

11th December 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

The following is a timeline of events over the next week to assist you at this very busy time of the year:

Friday 14th December – Class Placements

On Friday at 10am all students in Years Prep to Year 5 will move to their 2019 classes to meet their classmates and teachers. Full class lists will then be sent home to families on Friday afternoon at 3.30pm. Moving classes can be an emotion experience for the students, so it will be helpful if parents can assist their children in finding their friends in the class. All students have been placed very carefully with friends and teachers that suit their learning needs. If there is a mistake, please notify me in writing.

Monday 17th December at 2.30pm – Year 4/5/6 Sports Assembly

A special assembly to celebrate the senior school students' sports achievement will be held in the stadium. All parents and friends are welcome.

Wednesday 19th December – Reports Home

On Wednesday afternoon all students will receive their end of year reports. The students and their teachers have worked exceptionally hard and their reports are reflective of that work. If you have any concerns, please contact the class teacher.

Thursday 20th December at 2.30 – Graduation Assembly in the Stadium

Please come along to our Year 6 2018 Graduation assembly where we will celebrate the learning and achievement of our graduating Year 6 students. The assembly features presentations, dancing, singing and awards. It is recommended that you bring a hanky as it is a very emotional session.

On Thursday evening the Year 6 will have a formal graduation ceremony at the George Wood Theatre.

Friday 21st December – Assembly 12.30pm

The school year will conclude with an assembly at 12.30 for Years Prep to 5 in the stadium. Certificates and farewells to teachers leaving will be a feature. Please come along and join us.

Friday 21st December 1.30pm Dismissal

Students will conclude the term at 1.30pm.

FAREWELLING STAFF

Several staff members will be moving on in 2019. We thank each of them for their rich contribution to Serpell and wish them success in their career development.

Caitlin Simmons, Year 1 teacher, will leave us for a position in Year 1 at Yarra Valley.

Jesse Stephens, Year 4 teacher, will move to a Year 3/4 class at Greensborough Primary

Alyssa Kelly, Year 6 teacher, will take up a Physical Education position at Coburg Primary

Cyara Pittas, Year 4 teacher, will be moving on to broaden her experience in education

Tania Vairamuttu, School Chaplain, will move to Auburn High School

Lin Convery, School Psychologist, will be retiring after 20 years of service and support at Serpell. We thank her in particular for caring for our community and guiding us professionally through so many times of concern, crisis and trauma.

STAFF ON LEAVE

In 2019, several staff members will take leave and we wish them rest a relaxation in their well-deserved long service leave break.

Karen Kam will take leave for Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Liz Sleeth will take leave for the whole of 2019.

Lachlan Zubevich will take long service leave for the first term of the year.

WILMA CULTON

CANTEEN CLOSURES

Please note: The canteen will be closed on Tuesday 18th December due to the class parties taking place.

We will also be closed on Friday 21st December, the last day of school.

The canteen will re-open on Wednesday, 30th January, 2019.



DONCARE GIVING DAY

Doncare Christmas Appeal

Final reminder to everyone in the Serpell community that **this Thursday the 13th of December is Giving Day**. Serpell Primary School will support **Doncare** and their **Christmas Gift Appeal**.



These are the final reminders:

Please could each family purchase a **toy** (\$10-\$20) for a child aged between 6-12 years of age and deliver it to your classroom this **Thursday the 13th of December**. Remember only one gift per family, or you can purchase on behalf of each Serpell student if you like!

We are using the following guidelines to assist you when purchasing your gift:

- Prep students: buy for a 6 year old
- Year 1 students: buy for a 7 year old
- Year 2 students: buy for a 8 year old
- Year 3 students: buy for a 9 year old
- Year 4 students: buy for a 10 year old
- Year 5 students: buy for a 11 year old
- Year 6 students: buy for a 12 year old

This Thursday the 13th of December all students must bring their gift to school and deliver it with their grade at a designated time near the uniform shop. We are also wearing clothes/colours to celebrate the season of giving. Remember **your toy is your donation** therefore, **no gold coin** needed for the out of uniform day.

As a guide please read the following final reminders:

- **No books**
- Make the toy no larger than your school bag
- Please **do not** wrap the gift
- **No second hand or handmade toys**
- No perfumes, make up or nail polish
- No calendars or diaries
- No breakable items
- No CDs or electronic games

So be ready for 'Giving Day'.

*Thanking you.
The Social Action Committee.*



ABSENCE REPORTING



Please ring to report your child's absence or late arrival before 9:00am on each day of absence.

Ring the school phone number – 9842 8182
Press 1 – Report a Child's Absence or Late Arrival

Clearly state your child's first and last name, their class and brief reason for their absence.

If your child arrives late to school, please check in at the office before proceeding to class.

If your child is leaving the school early to commence holiday, please advise the office as soon as possible.

2018 YEAR 6 GRADUATION TICKETS



2018 Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Tickets are available now. This is a free event **but** you will need a ticket to gain entry.

Tickets will only be available through the Try booking Agency using the link below.

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

If you are having trouble opening with this link, try opening in another browser – explorer, firefox etc.

***DVD order forms have been sent home, please return these to school ASAP – cash only.
The DVD's will be mailed to your home address in the new year so please make sure you include your home address in the envelope.***

WASTE WISE WEDNESDAY

WasteWise Wednesday Thank you to all classes who took part in WasteWise Wednesday last week. Total items of rubbish collected: 375

WASTEWISE WARRIORS

1BW – 1 Items
3RM – 1 Items
2LF - 4 items

RETHINK 5KJ & 6SS

We look forward to another WasteWise Wednesday this week.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 9th December
SATURDAY COMPETITION -Grand Final

U9 BOYS	Serpell Stars 17	Beverley Hills Broncos 20
U11 BOUYS	Serpell Storm 8	OLOP Pirates 12

MID WEEK COMPETITION - Grand Final

5/6 Girls	Serpell Star Shooters 12	Belle Vue Green Geckos 48
1/2 Boys	Serpell Swords 33	THPS Team1 35
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sparkles 21	Templestowe Valley Elliot 4

Congratulations to the Serpell Sparkles grade 1/2 girls basketball team who had a fantastic win against Templestowe Valley Elliot. Having lost to this team twice previously, the 21-4 win was an amazing effort.



DIARY

Wed 12 th	Dec	Yr 4, 5, 6 School Band Performance 9:30am, 10am & 10:30am in the Hall
Thur 13 th	Dec	Doncare Giving Day
Mon 17 th	Dec	Senior School Sport Assembly – 2:30pm in the Stadium
Tue 18 th	Dec	Class Parties
Wed 19 th	Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Rehearsal
Thur 20 th	Dec	Whole School Assembly – Farewell to our Year 6 Graduating Class of 2019 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Thur 20 th	Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Ceremony
Fri 21st	Dec	Last day of school – 1:30pm finish
2019		
Tue 29 th	Jan	Book Selling Day and Uniform Shop Open from 8am – 5pm
Wed 30 th	Jan	School resumes for Yr 1 – Yr 6
Wed 6 th	Feb	2019 Prep Students start today

2019 Term Dates

Term 1

Wed 30th January – Fri 5th April
 (Preps begin Wed 6th Feb)

Term 2

Tue 23rd April – Fri 28th June

Term 3

Mon 15th July – Fri 20th September

Term 4

Mon 7th October – Fri 20th December

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our PA would like to take this opportunity to extend our personal thanks to you, our wonderful community, for your support over the past year. It's been an honour to serve our parent community. **Christine Shihata, Juvan Lee, Yvonne Cham** and I look forward to supporting the new President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary and Parents of the PA in 2019.

Each year, we actively seek the involvement of parents and carers to support the initiatives and activities of the PA. We will be holding our: **Annual General Meeting**

When: Friday, 15th February at 9.30am

Where: Staff room.

There will be a not to be missed presentation on "Technology at Serpell" followed by formalities such as elections for committee positions and other roles.

Reflecting on my time as President over the last couple of years, I am most gratified by our school's sense of community and inclusiveness. The term "relational wealth" denotes how our connections with our immediate communities augment our quality of life. The work we do with the PA positively impacts on the relational wealth of our community members.

Our PA has always believed in the power of contribution and inclusiveness to fuel a strong community. We have worked hard in the last few years to build an engaged community and an inclusive volunteer culture. I warmly reflect on the many families who have contributed and enriched our school community - whether by co-ordinating an event, serving food at our **Father's Day** or **Mother's Day Breakfast**, helping kids select a gift from our **Mother's Day Stall**, teaching our kids the value of saving money through our **School Banking** program, helping **Lost Property** to be returned to the rightful owners, helping at our memorable **40th Celebration**, being a **Class Rep**, contributing a dish to our **Teachers' Luncheon**, helping out at **Walk to School** or changing sheets at the **Health Centre** and encouraging your child's reading through the **Scholastic Book club**

The list is long and numerous.

We have a parent community that is outstanding! Many of you have been ready to put up your hands and offer your time, talent and goodwill and for that we are all grateful and we applaud every one of you. It has been a pleasure to have worked side-by-side with you all and together we have set good examples for our children and served the wider Serpell Community. Furthermore, we have raised over \$45K this year which will go towards funding our new Arts Centre which will be enjoyed by the kids next year. *Bravo* Serpell community!

If you will be at Serpell in 2019, and are interested in continuing your involvement or becoming more involved in the PA, or just want to find out what it's all about, please come along to our AGM next year!

We are hoping for another year of socially engaged and open-hearted involvement and participation from our amazing school community for 2019. Please consider getting involved! Role descriptions will be provided at the AGM.

REBEL SPORT – REWARDS PROGRAM

As the holidays are approaching, it's a good time to remind you all about our **Rebel Sport** referral program. If you join or have joined the Rebel Sport loyalty card program and informed them that you are a Serpell family, please remember to provide your card/number. Every time you purchase an item and provide your loyalty card, our school will receive 5% of the sale price. This year alone we were able to redeem over \$1000 worth of sports equipment (including basketballs and netballs) and Walk to School prizes for the kids!

Yvette Kwei, President.Serpell@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

LEGO®假期乐高班

Age: 5 - 12 years old
*Doncaster East * Glen Waverley*



Educational and Developmental Benefits:

- Fine motor skills
- Social/emotional skills
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Process-oriented thinking
- Abstract thought
- Sequencing
- Follow step-by-step directions
- Visual and kinesthetics learning styles

***AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM* for TERM 1 – 2019 IS OPEN FOR ENROLMENT**

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