15th September 2015

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THE CHALLENGE OF COMPETITION

Over the past few weeks hundreds of students and teams at Serpell have successfully participated in a wide range of competitive events including sport, chess, ICAS, the Science Talent Search and Tournament of the Minds. As detailed in the newsletter, many of these participants moved on to state level competition, which was a rich reward for their training, team work, diligence and commitment. It is an honour to represent the school at any level and we are very proud of everyone involved.

In my personal opinion it is really important for the children to learn to be generous competitors, to be able to recognise the skills that others bring, to really enjoy the challenge and to be able to congratulate opponents on their success. Of course everyone feels disappointed to not win a close contest, but good sportsmanship has long been a valued Australian tradition.

Last week in the Chess Tournament held at Serpell, one of the visiting teams was from Fitzroy Community School. As they were leaving, the teachers and parents complimented Serpell on the encouragement and kindness shown during the day. This was a wonderful two way reflection on our students as well as the generosity of the Fitzroy team. A great example of sportsmanship!

SLOW, DEFENSIVE DRIVING PLEASE

Last week we had a very small accident in the carpark. One little Foundation boy bumped his head when a passing car tipped his car door. He was not injured and went to class. No-one was speeding or driving dangerously but everyone was very upset. Please keep in mind:

- A moment of inattention or impatience can result in an accident that will ruin lives
- Small children are very unpredictable
- Small children have poor peripheral vision
- Always drive as if a small child might walk out under your car, throw open a door, run in the opposite direction or run around to the car boot at any moment – because they might!
- Always have your child get out of the car on the footpath side
- Do not put bags in the boot – a nose to tail bump further up the row from your car could result in an horrific domino accident.
- Please take careful note of the hints that Mrs Young puts very regularly in the newsletter to keep everyone safe

WELL DONE LACHLAN RANKIN

Lachlan Rankin of Year 6 has been selected as one of 48 players to compete with the Yarra Junior Football League. The match will be played at 5.30pm tomorrow, 16th September, at Bulleen Park and spectators and supporters are invited to attend.

HAPPY HOLIDAY EVERYONE!

School will break for vacation this coming Friday at 2.30pm and will recommence at 9am on Monday 5th October. I wish everyone a very relaxing, safe and happy holiday.

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Travelling Safety…We are all responsible! As the traffic continues to increase around the school, it is timely to remind all of our families that the healthiest and safest option is to park your car at one of our nine park and walk locations and walk to and from school. In recent days it has been alarming to witness the lack of parental road safety modelling! PLEASE DO NOT let your child alight from the driver’s side of the car. This is extremely dangerous and could result in an injury to your child. PLEASE use the crossings that are provided. PLEASE DO NOT let your child alight from your car on the road…this is an illegal practice and highly dangerous. Walking through traffic is a very unsafe practice and is poor modelling for your child.

The following information is provided for you from the RACV Road Safety web page located at:
Protect your children in and out of the car:

- Never leave children in a car without adult supervision.
- Remove or secure any loose items inside the car because these will be thrown around in a crash and can cause serious injury. Provide only soft toys to play with while travelling. Cargo barriers in station wagons, hatchbacks and vans are essential.
- Always use the Safety Door when getting children in and out of the car. This is the rear kerbside (left) door, and is away from traffic when parallel parked.
- Use child locks on back doors if these are fitted.
- Always get the least mobile child out of the car first - then your attention can be focused on the child more likely to dart out into traffic.

Thank you for considering the safety of all of our children and their families.

Sue Young

CAMP AUSTRALIA

This term has gone by so fast. It has been better weather over the past few weeks so the children have been outside enjoying the sun and fresh air. They have been playing cricket games and soccer on the oval, basketball and tennis on the basketball court, and great social time on the playground. With the start of term 4 we are once again in sun-smart conditions. This meaning all the children will need to wear hats and sunscreen when playing outside. Children may have spare hats in their bags, the hats need to be a wide brim hat, bucket style or legionnaire style. If you have any questions on this please come and see us.

This Friday, we will open at 2:30 pm due to the early finish. The children will be having some fun dancing games, create a healthy pizza, exploring the outdoors and so much more. Please make sure if your child is not attending the program to cancel in advance or let us know on the day.

Christine and staff

CHESS CLUB

Last Wednesday Serpell Primary School hosted its first ever chess tournament in the hall. Over 30 students from Serpell competed against students from the wider Melbourne area. I am pleased to report we had an extremely successful day with the three Serpell teams taking out first, second and third place. With the individual rankings Serpell students also placed in the top three. Our sensational results mean we have qualified to enter a team into the state finals. Congratulations to all the students for competing and the fantastic way they represented our school and themselves. Also a big thanks to Siany Sanusi-Goh for her help on the day.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1st – Eugene Goh
2nd - Clarice Wong
3rd – Dora Li

TEAM RESULTS

1st – Serpell A
Clarice Wong
Dora Li
Anthony Spanoudis
James Lam
Reiner Ng

2nd - Serpell B
Eugene Goh
Winston Leonard
Ashton Lu
Joe Lam
Ethen Pillay

3rd – Serpell C
Aaron Do
Yikai Yao
Ethan Jayamanna
Lachlan Young
Aidan Chen

Most Improved Player – Ethan Wu
SCHOOL BANKING

Thanking those who have returned the tokens form back to us. Please bear with us if your token quantity doesn’t match the bank’s record as it might take a while for the bank to investigate the issue. To those who have not returned the form back to us, please try to do that soon so that we can immediately count everybody’s tokens. Congratulations to 2RL for having the most bankers this week! Banking will resume on the first Tuesday (06th October) when school reopens, we wish you a nice pleasant 2 weeks break!

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the upcoming Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program. To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last.

Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider!

Once students have collected 10 tokens, they can simply include a note, along with their 10 tokens in their deposit wallet on banking day to advise that they would like to redeem their tokens for the Galaxy Glider reward item. Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

PARENT’S ASSOCIATION

CIRCUS DISCO

What an amazing transformation took place last week to turn the stadium into a Circus Big Top. An incredible effort by the Disco Committee of Samantha, Simone, Joleen, Julie, Kate & Erica. Well done!

Thank you to the army of volunteers that helped with set up, at the disco and pack up. There are too many people to name – but we thank all of you. Thanks also to Sue Young and all the other staff that assisted in some way. We hope all the children had a fantastic time.

SUSHI DAY

Sushi Day is coming again soon! Tuesday 13th October is Sushi Day and it will be the last one for the year. Forms will be distributed 1st week back at school next term.

If you have any PA related questions or ideas, please feel free to email me natlauder@gmail.com

Natalie Lauder - President, Parents’ Association

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SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

What an amazing week of sports it has been this past week!

The fun started last Tuesday at the Altona Badminton Centre. 31 children participated in the Victorian primary schools badminton championships - the culmination to the year's training with coach Lenny Permana and assistant coach Shireen Ng. We entered 6 teams - 3 in the intermediate division and 3 teams in the beginners division. The children played many other schools, pretty much non-stop for 5 hours. All the teams had some great wins, and great improvement in game play throughout the day. The finals at the end of the day saw us overall winners with Team 1 - who only dropped one game all day, and that in the grand final. Team one brought home the Cup and individual medals. Team 3 won the second division and also scored a great medal! Many thanks to the parents who acted as team managers - it is by no means an easy job - as without your help we would not have been able to enter so many teams and give so many children this opportunity. Thank you also to our supporters on the day. My biggest thanks of all go to Lenny and Shireen. They voluntarily give two hours a week to come and train the children, put them through skills drills, and teach them game tactics and strategies. We are so fortunate to have someone of such high calibre in Lenny (an ex Olympian) to share her knowledge and skill. We look forward to seeing the
RUGBY GALA DAY

Last Wednesday 75 children from years 5&6 made up 6 tackle and 2 tag teams in the Billy Slater Shield qualifying Rugby Gala Day. Melbourne Storm run a well organized event, commencing with a one hour training session to reinforce correct tackling techniques and game play. The children proved to be very competitive, with 6 out of the 8 teams making the finals. Of the 4 grand finals, Serpell came out as victors in 3, winning the Yr. 6 boys' tackle, girls' tackle and Yr.5 boys' tackle. Those teams have now qualified for the Billy Slater State final. Thank you to Miss Foy, Miss Casey, Mrs. Waters, the pre-service teachers, Fiona Rankin, and to George Vlahos (on work experience) for coaching teams on the day.

Many thanks to Wilma Culton for allowing us the freedom to engage the children in such a wide variety of sports at Serpell. Our children have been exposed to sports that many other schools avoid or don't teach at all and so many discover strengths in sports that they never imagined they would be good at.

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TEMPESTOWE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Thursday approximately 80 children competed in the Templestowe District athletics carnival. There were so many personal bests achieved, and whether children have progressed to Divisional level or not, their efforts were well noted and appreciated!

In all, we will have representation in 20 places over the 11 events progressing to the Manningham Division Athletics Carnival on Thursday 8th October. Thank you to our parent helpers and supporters. It was great to see so many there on the day.

Hooptime Regional Finals

Well done to all the teams that participated in the Hooptime Basketball round robin during the term.

Teams that have qualified for Regional Finals in Term 4 are Year 4 All Star Girls and Year 6 All Star Boys.

Year 4 Girls will play at Maroondah Basketball Stadium on Wednesday 14th October and Year 6 Boys will play at Nunawading Stadium on Friday 6th November. Details will be sent out during Term 4.

Graham Matthews & Lola Hughes

SERPELL BASKETBALL CLUB

RESULTS of Games W/E 12 Sep

U9 Girls Sunraysia 8 OLOP Opals 18
U11 Girls Star Shooters 23 Donvale 2
U9 Boys Coyotes
U11 Boys Spartans 38 OLOP crocs 18
U11 Boys Scorpions 15 OLOP Rockets
Open Boys Cyclones 40 Milgate Magic 34

RESULTS of Games W/E 11 Sep BULLEEN

Gr 3/4 Girls Serpell Stars 18 St Clements Rawlings 10
Gr 3/4 Girls St Charles Stars 2 Boroondara 9
Gr 1/2 Boys Scorcher 0 Boroondara Giants
Gr 3/4 Boys Strikers BYE
Gr 3/4 Boys Challengers 22 St Peter & Paul 3 - 6

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016

Registrations for 2016 will commence on 5 October 2015. Details on how to register will be provided.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

After spending more than 2 years on the committee of the Association, a number of members will be moving on at the end of the year. In order to be able to continue next year, we will need more volunteers for roles on the Committee. If you are interested in playing a role in the Association please contact Kim or Gordana, contact details below.

Kim Voulanas - Co-ordinator Serpell Community Basketball Association (Leeds St) kvoulanas@bigpond.com Mob: 0400 546 855
Gordana Duvnjak- co-ordinator – Serpell Community Basketball Association (Bulleen) gordana.duvnjak@proark.com.au Mob: 0418 147 817

SERPELL NETBALL CLUB

The results for Saturday's netball:
Meteors BYE
Jets 43 won Donvale Deezers 0

If you are interested in joining a Team or attending a Training Session, please contact Joanne Johnson – 0403 301 017 or crandjohson@bigpond.com

Serpell Netball Club Committee