

17th November 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CLASSES FOR 2021

We have now completed the class structure organisation for 2021 and we are pleased to be able to offer small classes and a rich specialist program to all students. The Department of Education has identified Student Wellbeing as a top priority, as well as the remediation of student learning for those children who slipped behind during the 16 weeks of lockdown. DET has provided an additional \$200,000 in school funding to support a Tutoring Program for these students and Serpell will supplement the program further.

There will be 48 classes next year as follows:

<u>Year level</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Average Size</u>
Prep	7 classes	22 average
Year 1	7 classes	22 average
Year 2	7 classes	21 average
Year 3	7 classes	25 average
Year 4	7 classes	25 average
Year 5	7 classes	25 average
Year 6	6 classes	25

Specialist classes will be available in Art, Physical Education, Library, Languages Other than English (Chinese and Greek), English as an Additional Language and Tutoring.

POSITIVE COVID AUDIT REPORT

Last Friday our school was audited by the Department of Education Occupational Health and Safety Consultant for our COVID safety and we are very pleased to advise parents that we received a very good report. We were keen to receive assistance on any further improvements that we could make and the recommended items were signage in multiple languages, additional hand washing reminders in the student toilets and making sure that classroom windows are open. Thank you to Assistant Principal Costa Kotsiras for his very detailed, thorough and careful management of this vitally important health issue.

WILMA CULTON

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for 2020 will be held on Tuesday the 24th, Wednesday the 25th and Thursday the 26th of November.

To order your school photos this year, you will need to go to www.leadingimage.com.au and enter the school access key **V74XL3WG** with your information. All payments are processed online, this also will allow for easy order tracking. Family photo orders must be placed **no later** than Monday the 23rd of November at 4pm.

If you placed your order at the start of the year, before School Photos were postponed, your order will be carried forward. To verify your order placement, Leading Image would have provided you with an email confirmation.

**All students will receive the same Serpell Primary Access Key:
V74XL3WG**

Please send your child along to school with their best summer uniform and their brightest smile!

Tuesday 24th of Nov	Wednesday 25th of Nov
PDP	1CH
PMR	1CK
PMP	2GM
PSD	3KB
5NT	3RM
6KJ	3JX
5SC	3LZ
2VP	2TH
6NT	1HC
6JD	1VG
POA	6CS
PNA	1LR
PAL	1SC
1BW	2KH
2JH	2AM
5KD	2JB
4NT	5KY

Tuesday 24 th of Nov	Wednesday 25 th of Nov
4MM	6EP
4CS	6SS
5RK	4LF
5AL	3RC
4MT	3SK
4KS	3DB
4JC	

THANK YOU DAY

Thank-You Day - Out of Uniform Day

Dear Serpell Families,

On **Friday the 27th of November** we will be holding a Thank-You Day to acknowledge the hard work people in our community such as health care workers, teachers, and parents, are doing in this challenging year. Students are welcome to wear bright, happy colours to school, and they will be writing letters to special people to say 'thank-you'. Student School Council representatives are already working on an amazing art display for the day, too. We are looking forward to a great day!

The Student School Council



AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

Australian Mathematics Competition

Earlier this year, Serpell had 5 students who were invited to participate in the official Australian Mathematics Competition due to excellent results in the previous year. Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional effort:

Distinction

Arunavo Paul

High Distinction

Caleb Cheng

Anna Bo

Aaron Zhuang

Prize

Willa Ran

We look forward to presenting the certificates to these students in the near future.

Australian Mathematics Competition - Victorian non-competition round

Later this week, students who participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition (Victoria non-competition round due to COVID restrictions) will receive a certificate with their raw score. The total score of the test is 135 points and scored in the following way for all year divisions:

Questions 1-10, 3 marks each

Questions 11-20, 4 marks each

Questions 21-25, 5 marks each

Questions 26-30 are worth 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 marks respectively.

There is no penalty for incorrect responses.

The following students received the highest results in their year level:

Year 3 (all equal)

Emily Chu

Rachel Franco

Nathan Li

Ethan Zhuang

Year 4

Jessie Yu

Year 5

Minsung Shin

Year 6

Hazel Chan

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Rebecca Koth

Numeracy Learning Specialist

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

Science Talent Search

Yesterday, 21 students were awarded Major and Minor Cash Bursaries for their outstanding achievement in the Science Talent Search for 2020. Students were treated to a Virtual Presentation Ceremony hosted by the Science Teachers Association of Victoria, and were taken on a virtual field trip to Antarctica by an inspiring scientist.

Serpell was also awarded one of several School Prizes in recognition of the impressive standard of projects submitted by ALL our students. Congratulations again to all the students who participated in the STS this year, and their parents, family, and teachers who supported them.

Lachlan ZUBEVICH



2nd HAND UNIFORMS

Due to COVID-19 guidelines, we are unable to accept the donation of 2nd Hand Uniforms at this stage. Please hold on to any you have and we will make an announcement when they can be brought in at a later date.

DIARY

Tue 24 th	Nov	School Photos
Wed 25 th	Nov	School Photos
Thur 26 th	Nov	School Photos
Fri 27 th	Nov	Thank You Day – Out of Uniform Day
Tue 8 th	Dec	Year 7 Orientation Day for Year 6 Students going to a State Government Secondary School in 2021
Thu 17 th	Dec	Year 6 Graduation (Details to follow at a later time)
Thu 17 th	Dec	Last Day of School – 3:30pm Dismissal from school
Fri 18 th	Dec	Curriculum Day – No School
2021		
Thu 28 th	Jan	1 st Day of School for 2021 Year 1 to 6
Thu 4 th	Feb	1 st Day of School for 2021 PREP

UNIFORMS

A reminder that the Uniform Shop is closed for over the counter sales due to COVID-19 restrictions until further notice.

To order uniforms you can do the following;

- Ask your child to collect a uniform order form from the office for you, complete it and give it to them to return to the office. Your order will be completed and given to your child to bring home.
- Download the order form from the school website, complete and email it to the school email address serpell.ps@education.vic.gov.au your order will be filled and given to your child to bring home.
- **Payment** can only be made with Visa or Mastercard – **NO CASH**
- **Exchange Process** – If you need to exchange sizes, return the item to the office via your child and include a note as to what size you want to change it for, it will then be sent home with your child.

You will find pictures of the uniform and a 'How to Measure' guide on the website to assist you.

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 using our new sign in system XUNO before proceeding to class. This will avoid unnecessary worrying text messages from the office that your child hasn't arrived.

HEALTH CENTRE

Hayfever



With the current Hayfever season upon us, please make sure your child has been given their medication prior to coming to school. This allows them to have a symptom free day without interruption or discomfort.

Eczema

If your child has eczema could you place a non medicated tube of cream in your child's school bag please.

This enables your child to apply it on their own, as required. I find it is very individual which cream suits a child but as a suggestion some parents have used QV cream or Dermeze but whatever non medicated cream that works for your child is fine. You can ask your pharmacist for advice.

We ask that medicated, prescribed creams are applied at home or if you would like me to apply at school, I will need a medication authority (found on the school website) and the cream so I can keep it in the Health Centre medication cabinet.

**Thanks
Nurse Mary**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KELLY SPORTS **SPRING MULTI SPORT PROGRAM**
Serpell P.S

FOR THE LOVE OF SPORT 25 YEARS
COVIDSAFE COVIDSAFE

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KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

Program runs every Monday afternoon for one hour from 3:40pm-4:40pm.

Sports for Term 4 include:

- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Hockey

Kelly Sports is back! This 5 week program to end Term 4 is the perfect way to get your children back into sport after many months of computer based learning. Our multi sport program encourages children to build their skills and confidence in a fun, safe, team environment, with guidance from our experienced coaches.

\$75 FOR 5 WEEKS- \$15 PER WEEK
Bookings are pro rata – you only pay for the remaining weeks of the program.

School: Serpell P.S
Day: Monday
Start Date: 14th of November
End Date: 14th of December
Time: 3:40pm-4:40pm

We are committed to providing a safe and hygienic environment in line with current COVID restrictions. Programs are currently limited to a maximum of 10 children and are outdoors. We will sanitise and clean equipment before and after each session, and encourage social distancing where reasonable. Children will be walked to the front gate at 4:45pm to minimise foot traffic on school grounds.

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