

5th February 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR

Welcome everyone to the 2019 school year. We have had an outstanding start with teachers preparing over the holidays and students arriving excited and ready to start work. A special welcome is extended to our new families and the very excited Prep students who will commence their formal schooling lives tomorrow.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION MONDAY

Happy Lunar New Year to our Chinese community. As a special celebration to welcome the Year of the Pig we will be holding a whole school assembly next Monday 11th February at 2.30pm in the stadium. Please bring your family along to join in as we enjoy the Lion Dance and Chinese dance performances. Thank you to the Chinese teaching team for their organisation of the celebration.



新年快乐

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We have several new staff members at Serpell this year and we extend to them a very warm welcome to their new educational career experience. They are:

Vanessa Giokas in Year 1
Georgia Margaris in Year 2
Erin Dawe in Year 2
Melissa Balassone in Year 3
Jamie Xu in Year 3

Jamie Clark in Year 4
Mitchell Thorp in Year 4
Kassandra Young in Year 5
Emily Haitidis in Art
Hua Yao in Chinese (returning)
Erin Ding in Chinese (returning)
Sunny Yang Chinese Intern from China

SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2019

The organisation of our school has changed very little from previous years and our enrolment has stabilised with the implementation of "closest neighbourhood school" guidelines. Some facts about our 2019 organisation are that we have 1138 students in 47 classes for 2019 and they are arranged as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Average Size</u>
Prep	7	21
Year 1	8	21
Year 2	7	25
Year 3	7	24
Year 4	6	27
Year 5	6	25
Year 6	6	26

The smaller classes in Years Prep and Year 1 reflect the funding provision by the Department of Education and a commitment to give children a strong and positive start to their early education.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

This newsletter is published on paper and on-line at www.serpellps.vic.edu.au each Tuesday to keep our community well informed about school events. It is also available on Flexi buzz.

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

COMMUNICATION THROUGH YEAR LEVEL BLOGS

The classroom blogs have been a brilliant way to communicate between home and school. The blogs include examples of the Inquiry unit being studied, home learning tasks and opportunities for you and your child to interact with the class throughout the year.

Each term a newsletter specifically about your child's year level will be posted to the blog and will provide you with information regarding all areas of the curriculum that your child will be engaged in. Information regarding specialist classes, suggestions for your child's learning at home and a diary of special events will be included. The blog is a fantastic way to keep you in touch with your child's learning. As an eSmart school, all blog posts are moderated and students are to be confident, respectful, safe and critical users of technologies.

This year the blogs for each year level can be found at:

Prep – <http://spsprep2019.global2.vic.edu.au/>
Year 1 – <http://year1sps2019.global2.vic.edu.au/>
Year 2 – <http://year2sps2019.global2.vic.edu.au/>
Year 3 – <http://year3sps2019.global2.vic.edu.au/>
Year 4 – <http://2019year4sps.global2.vic.edu.au/>
Year 5 – <http://year5sps2019.global2.vic.edu.au/>
Year 6 – <http://year6sps2019.global2.vic.edu.au/>

We are all looking forward to an interactive year ahead!
#blogging

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A date for your diary, school photos for 2019 will be held on Tuesday the 19th of March and Wednesday the 20th of March. **You will be advised of the photo day for each class closer to the day, in the school newsletter.**

Kristele Kluke

ABSENCE REPORTING



It is a Department of Education requirement that you have report your child's absence to the school.

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.

FLEXI BUZZ

A reminder to all returning families to update your year level notifications on flexibuzz to reflect you child's new school year level.



To all our new families, please download the **FlexiBuzz** app. The school uses this app for notifications, reminders about excursions, our newsletter can be viewed, canteen menu and uniform shop order forms amongst many others.

Another great feature is the ability to translate messages in to many different languages.

Go to 'flexibuzz' in your app store or www.flexibuzz.com and click sign up.

A full instruction sheet is available at the office.

PARENT CLASSROOM HELPERS

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CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS LITERACY LEARNING: Afternoon sessions Term 1



Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers program will be offered on a Wednesday afternoon this term. These sessions are designed around the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. If you are interested in assisting in the Prep, 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:

Wednesday 27th of February

Wednesday 6th of March

Wednesday 13th of March

Wednesday 20th of March

Time: 2.00-3.30pm

Location: Staff Centre Administration building

No pre-school children please.

Please fill out the return slip below if you are interested in attending this Literacy Education Program and **return it to the school office by the 25th of February.** We will be in contact with you before the workshops begin to confirm that we have sufficient numbers to run these classes.

Mia Reid
Literacy Learning Specialist

Parent Classroom Helper Program Sessions

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

Please print:

Name:

Child's name:

Child's teacher:

email address:

DIARY

Wed 6 th	Feb	2019 Prep Students start today
Mon 11 th	Feb	Whole school assembly – 2:30pm
Fri 15 th	Feb	Parents' Association Annual General Meeting – 9:30am Staffroom Everyone welcome
Wed 27 th	Feb	Classroom Helper Program Session 1 2pm – 3pm
Wed 6 th	Mar	Classroom Helper Program Session 2 2pm – 3pm
Wed 13 th	Mar	Classroom Helper Program Session 3 2pm – 3pm
Tue 19 th	Mar	School Photos
Wed 20 th	Mar	School Photos
Wed 20 th	Mar	Classroom Helper Program Session 4 2pm – 3pm

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Parent Helpers - If you would like to assist me in the Uniform Shop from 8:30am – 10am on Tuesday mornings, your help would be much appreciated.

Duties include – serving parents at the counter and taking payment.

Depending on the number of helpers I get, you may only need to help out once a month or hopefully only once a term.

Please ring the Office on 9842 8182 and leave your name and number so I can put together a Roster for Term 1.

Wendy Mansell
Uniform Shop Manager

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to new as well as continuing families. We hope everyone's glad to be back into the swing of things. May the Year of the Pig be a happy and lucky one for you and your families!

The Parents' Association plays a key role in which parents can get involved and work together for the benefit of our school and our children. As a collective group we arrange and organise school and social activities and raise funds to purchase equipment and contribute to building improvements for our school. All parents and guardians of children at Serpell are members of the Parent Association.

We will be holding our **Annual General Meeting on Friday, 15th February at 9.30am** in the Staff Room. There will be a presentation on "Technology at Serpell". Please consider getting involved and we look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

Yvette Kwei, President.Serpell@gmail.com

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Kody Sapolu from 3CL. Whilst most of us were basking by the pool or beach, or perfecting the art of couch potato, Kody was busy pursuing several sports at State, National and International levels!!

In early January, Kody competed at the Futsal Oz Junior Nationals – 2 years up, in the U10 competition. Later that month, he played at the Craig Foster International Cup at the Gold Coast in the U9 tournament. His team, Melbourne Dragons made the quarter finals, losing to Gold Coast United FC thereby missing out on entry to the World Cup in Florida, USA!

This weekend Kody competed in the heat at the State Combined Athletics Championships at Lakeside with his best performance being in the Discus – 19.83 metres!!! Well done Kody on all your achievements.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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SERPPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

<p>SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS – CRICKET- SOCCER-BASEBALL – TENNIS – FUN GAMES</p> <p>Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 for a SIZZLING SUMMER OF SPORTS! Our Kelly Sports classes are all inclusive, fun & interactive with a key focus on maximum participation. Each week children will be introduced to new sports & activities in a positive environment. It's a fantastic way to get your child active while having fun as well as building confidence and social skills!</p>	<p>WRITE: Monday's COMMENCING: 1st February CONCLUDING: 1st April TIME: 3.00pm – 4.40pm YEAR LEVELS: P-5 COST: \$104.80 (Inc GST) No session 11th March</p>
<p>HIP HOP</p> <p>Kelly Sports welcomes HIP HOP back in Term 2! In this program students will have the opportunity to move, groove, spin and hop to the sound of hip hop beats alongside our very experienced dance instructor. You will have a fantastic time learning the new moves in our high energy, excitement-filled dance environment. At the end of the term the kids will have learnt a new performance to showcase to their parents.</p>	<p>WRITE: Thursday's COMMENCING: 1st February CONCLUDING: 2nd April TIME: 12.30pm – 1.30pm YEAR LEVELS: P-4 COST: \$118.80 (Inc GST)</p>
<p>GYM FUN</p> <p>This fun fast paced, highly active and non-stop program is an introduction to your child into the world of gymnastics. Cultural ribbons, balancing balls, hoops, reversible rhythmic hoops and 6/8mp Dynamic. Allow your child to build their gymnastics skills and their drive for exciting energetic activities.</p>	<p>WRITE: Thursday's COMMENCING: 1st February CONCLUDING: 4th April TIME: 12.30pm – 1.30pm YEAR LEVEL: P-4 COST: \$118.80 (Inc GST)</p>

Please visit www.kellysports.com.au/terms and search for your school.
 Our new booking system requires upfront payments to secure your position. For more information, please call the head office.

The Kelly Sports programme offers our students opportunities for physical activity, including dance & multi-sports. Our recently updated conceptual programs, they are popular with students and their families. Staff are skilled in working with young people to love active participation.

Amunika May, Principal – Newtown Primary School

"Be the beginning, Be the future"

Season 2019 Registration Open Days

Doncaster Rovers has a long history of developing Junior footballers and is now delighted to invite all prospective players to register with our club. We are accepting all applicants from U5 - U20.

Boasting one of the best facilities in the Eastern Region, with new gender friendly change rooms, two full size pitches, quarter size synthetic pitch, and ample club rooms.

We invite all Junior boys and girls and Senior Women to attend our open days...

Open Registration Days

Date: Saturday 2nd & 16th February
Where: DRSC - Anderson Park Club Room
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm