

11th September 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

40th BIRTHDAY BRILLIANCE

What a successful event our 40th Birthday was last Friday evening! We were blessed with perfect weather and celebrated with an amazing array of activities and entertainment. Special thanks to Christine Shihata, who began several months ago by organising a movie night and ended with leading an enormous community celebration for over 3000 people. Thank you also to PA President Yvette Kwei, Treasurer Juvan Lee and Secretary Yvonne Cham, who led the wonderful PA team in making the event such a success. David Kwei deserves a special mention for insisting that the evening be expanded into a cultural experience which led to an extravaganza of global music, dance, performance and games.

Thank you to everyone who came and contributed to the success by bringing your energy, goodwill and fun. In addition to our own families, many former students and parents attended to share their life journey stories. Miss Bartlett even met a student from her very first class at Serpell 39 years ago. We are so lucky to have our children growing up in such a positive and enriching community.



CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT

The Year 4/5 Concert entitled "Celebrating the Movies" will be held this coming Friday evening at the Besen Centre, Station St Burwood. Parking is free inside the grounds of the Mount Scopas School. Students need to be at the theatre by 6.30pm and report to the rear left hand stage door, where their teachers will meet them. Parents can then relax with friends in the foyer, which has a café and bar, until the show starts at 7pm.

The student participating in the concert does not require a ticket.

Tickets are only be available through Trybooking, go to;

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

or

<https://www.trybooking.com/413946>

The cost of tickets is Adult - \$15 and Child - \$10 (age 2-12)

MARBLE SEASON OPEN

The School Captains and Year 6 students have announced that it is "Marble Season." This happens each year and will last for two weeks until the end of term. For the children this is such a fun part of school life and culture as they are part of hundreds of frenetic people playing marbles in a very small play area. Students should only bring inexpensive marbles as they get lost or roll away. It is also a very good gambling lesson. If they risk betting, they risk losing. The only rule is that students can only play against students at their own year level.



Everyone enjoying the Food Trucks

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS



Book School Interviews Online

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Monday the 17th of September and Tuesday 18th of September.**

Instructions for logging on and booking your child's parent teacher interview will be sent home today with the newsletter. This is a really important opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers (both classroom and specialists) to discuss learning progress and goals for term 4. Interviews will be limited to 10 minutes per child. If this time is insufficient a further appointment should be organised with your child's teacher. If you require assistance with the booking procedure please come into the office for assistance. Please note bookings open on **Tuesday 4th of September at 4:30pm** and close **Wednesday 12th of September at 2:00pm.**

If you require an interpreter for your Parent Teacher Interview please contact the office in advance and we can organise one for you.

To create a booking visit:
<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book>

Enter the school event code: **3c5a4** then enter your details at the prompts, choose your child's teacher and then the time that suits you best.

Costa KOTSIRAS

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

The Values Committee would like to invite everyone to join us for our Spring into Spring Walk to School Day this **Thursday 13th of September.**

To welcome in Spring, we are encouraging everyone to join us for a fun and healthy walk to school from one of the coloured checkpoints. Checkpoints are open from 8.15am. To view a map of the checkpoints, go to:

<http://serpellssc.global2.vic.edu.au/values-committee/walk-to-school-checkpoints/http://serpellssc.global2.vic.edu.au/values-committee/walk-to-school-checkpoints/>

When you walk from a coloured checkpoint, you will receive a raffle ticket. When you get to class, put your name and grade on your raffle ticket and give it to your teacher to go into the draw to win one of a number of special prizes.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone walking this **Thursday the 13th of September!**

WASTEWISE WEDNESDAY

WasteWise Wednesday

Thank you to all classes who took part in WasteWise Wednesday last week.

Total items of rubbish collected: 545 (down 112 items) - we are getting better together!

Average pollution per student: 0.45 items per student. Lets go for zero!

WASTEWISE WARRIORS

2VP & 3DB share the spoils with only 4 items each! Fantastic work!

RETHINK

3KB & PAA

We look forward to another WasteWise Wednesday this week.

Thank you!

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Book Week celebrations at Serpell PS

It was very exciting to celebrate Book Week with guest author/illustrator visits for all of our students.

The Prep, Year One and Year Two students enjoyed listening to children's book author and illustrator, Lucinda Gifford. The students have



commented that Lucinda is a very creative and interesting person. She shared with us the process involved getting a book to the publication

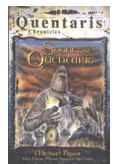
stage and inspired our children to create wonderful drawings and names for fantasy animals. Lucinda has authored / illustrated books such as *Dogasaurus*, *The Cat Wants Custard* and the *Chook Doolan* series. Find out more about her books at <http://lucindagifford.com/>

The Year 3 and 4 students enjoyed a visit with Susannah McFarlane. She is well known at Serpell for her



popular book series which include *Boy Vs Beast*, *D-Bot Squad* and *EJ Spy School* and many more! Find out more about Susannah and her books at <http://www.susannahmcfarlane.com/>

Author Michael Pryor inspired the year 5 & 6 students. Michael has written and collaborated on a large number of books including the series he created with author Paul Collins, *The Quentaris Chronicles*. He tends to favour the science fiction and fantasy genres. More about Michael can be found at <http://www.michaelpryor.com.au/>



GYMNASTICS

On Monday the 10th of September, 26 students from years 2 to 6 travelled to Athleta Gymnastics in Altona North to compete in the Primary Inter-schools Gymnastics Competition. These students have been training at lunchtime and before school sessions since Term 2 to learn the routines. They competed on floor, bars, beam, vault, rings and aerobics and even took part in a school spirit cheering competition! As well as some fantastic gymnastics skills, the girls demonstrated incredible sportsmanship and teamwork which was noticed by judges and other officials at the event. Each session included 10-12 teams from various schools around Victoria. Places were awarded as follows:

Junior Legends – 4th place
 Senior Champions – 4th place
 Junior Champions – 5th place
 Senior Legends #1 – 3rd place
 Senior Legends #2 – 2nd Place

Well done to all the competitors and listen out for tryouts next year if you want to take part!



Katherine D'aquino

DIARY

Wed 12 th	Sep	WasteWise Wednesday
Thur 13 th	Sep	Walk to School Day
Fri 14 th	Sep	Yr 4 & 5 Concert - 7pm
Fri 21st	Sep	Last day of term 3 2:30pm finish time
Mon 8 th	Oct	First day of term 4 – 9am start
Mon 5 th	Nov	Curriculum Day – No School
Tue 6 th	Nov	Melbourne Cup Day – No School

2018 CAMP INSTALLMENT DATES

YEAR 3		
Balance due	Mon 17 September	\$120
YEAR 4		
2 nd Installment	Wed 19 September	\$100
3 rd Installment	Thurs 11 October	\$110
YEAR 5		
1 st Installment	Fri 14 September	\$100
2 nd Installment	Fri 19 October	\$120
YEAR 6		
1 st Installment	Wed 12 September	\$95
2 nd Installment	Wed 10 October	\$100
3 rd Installment	Thurs 8 November	\$100

If you have elected to pay your instalments by credit card your card will be automatically processed on the date stated.

Cash installments can be made at the school office on the dates stated above.

SERPELL BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 9th September SATURDAY COMPETITION

U9 BOYS	Serpell Stars 24	Birralee Bombers 0
U11 BOUYS	Serpell Storm 6	OLOP Pythons 32
U9 BOYS	Serpell Cannons 0	Beverley Hills Broncos 18

MID WEEK COMPETITION

5/6 Girls	Serpell Star Shooters 38	THPS2 4
5/6 Boys	Serpell Scorchers 25	Ss Peter & Pauls 25
3/4 Boys	Serpell Strikers 20	THPS1 34
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sonics 2	St Gregs whitmarsh 4
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sparkles 4	Temp Valley Grivas 3
1/2 Boys	Serpell Super Snipers 2	Milgate Magic 7

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

#SPS40 will be etched in our collective memories as representing an evening of joy and community spirit.

We estimate that 2,500 people attended the event and we've received overwhelmingly positive feedback about the delicious food truck choices, entertaining cultural games and activities, the joyful dance and drumming workshops, and the fun of sharing the movie watching-experience with friends. It seems that the highlight of the night for nearly everyone was the spectacular fireworks display, which we're told could be seen clearly by residents all around the Manningham area.



Thank you to **Christine Shihata, Juvan Lee and David Kwei** who were instrumental in planning and executing the event and **Yvonne Cham** who did a fantastic job in leading the volunteer charge. As a team, we've been grateful for the kind words that many of you have expressed, and the recognition of the hours spent in planning, budgeting, identifying and engaging providers, setting up, coordinating the event, and clearing up after it was all over.

I'd like to make a special mention of the amazing 'game-masters': **Lisa Henson, Lisa Molinaro and Rudd van Henten, Mi Young Kim and Sung-Hee Kim, and Wai Li and Selvin Choi** as well as **Andrea Cutler and Ramona David** who assisted. We also appreciated the calligraphy and bookmarking stalls hosted by **Jessie Fan and Bin Lin**, and **Parvin Milani**, respectively! **Thank you all** for your time and contributions in making this evening as special and vibrant as it was!

Children assisted in setting up and we noticed how polite, helpful and excited they were. Much credit for the smooth running of the event goes to the *many* switched on and committed volunteers who helped with check-ins, selling raffle tickets distributing free ice-cream and popcorn; being attendants at workshops and activities. Thank you to each and everyone one of you!

A significant number of volunteers worked multiple shifts, and in this regard, we'd like to make a special mention to **Melissa Tung, Olga Birchall and Drew Mitchell** who worked from the start right up to the very end.

Many Serpell Staff members went above and beyond with their efforts in helping the PA to run a successful event, working hard in the lead-up, and many hours of overtime on the night.

We would also like to thank our cultural entertainers: *African Drumming, Chinese Youth Society of Melbourne (Lion Dance), Manasis Greek School of Dance and Culture, NB Dance (Bollywood), Renyi Kung Fu* who added beautiful cultural diversity to our event.

A warm thank you for the generous support of Spiro & Lara and their team at *Barry Plant, Fitnessworx, Larvin & Lawrence Orthodontics, Bunnings (Nunawading), Doncaster Orthodontics, Scoot & Skate, Gold & Gems (The Pines), Blackburn Vikings, Grainstore Bakery, Entertainment Book*, and the Lauder and Tengra families for providing prizes. Deon from *Manasis* also provided the speaker system free of charge, and Little Athletics Doncaster generously provided three marquees for our use.

Finally, congratulations also go to our Raffle Winners:

- **1st Prize** - \$800 Rebel Sport voucher: Ella Zhang PTH
- **2nd Prize** - \$750 Artist Photography Package: Michelle/Lauren Teo 2MP
- **3rd Prize** - \$300 Fitnessworx Party Package: Emily Chong (former student)
- **4th Prize** - \$250 Scoot & Skate Skateboard: Walter 2LF
- **5th Prize** - \$220 in Jewellery from Gems and Gold (The Pines): Jo/Sophie Dunning 6JC.

Please join us at our next PA meeting on Friday 21 September at 1.30pm so you can help us plan more wonderful events and contribute your ideas and feedback.

Yvette Kwei, PA President 2018

