**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**EXCELLENT PARENT PARTICIPATION**

Today our first batch of 44 enthusiastic Parent Helpers have graduated from their course and are available to assist in their children’s classrooms. The course has been led by teacher Jo Rose and in the four weeks has covered current research and practice in the teaching of reading, writing, speaking and listening as well as classroom routines. There are four main benefits of becoming a Parent Helper. They are:

- you are able to assist our school in helping the children to learn
- you study and learn the current techniques in how to assist your child at home
- you are able to see how your own child is learning within the classroom
- you make a positive partnership relationship with the class teacher and students

The next training will be on Monday mornings in Term 2. Please watch the newsletter for further details of how to enrol. Thank you to Jo Rose for her leadership, skill and encouragement of the program.

Our School Banking program is thriving, thanks to the leadership and management of 8 parent helpers who give their time and talent each Tuesday morning to processing hundreds of student deposits. This is highly accountable and detailed work and we are so grateful for their generous time and professionalism.

This morning so many parents and grandparents assisted in the Walk, Ride, Scoot and Skate to school. Everyone looked so happy and fit arriving for the school day. In addition, a team of parents went to the Year 6 excursion to Westerfolds Park this morning to support the FitnessWorx experience.

This is just a snapshot of parent participation that happened today! Significant research shows that parent involvement in education is a strong benefit to student learning. At this school we are so very fortunate to have talented and contributing parents who willingly support all of the children, as well as their own. Thank you- we appreciate you so very greatly!

WILMA CULTON

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

*Leading Image* will be taking school photos on Tuesday 15th March and Wednesday 16th March. (**Following the long weekend**)

All students will receive their order envelopes today which are individually named.

*The order envelope needs to be brought on the day and handed to the photographer (not before).*

You now have the option of paying online if paying by credit card, if you use this option, you must still bring the order envelope on the day.

- **If paying by cheque, please make payable to ‘Leading Image’**.
- **If paying by cash, correct money must be included, NO change will be given.**

Family order forms are available from the school office. Only one family envelope per family is required. **Please give it to the eldest child on the day.** They will be responsible for collecting their younger siblings at recess or lunch time.

Please send your child along to school with
- A photo envelope
- Best school clothes
- Their best smile!

**Tuesday 15th March**

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MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

A reminder to all parents/carers, please make sure your child’s first and last name and class is put on any paperwork coming to school. This includes absence notes, PA fundraising forms, money for excursions and uniform shop orders.

MESSAGE FROM THE ENVIRO SQUAD

‘Dress in Green for Clean Up Australia Day’
This Friday get ready to GO GREEN! This Friday March 11 is Clean Up Australia Day at Serpell and we want everyone to dress in green to show their support for our environment. On Friday, your grade should count the total amount of wrappers you collectively pick up around the school and report them to your class Enviro Squad representative.

Classes who pick up the most rubbish will be rewarded with some fantastic eco-friendly prizes. This week, Enviro reps will be coming around to make sure your class has buckets and tongs so you can get stuck into helping out.

Good luck, our environment thanks you, and remember this Friday, ‘Keep it Clean, Dress in Green’.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Welcome to the Camp Australia Before and After School Care.

This week we are looking at different textiles to make many different effects in the art area. We are heading outside to play games with the parachutes, and some fun games provided by David and Jackson. We will continue our fun science experiments and have some fun cooking.

Over the past two weeks the children have been helping create a friendship zone from a great decorated cubby house to friendship bracelets, buddy bear puppets and we looked at what values can influence friendships. We look forward to the new friendships forming and the children growing in their buddy roles.

Please note the Holiday Club bookings are now open. Please make sure to log on to find fun and engaging programs over the holidays.

To create an account, make a booking or to cancel a booking please go to http://www.campaustralia.com.au

Have a great week.
Christine and staff – 0424 454 961

Parent Teacher Interviews
Today you will receive an information flyer for Term 1 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at Serpell Primary School on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.

If you require an interpreter for your Parent Teacher Interview please contact the office and we can organise one for your time.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 17th MARCH at 9:00am.
School Event code: jyazu

Michael RAMSEY
SENior School Sports

round 6

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Regional Swimming Championships

10 children participated in the Eastern Regional Swimming Championships held at Aquanation in Ringwood yesterday.

Congratulations to all swimmers with a number qualifying for the final held in the afternoon.

Logan Cox 10yr Breaststoke – 6th
Shani Zou 11yr Freestyle – 4th Butterfly 9th
Eren Simsek 12yr Butterfly – 9th
Anna Chan 12yr Breakstroke – 7th

12yr Girls Relay – Jessica Sabiston, Anna Chan, Jessica Dam, Sophie May – 7th

11yr Girls Relay - Jasmine Kinghorn, Sini Panagiotou, Ava Komodromos and Shani Zou – finished 4th in their heat, but due to a timing error were unable to compete in the final. Hopefully better news this week as we await the outcome.

Thanks to all the support from parents and family on the day.

Graham MATTHEWS - PE Teacher

Diary

Fri 11th Mar ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ – Dress in Green
Mon 14th Mar Labour Day Holiday – No School
Tue 15th Mar School Photos – see table for times
Wed 16th Mar School Photos – see table for times
Fri 18th Mar PA ‘Fitness Fun Day’ fundraiser
Mon 21st Mar Parent Teacher Interviews - 4.00 to 5.30pm
Tue 22nd Mar Parent Teacher Interviews – 4.00 to 8.00pm
Thu 24th Mar Last Day of Term – 2.30 dismissal

Assembly Times

Years 2 & 3 2.00pm
Years Found & 1 2.30pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 3.00pm

Senior School Sport Training

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School Banking

New bankers, please DO NOT send us the deposit slip only, we need the whole book so that we can stamp the deposit stub. Please remember to always enter all the required information on the deposit slips as well, thank you!

2KK has the most bankers this week, happy banking & have a great week!

The School Banking Team.
PA MEETING
The next Parents’ Association Meeting will be held this Friday, 11th March at 9am in the staff room. Come and meet some new friends, and hear first hand what’s happening at school. New people always welcome!

2ND HAND UNIFORMS
If you would like to sell your 2nd Hand Uniforms, you can use the Facebook page “Serpell Primary Pre-owned Uniform Shop”. You will need to request to join the group. Once approved, you can post your items for sale. We will aim to run a 2nd Hand sale early Term 2 with stock on hand. If you can assist at the sale (approx 1 hour), please email Nat Lauder at natlauder@gmail.com

2016 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES STILL NEEDED
Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to be Class Rep this year for your child’s class however we still need more Class Reps. If you have a child in any of the following classes please consider being a class rep as it is a very easy role that hardly takes up any time.

F SD
1 BS
2 LF
3 CL, RB, RM
4 JL
5 KD, RK
6 SC, SS

If you would like to volunteer please e-mail Dora Demos our Class Rep Coordinator at dora.demos@bigpond.com with your name, your child’s name and class and your phone number.

FITNESS FUN DAY
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
****Seeking Parent Helpers****

A healthy lifestyle for our students is a high priority for Serpell PS. On Friday 18 March our students will be participating in an active hour of Circus, Bootcamp and Dancing fun.

All students are encouraged to participate. Each child is asked to raise $10 for the school in order to partake in our Fitness Fun Day.

The PA is looking for 1 parent helper per class to help co-ordinate the day. Responsibilities include assisting the teachers to move the class to and from each activity and ensuring the students have their hats and water bottles available. Please email Ray on raylynchristou@bigpond.com if you would like to be involved.

Julia Harper - 2016 President, Parents’ Association