

Tuesday 3rd August 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COVID SAFETY

It is wonderful for all of us to be back at school and to see the students learning and playing so happily together. However, behind the scenes are strict COVID safety measures designed to keep us all well. These are updated by the Departments of Health and Education regularly. This week they are as follows:

- school nurse available for monitoring health
- hand sanitising in all classrooms
- ventilation of all indoor spaces
- education on coughing and sneezing safely
- students to play in open spaces e.g. the oval
- masks for all adults on site except for teachers when teaching
- masks for parents on schoolgrounds
- only essential visitors on site e.g. tradespeople
- parents entering buildings to use QR code
- density limits in shared spaces
- no assemblies
- sports permitted
- swimming permitted
- excursions permitted
- camps permitted

A reminder that if your child is unwell they must stay at home and it would be helpful to keep us informed if anyone in your family is a close contact at any time. Your privacy will be protected and it will help us to monitor carefully.

CURRICULUM DAYS POSTPONED - NEW DATES

Our scheduled Curriculum Days for 2021 have been now postponed twice – firstly on June 10th and 11th and then again this coming Thursday 5th and Friday 6th August. It was considered that it would be more supportive for students, teachers and parents to have as normal as possible a learning program this week. The new dates for our Curriculum Days are the final two days of this term, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th September. These were the least disruptive days that we could find and it will allow for parents to maybe book an early holiday getaway – COVID permitting.

CLEANING ARRANGEMENTS

Recently the issue of school cleaning, particularly toilet cleaning, was raised at School Council. The cleaning contract with the Spotless company, is managed and funded solely by the Department of Education. Contracts are awarded for large school areas across the state. The school is cleaned after school each day and cleaners are dispatched during the day if there is a specific emergency incident that requires attention. Over the school holidays breaks, toilets are deep cleaned, carpets are steam cleaned and the school buildings are deep cleaned. Primary school toilets are always a challenge with so many young children using them throughout the day.

100 DAYS OF PREP

Yesterday our Prep children celebrated 100 days of being in Prep by dressing up as 100 year old people. Congratulations to the Prep parents for making such a great effort because the children looked amazing. The teachers also actively participated in the dress up – to the extent that one little boy did not recognise his teacher, Mr. Packett! The day was filled with activities around the number 100 and great fun was had by all.





"Our wonderful Prep Teachers joining in the celebration"

WILMA CULTON

UNIFORMS

We are in the process of upgrading to a Uniform Online Ordering system in the next couple of weeks!

In the meantime please follow these instructions for ordering –

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.
- Uniform orders will be processed on Tuesdays and Fridays 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 in a bag and in a re-saleable condition, include a note as to what size you want to change it for, **PLEASE INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS** 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.

BOOK WEEK



Book Week
21st to 27th August 2021
"Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds"



Each year across Australia, the *Children's Book Council of Australia* brings children and books together by celebrating CBCA Book Week. During this time Serpell will celebrate in our library with visiting authors and our students will enjoy fantastic Australian children's literature. We will be engaging in fun activities and reflecting on our love of reading. **We will have a costume day on Friday the 27th of August.** We encourage all students to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character**, or embrace this year's theme "**Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds**". Students are also encouraged to bring along the book their character is from to share with others. Costume parades will be organised for everyone to share their amazing costumes! A schedule for our parades will be published in the newsletter soon. Looking forward to a great Book Week!

Mia Reid
Literacy Learning Specialist

FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

A reminder to families that if your child displays any signs of illness such as runny nose, sore throat, cough, sneezing, diarrhoea fever or aches and pains they should be kept at home until they are feeling better.

Thank you,
Nurse Mary



SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

TDPSSA MIXED TEEBALL ROUND ROBIN

On Thursday 15th July, the Templestowe District Mixed Tee ball Round Robin was held at Serpell with all 7 schools in our District participating. We were able to enter 2 teams to create an even draw (8 teams). Our second team, made up primarily of year 5 students, finished in 6th place. This was a fantastic effort for boys who had not played competition tee ball before.

Our first team went through the day undefeated, winning District and now awaiting further competition at Division level. An excellent result. Superior batting and strong fielding from the boys put them ahead on the day. Well done to all the boys. They had been training with me all 2nd term.

I would like to thank Graham Matthews for stepping in at the last minute and covering for me when I was unexpectedly absent that week. He marked four diamonds on the previous day, ran the tournament and coached team one on the day. I think he was more than ready to quietly step back into retirement after such a busy week! A huge thank you to Kris Sais for assisting with the tournament preparation, and to Ashleigh Lucas for coaching team 2. Many thanks to some of the girls' tee-ballers who helped with scoring and manning the score table on the day – Yuriko, Ellie, Jade and Queena. You did an awesome job! I look forward to Division and seeing what the boys can achieve.

Team 1

MIHIR GARG, ANAGH URS, MALHAR BHATOL, LEVI NATSIS, MINSUNG SHIN, KODY SAPOLU, STEVEN YANG, MIKYLE SUHAID, ERIC NIEMES, ARIO SAKHAIE, ETHAN TRAN.

Team 2

HARRISON SAIS, ZACKERY TUNG, ARUNAVO PAUL, AYMAAN BAIG, DEAN ILIOPOULOS, JACOB TSIA, KRISHAN NAGREH, BARDIA SHAHRIYARI, WALTER TYRELL, GEO LI, VANSH PRAJAPATI, ALEX MARINI, SAMI AHMED.


Lola Hughes
Teeball Coach

DIARY

Thur 5 th	Aug	Normal School Day – Curriculum Day Cancelled
Thur 5 th	Aug	Yr 6 District T-Ball Final
Fri 6 th	Aug	Normal School Day – Curriculum Day Cancelled
Mon 9 th	Aug	Yr 5 & 6 Athletics Day George St Athletics Track
Wed 8 th	Sep	Yr 6 2020 Reunion 4pm to 5pm
Wed 15 th	Sep	Yr 5 Excursion to East Doncaster Secondary School

CLASS OF 2020 – YEAR 6

**CLASS OF 2020
REUNION**



**SAVE THE NEW
DATE!**

Can you believe how fast the year has gone?

It probably seems like yesterday when you were at Year 6 Graduation, hugged your pals goodbye and stepped into your new Secondary School uniform... time flies when you're having fun!

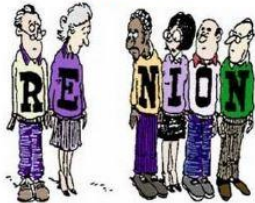
So now you are invited (for the 2nd time) to step back in time and revisit some of your favourite play equipment, classrooms, friends and most importantly... teachers!

**We have reset the date to be
Wednesday 8th Sept, 2021**
Time: 4.00pm — 5.00pm
Where: Meet outside the Serpell Stadium on the Bat Tennis courts.

(Parents to pick up at 5pm from the front of the school.)

Please wear your Secondary School uniform and bring your stories and memories to share.

We really are looking forward to seeing you all again!



Contact: Mrs Stanford
Phone: (03) 9842 8182

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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Camp Australia Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

A message from your Coordinator

Dear Serpell Primary School Families,

We are going to celebrate winter this week by doing wintery activities and warm and wintery food. We will decorate our room with snowballs and ask our parents to see our room.

Also, we are so excited for our great, extraordinary holiday adventures. Booking is now open, please register.

It is FREE to register your child for care, if you have not registered, please do so now so the team at Serpell Camp Australia can provide care for your child.

Farnaz and the Team

Activities coming up

- Winter painting
- Making snow man
- Making Pompom for winter hat

What's on the menu

- Mix fruit cake
- Spaghetti with toast
- Warm Milk

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at www.campastralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

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SERPELL BASKETBALL

Mon Boys 5/6 A Grade	Bronze Medal Final	Serpell Swords – Runner-up
Mon Girls 5/6 A Grade	Gold Medal Final	Serpell Supershooters – Runner-up
Tue Boys ¾ B Grade	Gold Medal Final	Serpell Suns – Winner
Tue Boys ¾ B Grade	Gold Medal Final	Serpell Snipers – Runner-up
Wed Boys ½ A Grade	Gold Medal Final	Serpell Steamrollers – Runner-up
Wed Boys ½ B Grade	Bronze Medal Final	Serpell St Charles Spiders – Runner-up
Wed Boys ½ D1 Grade	Bronze Medal Final	Serpell Skyrockets – Runner-up
Wed Girls ½ C Grade	Gold Medal Final	Serpell Stars – Runner-up
Thu Girls ¾ A Grade	Bronze Medal Final	Serpell Swans – Winner
Thu Girls ¾ C Grade	Gold Medal Final	Serpell Superbees – Winner

Well done to all our teams who participated in the last season. A great effort by everyone.

For all your Before and After School Care requirements go to www.campastralia.com.au to register and make a booking.

Farnaz and the team.