

17th March 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADERS

At our School Council meeting last night, office bearers were elected for 2020. Congratulations to:

President	Richard Turner
Vice President	David Kwei
Treasurer	Marjan Hajjari
Secretary	Kristele Kluge

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

No student or staff member at Serpell has been reported as having COVID-19 and the school remains open. In all matters of communication, schools are being managed by the Department of Education and Health. However, as detailed on **Flexibuzz** yesterday, changes have been made specifically to our school organisation in response to the community outbreak of COVID-19.

Assemblies have been cancelled until further notice. Students in Year 6 who were to receive their leadership badges yesterday have been given their awards and will be formally acknowledged at a later assembly.

School Photos have been postponed and have been rescheduled for Tuesday September 8th and Wednesday September 9th. All money collected by Leading Image photographers will be held until that time.

School Banking has been cancelled for the time being.

Interschool Sport for this term has been cancelled.

Excursions have been cancelled.

Young Leaders Day has been postponed until later this year.

Swimming for Years 1 and 2 scheduled for April has been postponed. If it is not able to be rescheduled, all money will be returned to families.

The Concert for Years 2 and 4 scheduled for April has been postponed.

Parent Helpers and Training has been postponed.

School Tours for Prep 2021 have been cancelled for this term and will be rescheduled.

Parent Teacher Interviews for next week have been cancelled. However, if you have any concern about your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher this week and we will make a telephone appointment for you.

LEARNING FROM HOME

In the event of school being closed, our staff have been professionally preparing for families to support their children's learning from home. We are making the class blogs available so that students and parents can individually communicate with their teachers and continue learning. The learning from home section on the blogs will be available if the school is notified that it is to be closed.

This week we are training the students in accessing their on-line learning. Fortunately this generation of students is very familiar with on-line technology. Should a closure occur, teachers will remain on duty either at school or home and be available for their students on-line and on email. We will continue to publish assist and update on the school website at www.serpellps.vic.edu.au

These are the blog addresses:

Prep - <http://spsprep2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Year 1 - <http://year1sps2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Year 2 – <http://year2sps2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Year 3 – <http://year3sps2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Year 4 – <http://year4sps2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Year 5 – <http://year5sps2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Year 6 – <http://year6sps2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Art – <https://spsart.global2.vic.edu.au>

Library – <http://spslibrary2020.global2.vic.edu.au/>

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

School Photos – Postponed

The School Photos for 2020 will be postponed until Term 3 2020.

The dates for School Photos will be Tuesday the 8th of September and Wednesday the 9th of September.

Please be assured that orders will be protected, and any orders placed online will be valid and carry forward until the Photo Day in September. No other arrangements will need to be made regarding ordering or payments. A new timetable will also appear in the school newsletter closer to the date in Term 3.

VALUES COMMITTEE

Harmony Day – ‘Everyone Belongs’

Wear a splash of orange!

Friday the 20th of March

Serpell is celebrating Harmony Day this Friday the 20th of March.

Harmony Day celebrates all the wonderful and unique cultures that make up Australia. The main Harmony day message is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It is about including and respecting everyone and making everyone feel like they belong.

Harmony Day is an important celebration for our community because it is an opportunity to remember and respect our diverse cultural backgrounds and share what we have in common.

The official Harmony Day colour is orange, so this Friday we want everyone to wear a splash of orange with your school uniform to celebrate this special day.

HARMONY DAY

FLEXIBUZZ

A reminder to all families about the importance of having the school app ‘Flexibuzz’ on your phone.



Important updates and notifications are sent through this app from the school.

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.

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. This will avoid unnecessary worrying text messages from the office that your child hasn’t arrived.

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.

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REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday, 12 Serpell students represented the Doncaster Division at the Eastern Region finals, held at Aquanation in Ringwood.

Although none progressed through to the State finals, there were very pleasing and competitive results.

Our girls' medley – Cady Yeung, Hayley Chong, Lara Thang & Jowdy Moh placed 7th; Jowdy Moh 9th in the freestyle and 2nd in the breaststroke; Adam Hsu 4th in butterfly; Alan Li, Shih Yuan Lim, Kody Sapolu and Adam Hsu - 4th in the boys' relay and Emily & Jessica May, Jowdy Moh and Candace Lau - 6th in the girls' relay.

Well done to all the children for swimming their best and being such great ambassadors for our school!

Lola Hughes

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Templestowe District Sports Results – Round 5

BLUE	SERPELL	TEMP HEIGHTS
Cricket	41	40
Bat Tennis	54	12
Open Rounders	44	4
Girls Rounders	11	5
Open Softball	14	17
Girls Softball	28	12

GOLD	SERPELL	TEMP HEIGHTS
Cricket	122	21
Bat Tennis	54	0
Open Rounders	26	14
Girls Rounders	8	9
Open Softball	26	14
Girls Softball	6	3

SCHOOL BANKING

We would like to advise that School Banking will be suspended until next term.

School Banking Team 

DIARY

Fri 20 th	Mar	Harmony Day – wear a splash of orange with your school uniform
Wed 25 th	Mar	Hot Cross Buns delivered to classes
Fri 27 th	Mar	<i>Last Day of Term – school finishes at 2:30pm</i>
Tues 14 th	Apr	First day of Term 2

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Hot Cross Bun Fundraising Drive

Hot Cross Buns will be distributed to your child on Wednesday 25th March. If your child is not at school on this day, you can collect them from the office.

If you have any queries please email Christine at vp.serpell@gmail.com

Additional forms are available at the office.

Kanika Saluja

president.serpell@gmail.com

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to those 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.

PMR, POA, PSD;
1CK, 1VG;
2JB, 2JH, 2KH, 2VP;
3JX, 3RC;
4KS, 4MM, 4NT;
5AL, 5KD, 5KY; and
6EP, 6JD, 6SS.

If you have not already volunteered and would like to be class rep for your child's class – please email Rebecca Evans our Class Rep Coordinator at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name & phone number, as well as your child's name and class.

We look forward to your involvement in the greater Serpell Community.

Rebecca Evans, serpellclassrep@gmail.com

SERPELL BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 15th March
Bulleen Basketball Primary School Competition

3/4 Boys	Serpell Scorpions 17	St Gregs Van Dijk 17
3/4 Boys	Serpell Suns 28	THPS Team1 24
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sensations 32	Tempy Valley Nova 8
3/4 Girls	Serpell Swans 14	Tempy Park Drew 15
3/4 Girls	Serpell Sapphires 33	St Charles Charlies Angels 8
3/4 Girls	Serpell Super Bees 2	Ivanhoe Rockets 3
1/2 Boys	Serpell Skyrockets 18	THPS Team2 18
1/2 Boys	Serpell Sharks 36	Temp Value Singleton 0
1/2 Boys	Serpell Steamrollers 16	Ivanhoe Dragons 2
1/2 Girls	St Charles Stars 0	Tempy Valley Taipans 6
1/2 Boys	St Charles Spiders 0	Broncos 6
3/4 Girls	St Charles Charlies Angels 0	Serpell Sapphires 33

If available and interested please contact Melanie Butcher at Melanie.butcher@gmail.com or 0421 035 901.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, violin, singing, here at Serpell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$18.80 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 2.

Interested parents should call Sweeney during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swnee@creativemusic.com.au

 Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au

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