detailed cohort information of our overall performance, but for individual students the results can vary from their normal school achievement. Try not to ask detailed questions when they come home after the test. They will have tried their best and it is all we can ask.

WILMA CULTON

ABSENCE REPORTING

For any school absences, we have introduced a new school answering system, incorporating an Absence Reporting Line.

This will ensure that parents and the school are confident of where the children are at all times.

Please ring to report your child's absence before 9:00am on the day of absence.

Ring the school phone number – 9842 8182

Press 1 – Report a Child's Absence

Press 2 – Health Centre (Nurse)

Hold for all other enquiries

CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA LOH



On the 16th April, 2018, Cub Scout **Joshua Loh** of 1st Templestowe Scout Group was presented with the highest award a Cub Scout can earn, the Grey Wolf Award. Josh worked very hard to qualify this award. He is to be congratulated along with his family and his school. Well done Josh, we at 1st Templestowe are very proud of your achievement.

Mignon Hogan, Group Leader,
gl.1sttemplestowe@scoutsvictoria.com.au

PREP / YEAR 1 CONCERT DVD ORDER

A reminder that if you wish to order a DVD from the Prep/Year 1 concert, your order form is **due back this Friday, 18th May**. The cost of the DVD is \$ 25.00.



All students received an order form envelope, if you have misplaced yours, you can pick another one up from the office.

VALUES COMMITTEE

5000 Poppies
A Community Tribute of Respect and Remembrance

Red Poppies

The group '5000 Poppies' has put a call out for Australians to help knit, crochet or felt over 60,000 poppies to commemorate the end of the First World War. To help the *poppy project* at Serpell, we are getting involved by asking students to come along to **Room 38 & 39 (2VP & 2SK)** on Thursday lunchtimes to create poppies made of felt. Parents and grandparents are also most welcome to join in from **12:30 – 1:30 each Thursday**.

We are also hoping families will donate black buttons for the cause. There is a jar at the front office where black buttons can be dropped off.

*Thank-you for your support,
The Values Committee*

SENIOR INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Interschool Sports Results – Thursday 10th of May

ROUND 6	Serpell Blue		Warrandyte
Soccer	4	Lost	5
Football	35	Def	14
Hot Shots Tennis	31	Def	7
T-Ball	15	Def	2
Netball – Team A	36	Def	7
Netball – Team B	11	Def	0

SERPELL BASKETBALL CLUB

CALLING NEW BASKETBALLERS

REGISTER NOW TO PLAY IN WINTER 2018 OF THE PRIMARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL COMPETITION!

REPRESENT SERPELL & ST.CHARLES PRIMARY SCHOOL IN A FUN COMPETITION AGAINST OTHER LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

GAME TIMES:

BULLEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION	MONDAYS: GRADE 5 & 6 GIRLS & BOYS
WHERE:	TUESDAYS: GRADE 3 & 4 BOYS
SHEAHANS RD RESERVE, BULLEEN	WEDNESDAYS: GRADE 1 & 2 GIRLS & BOYS
	THURSDAYS: GRADE 3 & 4 GIRLS

DONCASTER DISTRICT (LEED ST)	ALL AGES
WHERE: LEED ST OR DISC SPORTS CENTRE	SATURDAY MORNING OR AFTERNOON

EXPERIENCE: NONE REQUIRED!

HOW TO REGISTER: www.trybooking.com/VUSU

COST: \$40 REGISTRATION FEE + GAME FEES (TBA) + UNIFORM \$65

SEASON: Starts Term 3, 2018 and finishes at the end of Term 4

Hurry, don't miss out on getting into a team!

(Players will be prioritised according to date of registration)

****REGISTRATIONS CLOSE Saturday 2nd JUNE****

For more information please contact

- BULLEEN (WEEKDAY COMPETITION) COORDINATOR:

Melody Yang yangqin70@gmail.com 0450 346 142

- DONCASTER-LEEDS ST (SATURDAY COMPETITION) COORDINATOR:

Vicky Ye shutaone@yahoo.com 0478 758 094

DIARY

Fri 18 th	May	2 nd Hand Uniform Shop 9am – 10am (Canteen Foyer)
Fri 18 th	May	Prep/Yr 1 Concert DVD order forms due today
Fri 18 th	May	Parents Association Special Meeting 40 th Anniversary Celebration 1:30pm – Staffroom Normal PA meeting will commence at 2:30pm
Mon 21 st	May	Whole School Assembly – 2:30pm
Thur 7 th	Jun	Curriculum Day – No School
Fri 8 th	Jun	Curriculum Day – No School
Mon 11 th	Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday No School
Tue 12 th	Jun	Regional Cross Country
Thur 14 th	Jun	Year 6 Class of 2017 Reunion School Hall 4pm – 5pm
Fri 29th	Jun	Last Day of Term – 2:30pm Finish
Mon 15 th	Jul	1 st Day of Term 3
Mon 5 th	Nov	Curriculum Day – No School
Tue 6 th	Nov	Melbourne Cup Day – No School

2nd HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We will be holding a 2nd Hand Uniform sale on Friday, 18th May from 9am – 10am in the Canteen foyer.



Please note we only accept cash, and small denominations are greatly appreciated as we have limited change.

Thank you to all the parents who have donated old uniforms, all proceeds go back to the school.

2nd Hand Uniform Coordinators

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Christine Shihata is our Vice President this year. She has two children at Serpell, **Peter** in year 3, **Caitlyn** in year 2, and young Daniel who is a preschooler. Prior to being VP she was PA Secretary for the last two years. Christine and I met whilst we were both committee members at our children's kindergarten – both serial offenders it seems! In Christine's words from last year:

"...being involved in the committee is a great way to meet new people and do something proactive to support a school that takes such good care of our children".

Christine has put her heart and soul, and a huge amount of effort into these positions over the years, and she has played a crucial role in ensuring events run by the PA continue as smoothly as possible at Serpell.

Most recently Christine was responsible for organising our first **Mother's Day Breakfast**, and what a resounding success it was!

We received feedback from many mums requesting a breakfast, and you certainly voted with your feet last Friday...we estimate there were over 1,000 people in attendance! Many thanks to all the volunteers and the dads who helped out on the day too!



Christine has also bravely agreed to take the coordinator role to organise our 40th Anniversary **Movie Night & Food Truck** evening which we can now confirm will be held on **Friday, 7 September!** On behalf of the PA, a huge thank you to you Christine for all your dedication and the countless hours you contribute. Our thanks also go to Noel Jones Real Estate for supplying a free coffee van and the Grainstore Bakery for the delicious pastries!

Thank you to Charlene, Josie & Yvonne too!

It was a busy week with the **Annual Mother's Day** stall also being run on Thursday and Friday. We hope you liked, and were pleasantly surprised with, the gifts bestowed on you by your kids from the stall!

It really was beautiful to see the kids shopping for their loved ones and ensuring siblings had not 'doubled-up' on the same gifts. One preppie even asked if we sold dresses!

Our huge thanks must also go to **Charlene Iida, Josie Schena & Yvonne Cham** (2nd time in a row coordinators) for the countless hours spent preparing spreadsheets, thinking through problems, ordering, sorting, stacking, meeting up, making phone calls & sending numerous WhatsApp messages to each other to ensure another successful event.

I'm sure they would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped set up, and ensured the kids got help choosing and paying! We are all grateful for your contribution and we hope you enjoyed the experience. **Nicola Pickard**, thank you also for your beautiful handmade candles you donated to the stall and the teachers. All money raised from this event will go straight back to facilities and equipment for the kids! Early indications are that it was about \$5,300!

Next PA meeting

We will be planning and discussing our upcoming **40th Anniversary Movie Night**. If you would like to contribute to discussions, then please attend our meeting which will be held this **Friday 18th May** from 1.30pm. The ordinary meeting will commence from 2.30pm in the staff room. Please join us!

Finally, if you would like to be added to our mailing list so you can receive a copy of our monthly PA Minutes, you can email Yvonne Cham at secretary.serpell@gmail.com. It's another way of getting more news & information about the school and the activities we run.

Yvette KWEI - PA President

SERPELL BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING **13th May** SATURDAY COMPETITION

OPEN BOYS	Serpell Storm 20	Beverley Hills Bullants 22
U9 BOYS	Serpell Stars 22	Birralee Bulls 0

MID WEEK COMPETITION

5/6 Girls	Serpell Star Shooters 30	THPS Team2 8
5/6 Boys	Serpell Scorchers 10	Doncaster Garden3 8
5/6 Boys	Serpell 76ers 47	OLOP Panthers 11
3/4 Boys	Serpell Strikers 8	St Clements Boniello 20
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sonics 4	St Charles Cats 8
1/2 Boys	Serpell Swords 38	St Gregs McMahon 8
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sparkles 6	St Charlie's Angels 0
1/2 Boys	Serpell Super Snipers 6	Ss Peter&Paul's1 9