

10th September 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN RESULTS

The individual student achievement reports for Naplan have been sent home to parents of children in Years 3 and 5 and I imagine that everyone appreciated the very hard work that the students and teachers had achieved together. The results confirm that Serpell Primary continues to offer an exceptional, high quality education, as measured against all government, catholic and independent schools across Australia. The school receives detailed reports on each student as well as whole year level cohorts and tracking of school performance over time. Some of the key points for 2019 are:

- At Year 3 level, the results of reading, spelling, grammar and numeracy were the highest ever achieved by our school and significantly above both state and like school comparisons
- The Year 3 result in grammar was so high that the graph line was above the graph box!
- The percentage of Year 3 students achieving in the top two bands (that could be viewed as an A and a B) was 83% for reading, 87% for writing, 82% for spelling, 83% for numeracy and 87% for grammar.
- At Year 5 level the results of reading, spelling and numeracy were also the highest ever achieved and significantly above both state and like school comparisons
- At Year 5 level, the percentage of students achieving high level growth, that is greater than the two years expected development, in reading was 49%, in grammar 47% and numeracy 48%. (The expectation based on norms would be 25%)

This year we have done a great deal of professional learning in the area of reading, as well as providing more than \$60,000 worth of additional reading resources. It was therefore very pleasing to see improvement at both year levels in this area.

ASSEMBLIES NEXT WEEK

Next Monday, 16th September, the timing of our assemblies will alter due to the special performance of Year 3 and 5 classes dancing items. All parents, grandparents and friends are invited to come along and join in the toe tapping fun. The times are as follows:

2pm	Years 1 and 2	Normal assembly
2.40pm	Years Prep 3 and 5	Special Assembly

The Preps are attending to support and encourage their Year 5 buddies. There will be no assembly for Years 4 and 6.

SERPELL GOES TO CHINA

On Thursday evening, twenty-five Year 6 students and five teachers will leave for our annual sister school exchange to China. Travelling via Singapore, they will visit Beijing and Nanjing before home staying at our sister school in Suzhou, the Jin Chang Foreign Language Experimental School. The exchange then concludes with three days in Shanghai. The tour will be led by Lola Hughes and promises to develop capabilities in language learning, history, geography and building of intercultural relationships. A detailed blog has been established so that parents can monitor their child's adventure on a day by day basis and We Chat has facilitated hundreds of messages between our students, parents and teachers already! They will return on Tuesday 24th September.



WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Why children need to walk more

Thank you to all of our fabulous students, staff and families for supporting our 'Spring into Spring' Walk to School morning. It was wonderful to see so many happy, smiling students chatting and walking together this morning. Why not build a walk into your week? There are many reasons why your child should be walking to school. Thanks to Victoria Walks for the following information.



There are dozens of reasons why walking is good for children. Walking keeps them fit and active, helps them learn about road safety and prepares them for independence. It shows them that the world is an interesting place, and gives them the chance to watch their own neighbourhoods change with the seasons. It keeps them connected with other people who live nearby – older people and other children.

One of the best things you can do as a parent is to walk regularly with your children, and encourage them to walk more. You will be helping them to set up a lifetime of healthy habits from an early age.

As a community, we all need to be out and about on our two feet more often if children are to be inspired to do the same (it's difficult for parents to convince children that walking is fun if nobody else is doing it).

Thank you to the Parent's Association for supporting our Walk to School Program.

Sue YOUNG



**eSmart
Schools**

NATIONAL ESMART WEEK
September 1st – 7th 2019

Last week we celebrated the Alannah & Madeline Foundation's National eSmart Week through various classroom activities to address cyber safety, wellbeing and digital inclusion. The web is a great place to learn, be creative and stay connected. However, with one in five young Australians found to have been cyber bullied – and the many other challenges young people face online – it's important we invest in giving our students the skills they

need to be responsible digital citizens. That's why we participated in the Alannah & Madeline Foundation's National eSmart

Week to show our commitment to building an eSmart Australia.

Intercultural Capabilities: Digital Citizenship

Serpell students learn and communicate online safely, responsibly, ethically, and critically with an awareness of digital etiquette and the potential impact of their digital footprint

Costa KOTSIRAS

ROBOTICS

ROBOTICS - VICTORIAN STATE COMPETITION

On Friday the 30th August our two Year 6 robotics teams played in the Victorian State RoboCup Soccer Championships held at the Melbourne Showgrounds. This year had a large turnout of 48 teams participating in the event from both independent and government schools.

Both teams, Bob Da Builder and Rainbow Unicorns came first in their group stages. Eventually Rainbow Unicorns progressed through to the quarter finals and Bob Da Builder progressed through to the Semi Finals.

What an achievement for both our LEGO Robotic Soccer teams. Well done to all students and thank you Miss Young of 5KY for helping on the day and to the parents for their support.

John Zheng – Robotics Coach



HOOPTIME

Last week was a busy week with the Year 3&4's participating on Wednesday and the year 5&6's competing last Monday at Mullum Mullum Stadium.

The senior All Star boy's team won two matches and narrowly lost their semi final by 1 point. The All Star girl's team were competitive narrowly losing to OLOP in an early match. They qualified to play OLOP in the Grand Final and narrowly lost by 2 points. It is hoped that they will qualify for Region because of the closeness of the final.

The Senior Future Stars team had a consistent tournament and finished on top of their pool. Winning their Semi Final they had an extremely exciting Grand Final winning narrowly by 2 points.

The Junior Hooptime day was a great experience for the four teams that competed.

The All Star boy's team was competitive and earned the right to play in the Grand Final against St James Vermont PS. In an exciting finish, we eventually lost 10-12, but again with the closeness of the scores we are hoping for an invitation to Regional level.

The 2 Future Stars teams played consistently after only losing one game in their pool. They both won their consolation games at the end of the day.

The Rookies team did really well losing their last game narrowly. There was no finals in their division.

Congratulations to the 13 Year 6 students who coached and assisted in the training of the 4 teams. They did an excellent job on the day. A special thank you to the parents who helped score and assist during the day. Hopefully all children enjoyed the experience.

Year 6 Coaches: Xavier, Zac, Joshua, Oliver, Alexandra, Zoe, Sienna, Damon, James, Valentino, Kiara, Skyla and Kingston.

Graham Matthews
Sports Coordinator

DIARY

Thur 12 th	Sep	District Athletics
Thur 12 th	Sep	China Exchange Students Depart
Mon 16 th	Sep	Yr 3 & 5 Dance Performance at Assembly – Special Time: 2:40pm
Mon 16 th	Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 17 th	Sep	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu 19 th	Sep	Parents Association Meeting – 2:15pm in the staffroom
Fri 20 th	Sep	Yr 5 Excursion to East Doncaster Secondary School
Fri 20th	Sep	Last Day of Term - Finish at 2:30pm
Thur 19 th	Dec	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Fri 20 th	Dec	Last Day of School Year



Year 5/6 Hooptime



Year 3/4 Hooptime

SUN SMART

SunSmart in Spring

It is wonderful to see so many children wearing their hats outside at recess and lunchtimes. There are however quite a few still without their hats. Please, could you ensure you have washed your child's hat and that they bring it back to school as our SunSmart policy requires all children, teachers and parent helpers to wear a hat during all outdoor activities and times at school.



***Thank you for your support,
Mara Rawlings***

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Congratulations!! You've helped us turn our Cadbury fundraiser into a huge success.

Thanks to your hard work we have earned almost \$8000!

On behalf of the School I'd like to thank you all for your efforts. It's been very rewarding to see such enthusiasm and support from you all.

A big congratulations to Lola Robertson 5RK for her tremendous effort in raising the highest amount!! We would like to reward her with some more chocolate!! (4.5kgs tobelerone!!)

The winner of the \$50 Coles/Myer voucher is Aria Davarkhah 3RM. Well done !!

We would also be giving out a few prizes for students who have helped raised the highest in their classes.

Thank you once again for all the support!

Serpell Parents Association

SERPELL BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 8th September
Bulleen Basketball Primary School Competition

5/6 Girls	Serpell Super Shooters 40	THPS Team2 9
5/6 Boys	Serpell Scorchers 36	St Kevin's 28
5/6 Boys	Serpell Strikers 34	Belle Vue Green Geckos 22
5/6 Boys	Serpell Storm 13	St Gregs Van Dijk6 31
3/4 Boys	Serpell Swords 6	Temp Valley Wightman 18
3/4 Boys	Serpell Scorpions 6	Tempy Park Verduci 33
3/4 Girls	Serpell Sonics 15	Belle Vue Yellow Geckos 6
3/4 Girls	Serpell Solars 20	St Gregs Lasserre 12
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sparkles 4	St Clements D' Odoric 31
1/2 Girls	Serpell Super Bees 2	Birrallee Blossoms 19
1/2 Boys	Serpell Snipers 40	Ivanhoe Wolves 22
1/2 Girls	St Charlie Angels 10	Doncaster Garden 32