

7<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### **CHINA VISIT THIS WEEK**

We are delighted this week to be hosting 8 students and their teacher, Miss Wu, from our sister school, the Jin Chang Foreign Language Experimental School In Suzhou, China. The visit is a part of the Jiangsu Province relationship, with the Victorian Government, which has supported our student exchanges and teacher professional development for the past 8 years. The students are each hosted with a Serpell family and we are grateful to those families for supporting the program so generously. Students will be involved in regular classroom activities, special art and robotics experiences and visit the Healesville Sanctuary. Following their departure on Sunday, they will fly to Sydney for additional cultural experiences before travelling home. In September, 13 Serpell students and three teachers will make the return visit over two weeks. They will visit, Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou for a week of schooling and they finally Shanghai. We are so very fortunate to be give this opportunity to make close relationships and intensive educational opportunities.

### **40<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – MOVIE NIGHT**

The school celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018 and in recognition, the PA are working exceptionally hard to provide a birthday experience for us. The date is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September and the event will run from 4.30pm – 9.15pm on the oval and carpark. Activities include food trucks, the movie "Sing", fitness activities, a raffle and fireworks. Please see the PA section for booking details. The evening promises to be a wonderful celebration for our community.

### **SCIENCE AWARD**

Congratulations to Eugene Teo, who achieved a distinction in the 2018 ICAS Science Competition. I apologise to Eugene for mistyping his name in the newsletter last week and wish to ensure that he is recognised for his achievement.

**WILMA CULTON**

## ABSENCE REPORTING



**Please ring to report your child's absence or late arrival before 9:00am on the day of absence.**

This will ensure that parents and the school are confident of where the children are at all times.

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.**

**Save this number!** Our school uses SMS/text to contact parents/carers as soon as practical on the day on an **unexplained** student absence.

Save these numbers 0419 922 576 and 0419 364 597 into your phone so you know it is the school contacting you if you receive a text. You can reply via return text with a brief reason for your child's absence – **please do not ring these numbers.**

***If your child arrives late to school, please check in at the office before proceeding to class.***

## 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop will be open from 9am – 10am on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August in the Canteen Foyer.

**Please note: Cash only**

A big thank you to all the families who have donated clothing.

## YEAR 2 & 3 CONCERT

### A NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Concerts and special moments for all Serpell students happen with lots of support and commitment from their teachers. They also happen with the wonderful support, time and effort given by parent helpers who are able to make contributions as well.



A VERY BIG THANK YOU goes to **Catherine Chan** and **Ana Godino** for their contributions and skillful, crafty talents with sewing and altering costumes in preparation for last week's concert.

We would also like to acknowledge the very kind and generous donations of numerous costume items donated by Brigitte Prell from **Stummer Studio Dance School** who has kindly donated costumes. We look forward to incorporating them into our collection.

**Costume Coordinator**  
**Vicky Petsinis**

### CONCERT DVD

A reminder to parents if you would like to order a copy of the DVD (\$25 cash only) of the concert, you will need to return your envelope before Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> August to the school office.

## AUSTRALIAN GIRLS' CHOIR

### Australian Girls' Choir

On Tuesday the 28th of August the Australian Girls' Choir will be coming to Serpell to run a workshop with girls from Prep to 6.

If you would like your daughter to participate, please return the form to your teacher by Friday the 17th of August.

Forms are available from your daughter's teacher or the school office.

Interested girls will be assessed as a group by one of their tutors and each will be sent an encouraging written report following the assessment.

## WASTE WISE WEDNESDAY

### WasteWise Wednesday is Back!!

**What:** WasteWise Wednesday

**When:** Every Wednesday of the school term (Begins Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August)

**How:** Bring food to school using little or no packaging that will lead to waste.

**Why:** Helping our environment by reducing the amount of waste our school produces.

At Serpell Primary School the Enviro Squad has noticed an increase in the amount of trash in the yard. After successfully changing our bins to make trash easier to dispose of, we have decided to bring back WasteWise Wednesday to take our sustainable action one step further. When you think about the numbers it is easy to get alarmed. If every child had only one item of rubbish for every day of the week, the school would collect nearly 6000 pieces of rubbish each and every week! This is around 60,000 every term, or nearly a quarter of a million every year! And we know from previous Enviro Squad litter audits that, on average, each students brings 3-4 items of rubbish per day. That brings the total to 1 million items of rubbish per year!

We ask that every Wednesday you and your child consciously reduce the amount of waste that comes to school in the lunchbox. Can you use other alternatives such as reusable tupperware? This way students develop an understanding of the importance of being sustainable. The impact that waste is having on our Earth is something that we think we can fix just by making a few simple and small changes.

Class totals will be collected with the aim of celebrating sustainable classrooms and challenging ourselves to reduce waste to help the environment.

Your ongoing support is appreciated!



**The Enviro Squad**

## PARENT CLASSROOM HELPER PROGRAM

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#### **CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING- SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS LITERACY LEARNING.**



#### **Evening Sessions Term 3.**

Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers program will be offered on Thursday evenings 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 60 minutes duration. You must commit to the whole four sessions.**

The following sessions will be held this term:

**Evenings: Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Time: 7:00 – 8:00pm**

**Location: Staff Centre Administration building.**

**No 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 by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of August. We will be in contact with you before the workshops begin to confirm that we have sufficient numbers to run these classes.

*Mia Reid*

#### Parent Classroom Helper Program Sessions

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

Please print.

**Name:**

**Email address:**

**Child's name:**

**Child's teacher:**

## DIARY

Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Year 3 Camp Information Night 7pm in the Staffroom
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop Canteen Foyer 9am – 10am
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Year 4 Camp Information Night
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Classroom Helper Training Session 1
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Popcorn Fundraiser money due back today
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Aug	Classroom Helper Training Session 2
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Australian Girls' Choir Tryouts at Serpell
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Yr 4 Werribee Zoo Excursion
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Classroom Helper Training Session 3
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Aug	Annual Father's Day Breakfast
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sep	Classroom Helper Training Session 4
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sep	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Movie & Food Truck Celebration
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sep	Yr 4 & 5 Concert Besen Centre at 7pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sep	Last day of term 3 2:30pm finish time
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Curriculum Day – <b>No School</b>
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Melbourne Cup Day – <b>No School</b>

## SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

### **STANDARDISED SPORTS DAY**

Well done to all the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in the Standardised Sports Day at George Street Athletics Track yesterday in blustery conditions.

Children participated diligently and we are now able to begin our selection for our school athletics team to compete in our District Athletics Carnival to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Thank you to the parents who assisted in judging and timing throughout the day.

### Year 5-6 Girls Footy

Last Tuesday the year 5-6 girls were selected to compete in the Regional Finals. It was an intense, hard day but we made the very best of it. We had some amazing wins and hard fought loses, in the end coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group. We cannot forget to thank Miss G for her amazing support and our Captain Zahra and Vice-Captain Khadija. Most importantly, we would like to thank Mr Thuys for being a fun, encouraging and supportive coach. Thank you to all the players who contributed on the day and good luck to the teams next year!

**Zahra Currie (6JC)**  
**Girls Footy Captain**



### TEEBALL DIVISIONAL FINALS

Last Thursday Serpell Girls Teeball and the Mixed Teeball teams played Doncaster Gardens in the Manningham Divisional Grand Finals.

Both teams won convincingly and now go on to a Regional Round Robin later this month.

**Scores:** Serpell Girls 20 – 1

Serpell Mixed Teeball 19 – 7

Congratulations to both teams who had been training extensively throughout the season and in a lead up to the Divisional Grand Finals. Ms Hughes had put a lot of time in coaching the children and we displayed our skills and sportsmanship in these games.

Thanks to Miss Hoskin who coached the girls team on the day.

**Girls Team** – Alexia Papavasiliou, Chelsea Pearson, Jennifer Grima, Persia Mamedi, Anita Birchall, Olivia-Beau Cutler, Sofia Malik, Yee-Yuan Lim, Karen Chu, Liana Holda, Jiwon Lee and Khadijah Qureshi.

**Mixed Team** – Samir Muaremi, Nate Cantwell, Leon Kocev, Yash Goel, Logan Cox, Damon Knight, Nick Wang, Isaac See, Isaac Ma, Adam Halabi and Sam Niemes.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

### SERPPELL'S 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MOVIE & FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

We are excited to announce that tickets for our 40th Anniversary Celebration go on sale today!

#### **Details for the Event:**

**Date:** Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** Celebrations begin from 4:30pm, with food trucks, activities, raffle prizes and more

**Movie:** 'Sing' will be showing at 7pm, followed by a spectacular fireworks display

**Where:** Serpell Primary School Oval

**Price for Movie:** Adults \$10, Children (4 - 15 years) \$5 (plus booking fees). Family discounts apply.

**Bring:** BYO Picnic rug/blanket, money for food, drinks and raffle tickets. *(This is an alcohol free event)*

It really is a not-to-be-missed event!

For more information and to book please go to:

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

### POPCORN

Thank you to all the families who have returned their payment for our popcorn fundraiser!



Please note that forms are due back on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## SERPPELL BASKETBALL

### BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 5th August

#### SATURDAY COMPETITION

U9 BOYS	Serpell Stars 36	Donval Dinosaurs 2
U11 BOUYS	Serpell Storm 18	OLOP Lions 32
U9 BOYS	Serpell Cannons 7	Birrilee Bulls 6

#### MID WEEK COMPETITION

5/6 Girls	Serpell Star Shooters 32	THPS Team2 4
3/4 Boys	Serpell Strikers 9	Temp Valley Alexander 27
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sonics 3	BYE GAME
1/2 Boys	Serpell Swords 25	Tempy Park Crawford 5
1/2 Girls	Serpell Sparkles	BYE GAME
1/2 Boys	Serpell Super Snipers 10	Milgate Magic 16