

27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**STUDENT REPORTS TO PARENTS**

The midyear reports on student progress will be distributed to parents this coming Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June. I have personally read the reports and I would like to congratulate the students on their hard work and the teachers for their exceptional professionalism.

Our reports look very similar to previous years – we know that Serpell parents want to know exactly what the standard is and how their child is progressing against the standard and expectations. However, there is a small change – we have moved as a system from the Australian Curriculum to the Victorian Curriculum, so the levels cover two years rather than one. The levels are a continuum.

Teachers make informed, on-balance judgements, based on evidence gained from the range of formal and informal assessment tasks and learning experiences, about a learner's progress against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards. Teachers place students against the position on the continuum that most accurately reflects the student's level of achievement against the achievement standards.

If you have any concerns about your child's report, please make an appointment to see the class teacher. I have recorded all students for whom we have any queries or concerns and we will be following up with support for those children.

**TEACHERS LEAVING**

We have several staff changes for Term 3, due to a range of different circumstances.

**Jo Rose** has commenced her Maternity Leave, with her baby due in August. We wish Jo and her family a happy time anticipating the birth of their baby boy and look forward to hearing the exciting delivery news in the near future. Jo's class will be taken next term by Georgia Mavrogiannis.

**Laura Job** has secured a position at Glen Katherine Primary in Prep commencing next term. We thank Laura for her care for her students and her professional support here at Serpell. Laura's class is to be taught next term by Candice Koranias.

**Erin Zervos** will be relocating her family to her parents' home in far north Queensland. We thank Erin for her five years of work here at Serpell and wish her well in her new life stage. Sharmini Kuruparan will now teach 2ZL with Pau-Lu Lie.

**WINTER HOLIDAYS**

School will break for the mid-year vacation this coming Friday at 2.30pm and resume on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 9am. I wish everyone a wonderful winter break – maybe I will see you on the Gold Coast!

**WILMA CULTON**

**From the School Council President**

**School Council Meeting Report for June**

At last night's meeting, the School Council received an overview of the recent staff conference and an update on other professional learning taking place.

We also discussed a number of upcoming facility repairs including the replacement of the slide in the Year 1 playground and carpet in some classrooms.

We received the full preparatory report from the Council of International Schools (CIS), with further discussions on their suggestions to take place over the coming months.

School council meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August in the staffroom.

**Natalie Lauder - School Council President**

**Flexibuzz is Here!**



All families should receive a flyer today about Flexibuzz, the new school communication app.

Flexibuzz (formerly known as tiqbiz) is widely used among many school communities. It allows the school to provide timely reminders regarding school events, excursions and more. The app includes links to the latest newsletter and Year Level blogs, and it can translate certain information into the language of your choice if you need. You can also access the information via the Flexibuzz website version. We encourage all families to sign up as soon as possible to be ready for Term 3.

## ART CAPTAINS

Last Week the Manningham Council invited the Serpell Students and community to the official opening of the Ruffey Lake Park play area at the Victoria Street play space.



The new nature-inspired play area includes:

- A playful rock area, with pebbles designed by our students and other local school students
- A water pump and river bed channel with water play gates
- A giant gecko sculptural feature
- New planting of shrubs and trees

It was a fun experience that added a colourful scenery to Ruffey Lake Park.

I enjoyed finding my rock among all the other pebbles. This project showed great community spirit and I hope that it will bring great joy to the Manningham community.

**Si Qi**  
*Art captain*

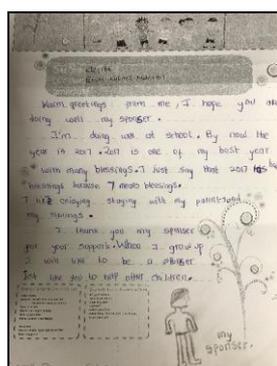
## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

### Sponsor News

Recently a wonderful letter arrived to Serpell from our sponsor child Emmaculate.



She is doing really well because of our continuing sponsorship. Thank you to all families once again who participated in our 'Pyjama Day' this term.



## CHESS CLUB

Enrolments are open for Term 3 Chess Club.

Chess Club is held on a Friday at lunchtime in the Year 5 building.

We have limited spaces available, so if your child is interested in participating, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return to school immediately.

## ENVIRO SQUAD

### MobileMuster at Serpell



Just an update on the Serpell MobileMuster. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution to this sustainability cause. For those of you who don't know, Serpell Primary is running a MobileMuster until the end of term. Enviro Squad students have been campaigning to collect old mobile phones, chargers and batteries as we are donating these parts to the MobileMuster sustainability project.

In Australia there are an estimated 23 million old phones lying around. As we are such a big community, we are hoping to donate enough parts that will be recycled into bollards and fence posts. So if you have any old phones, chargers or batteries that you won't be needing anymore, you will find the donation box by the front door!

This small action will go a long way to developing our understanding of recycling and a sustainable attitude that will assist our students in facing the environmental challenges in which they will face in their futures.

Please note: we are collecting only old phones, phone chargers and phone batteries but nothing else. We can only donate old mobile phone parts so please do not put old batteries and non-mobile related chargers in with your donations.

Thanks again to everyone who has already made a donation. Keep an eye out for future updates in future newsletters, at assembly and ask your children about this great initiative.

**Mr Stephens & The Enviro Squad**

## SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

### Girls' Teeball District Final

Last Thursday our Blue girls' tee ball played in a District finals match against Milgate PS.

The girls had gone through the season with only one loss, also then to Milgate. They had trained regularly each week and most recently against the boys' team, in preparation for their round robin. Although the girls were defeated on Thursday, they displayed great sportsmanship, team work and skills. Well done girls.



*Lola Hughes - Coach*

### Hot Shots Tennis

It was an exciting Thursday afternoon where the two skilled competing teams, Serpell and Milgate went head to head in a hot shot final championship. Throughout the nail biting one and a half hours the champions were vague until the end. Losing the first three sets Serpell gave a vigorous push to award them the leading edge. At the end of the day Serpell had proved to be successful. It was a very close match but Serpell took out the winning banner with the score being 44-27. Thanks to all participants, Mrs Waters for organising and running the hot shot training session and thanks to Mr Thuys for giving us great support on the day.



## DIARY

Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Make-up lesson for KT Tutoring
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Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Term 3 Chess Fees due today
<b>Fri 30</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Last day of Term – 2:30pm finish</b>
<b>Mon 17</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 3 – 9am start</b>
Fri 28	July	Term 3 Chess begins
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Year 3 & 4 Swimming commences
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Year 3 & 4 Swimming – last day

### KT TUTORING

A reminder to all parents of children who participate in KT Tutoring that there will be make-up lessons this last week (Wed 28/6 and Thursday 29/6) to cover the missed lessons due to curriculum days before the Queen's Birthday holiday.

Please remember that KT lessons do not operate the first week of next term.

## NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

Congratulations to Eugene Teo from 5KB who won the Booksellers Prize of an iPod shuffle from the Hamilton Island raffle. Eugene's name was spelt incorrectly in last week's newsletter.

## PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

### FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

My name is Derick Chong. I am the Vice President of Serpell Parent's Association. I have a son who is at Grade 1 and a younger one who is going to start prep next year. This is my second year as Vice President. My initial thought of joining PA committee was to have a better understanding on how the parents and school work together to make Serpell a great school. Another thought was to be involved in various activities that was organised by PA. I believe for a school to be great, parents involvement and contribution is paramount. I do hope more parents will get involved in PA activities. So far my experience in PA has been great and rewarding.

*Derick Chong, PA Vice President*

### SCHOOL RAFFLE

Correction: **Eugene Teo** who was name drawn for the booksellers prize.

### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Last week of school until the holidays are upon us. This week with winter weather upon us we are wrapping up the term with winter crafts and games.

The basketball court has been a choice of the children playing 3 on 3 matches, shoot out contests and so much more. These activities will continue this week.

Inside there has been Dr Ball, skittles, Flinch and other group circle games, some fun running games, dress ups, card games and so much more.

**School holiday club bookings are now open.** There are so many fun and exciting activities. We will be heading to the movies to see Despicable 3 and when we come back we will be creating fun items to take home. There will be sports games, art/craft items, quiet activities, imagination activities, science and cooking. Each day will have many activities on hand. Please log on to the Camp Australia website to see what is happening each day. Don't forget to book!

For all your account needs please log on to [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au) and use the parent portal.

A special thank you to all the parents who are getting in touch with us that their child is not attending on the day. It makes getting the program activities easier to start.

For the parents with bookings on the day please call or text us that your child is attending before the program starts so we can maintain the appropriate ratio for educators to children. Thank you.

**Christine, David and educators**  
0424 454 961

### SERPELL NETBALL

Congratulations to our 13/U Jets team for making the Grand Final last Saturday.

Unfortunately we were runners up on the day, 13-14 but the efforts and attitude on the day and throughout the season of the whole team should be acknowledged and commended.

Spring season commences on Saturday 22 July. Enjoy the break.



### SERPELL BASKETBALL

#### BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 24<sup>th</sup> June

U 11 Girls Prelim. final	Sunrays 14	Donvale Diamonds 6
U 11 Boys Prelim. final	Coyotes 11	Donvale Devils 40

#### MID WEEK COMPETITION

1 / 2 GIRLS – Grand Final	Cats 14	Templestowe Valley Warrell 0
3 / 4 Boys – Grand Final	Strikers 16	Templestowe Valley 3 15
3 / 4	Sabers 24	Templestowe De Napoli 14

#### Grade 5/6 girls Monday

Grand final :

Serpell Star Shooter (21) def St Gregs Kyriakolos(18)



## Serpell Community Basketball

### SKILLS CAMP

Serpell Basketball members and other players aged 6 – 13 years old

The program will be a three day camp of 3 hours daily of skills and game situations that will focus on shooting, ball skills, individual offence and game play with expert coaches.

Dates: Monday July 3 - Wednesday July 5 – 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Slater Reserve, Grosvenor Street, Blackburn North 3130.

Cost: \$40 for one day, \$70 for two days or \$90 for all three days.

Players should bring a ball with their name clearly marked, a drink bottle and be ready to work hard!

Registrations close – Tuesday, June 27 or until sold out!  
Contact Paul Lankford on 0431 559 893 or [info@blackburnbasketball.com.au](mailto:info@blackburnbasketball.com.au)