FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL STRUCTURE FOR 2017

Now that the school year has settled down so well, here are some facts and figures about our school organisation and the school leadership structure. For parents the leadership structure is a direct contact point for any ideas or concerns.

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Leadership Structure

Principal         Wilma Culton
Assistant Principals Kristele Kluke
                  Costa Kotsiras
                  Daniel Packett 0.5
                  Kim Jones 0.5
Prep Level Leader Daniel Packett
Year 1 Level Leader Silvana Cavalcante
Year 2 Level Leader Annalisa Mexias
Year 3 Level Leader Daniela Brunelli
Year 4 Level Leader Joanne Rose
Year 5 Level Leader Kim Jones
Year 6 Level Leader Jessica Lee
Leading Teacher STEM Lachlan Zubevich
Leading Teacher Data Nga Tran
Business Manager   Jenny Thomas

SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

This week we are holding the elections for the 2017 School Captains. At Serpell we take civic responsibility and learning about democracy very seriously. Students are nominated by their peers, make election speeches and then go through a formal secret ballot voting system. This year we have 18 boys and 23 girls nominated for the positions.

This is a wonderful tribute to each of these students and they are to be congratulated on their nominations. Next week we will use the same process to elect our House Captains and then our Junior School Council.

PREP 2018 ENROLMENT OPEN

Enrolment for Prep 2018 is now open. Enrolment preference is given to families for whom we are the closest school, families of present or past students and residents of the City of Manningham (limited vacancies in this final category.). So that we can determine how many places we can support beyond the first two categories, we would ask that current families with Preps for next year collect a form at their convenience and return it to school. The following school tour dates are available for parents to tour the school:

- Wednesday 15th February 10am
- Friday 24th February 10am
- Monday 27th February 10am
- Thursday 9th March 10am
- Friday 17th March 10am
- Tuesday 21st March 10am
- Wednesday 29th March 10am

Tour Dates for Term 2 will be announced later in the term.

CAR TRACKS MAKEOVER

Thank you to Peter Georgiev, father of Anna in 1CP, who renovated the car racing tracks in the Year 1 and 2 playground over the holidays. This track is a very much loved and used feature of the playground and the children are most appreciative of the effort.

ADULT TOILET FACILITIES AVAILABLE

If parents and grandparents waiting for students at the end of the day need to use toilet facilities, please use the staff toilets in the main building near the office or next to the library. It is not safe or appropriate for adults to use the children’s toilets.

WILMA CULTON
SAFETY WHEN PARKING
Following the hints and tips listed below may help to ease traffic congestion during pick up or drop off times:

- **Always** use the crossing. Use the school crossing and raised walkway over the kiss and drop area when picking up or dropping off, do not walk across the car park.
- Kiss & Drop zones work efficiently if cars shuffle up to the next free space while waiting for their child / children. This allows cars to enter the drop off zone from the back, rather than attempting to parallel park in front of the school at a busy time.
- Do not enter the staff driveway, (it is for emergency vehicles, deliveries and staff parking), many children will be walking and playing along the driveway before and after school to enter their classrooms.
- Take time to explain the process to grandparents, aunties and uncles or friends who may be doing the pick up or drop off for your child/children.
- Police and Manningham Traffic Management Officers frequently visit our school, please follow all signs, including double line laws, for further information please visit: http://insight.racv.com.au/roads/how-do-i-navigate-school-pick-updrop-off-parking/

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos for 2017 will be held on Tuesday the 14th of March and Wednesday the 15th of March. You will be advised of the photo day for each class and details regarding payment closer to the day in the school newsletter.

Kristele Kluke
Assistant Principal

PARENT CLASSROOM HELPER PROGRAM.

CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING
Afternoon Sessions Term 1, 2017
Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers program will be offered on a Tuesday afternoon this term. These sessions are designed around the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. If you are interested in assisting in the Foundation, year one or year two classrooms, attendance at the four training sessions is essential. If you would like to learn more about the way your child learns literacy skills, you are most welcome to attend. There are four sessions each of approximately 90 minutes duration. You must commit to the whole four sessions.

The following sessions will be held this term:
Afternoons: Tuesday February 28, March 7, 14 & 21
Time: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Location: Staff Centre Administration building.
No pre-school children please.
Please fill out the slip below if you are interested in attending this Literacy Education Program and return it to the school office. We will be in contact with you before the workshops begin to confirm that we have sufficient numbers to run these classes.

Jo Rose
Literacy Support Teacher

Parent Classroom Helper Program

I would like to attend the Parent Classroom Helper Program training sessions this term.

Please print.

Parent Name: _______________________
Parent Email: _______________________
Child’s name: _______________________
Child’s teacher: _______________________

HEALTH CENTRE

SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)
Impetigo is a skin infection caused by the staphylococcus bacteria.
Symptoms include:
- Skin itches and is red,
- Blisters commonly round the nose and mouth.
- When the blister pops, it weeps yellow, sticky fluid
- It then develops a raised and wet looking crust.

The fluid in the blister is highly contagious. Children must stay at home until the sores have dried up or can be covered with a water proof dressing.
Please consult your GP if you suspect your child has Impetigo.

ALLERGIES
Just a reminder that children are discouraged from bringing in foods that contain nuts. This includes muesli bars, peanut butter and nutella.
There are a number of children anaphylactic and allergic to nuts and we know that nuts pose an extremely high risk of causing a life threatening reaction.
Even though you may not have an anaphylactic child in your child’s class, a reaction can occur just by touching
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Welcome to Camp Australia Before and After School Care. What a start to the new year. We welcome back our existing families and a warm welcome to our new families. We are excited with our year ahead and many new activities for the children to enjoy and engage in.

Last week we welcomed the Chinese New Year with many fun activities around the year of the rooster. The children played sports games inside and outdoors, children engaged in fun building items, board and card games and other fun activities.

This week we are looking forward to fun in the art room with lots of painting techniques from painting with paintbrushes to odds and ends such as fork, sponges, straws and other materials. We will have some cricket fun out on the oval with a cricket clinic run by one of our assistants who coaches cricket. We will be having lots of fun sports and other activities throughout the week.

During term 1, the program follows the Sun-Smart program. Children who are wishing to participate outdoors need to bring a Sun-Smart wide brim bucket style hat or a legionnaire’s hat. If your child's hat needs to stay in their classroom, please ensure there is a spare Sun-Smart hat in their bag. No Hat No Outdoor Play.

For parents please ensure you are informing us if your child is not attending the session you have booked. This saves us time and resources by not needing to locate your child if we are made aware previously that your child is not attending. You can call our Head office, or call or text the service phone. Any questions please see us.

To create an account, make a booking or change a booking, please log on to www.campaustralia.com.au. We look forward to a fun term and an exciting year ahead of us.

Have a great Week.
Christine and Educators

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB
Please return your Scholastic Bookclub by Wednesday, 15th February.
Sorry, we cannot accept any late orders.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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Camp Dates

Year 3
Camp 1: Mon 23/10 – 24/10
Camp 2: Tue 24/10 – 25/10

Year 4
Mon 30/10 – Wed 1/11

Year 5
Wed 8/11 – Fri 10/11

Year 6
Tue 21/11 – Fri 4/11

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will commence on Friday 24th March.
Chess classes are held at lunch time on a Friday.
Places are only available for the first 80 students who send back their form and money.

Daniel PACKETT – Chess Coordinator
FIRST PA MEETING FRIDAY 17th FEB
The first PA meeting for the year, which is also the AGM, will be held on Friday 17th Feb in the staffroom at 9am. If you would like to get involved, find out some more information or just hear about the plans for the year, please come along.

The position of President needs to be filled. We would also love some more general members to run or assist with events. You do not need any special skills to fill a role and the more general members we have, the easier it is.

Student Wellbeing Centre
Following the AGM, we will have a presentation from Lorel Wall, our Student Wellbeing Officer, outlining her role and student support framework.

2017 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED
Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to be Class Rep this year for your child’s class. This is a very special, valuable and important role that will not only enable you to become more involved with your child’s class, but with the school community as a whole.

As a Class Rep all you need to do is to prepare and distribute your new Class’s Friendship List. The Class Friendship List enables us to keep in contact with each other. You are also encouraged to arrange at least one social activity per term which could be morning tea, a after school play in the park, school holiday social events, mums movie night, a whole family dinner event etc. There are so many ideas of things you can choose to do with your class.

Ideally we need two class reps for each class so this is perfect to do with a friend, as it is a very easy and rewarding role.

If you have not already volunteered and would like to do so please e-mail Melissa Tung at mhmchan@gmail.com our Class Rep Coordinator, with your name, your child’s name and class and your phone number.

Raylyn Christou
President, Parents’ Association
president.serpell@gmail.com

Urgent! More boys are required!
Attention a current grade 3/4 boy’s team is looking for 1-2 more players. Competitions are held on Tuesdays after school and out of school. Trainings are on Fridays after school 5-6pm at Serpell Stadium.

Urgent! 1 more girl can be placed!
Attention a current grade 1/2 girls team can be places with 1 more girl. Competitions are held on Wednesdays after school and out of school. Trainings are on Fridays after school 6-7pm at Serpell Stadium.

If interested, please contact Melody 0450346142 or vangqin70@gmail.com by this Friday 17th Feb. season starts next week.

Kelly Sports Programs
Dear new Parents,
Kelly Sports has three Sports Programs currently operating at Serpell Primary School. Multisport on Monday after school on the outdoor Basketball court, Dance on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the small Hall beside the Canteen and Gym Fun on Thursdays at lunchtime in the small Hall too.

If you think your child might be interested in one of these Sports you can contact me to discuss or for Dance and Gym your child can attend a Free Trial next week and see if they like it.
email-davidkight@kellysports.com.au or 0414381368
David Manager Kelly Sports Templestowe

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