

Tuesday 6th September 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EXCELLENT NAPLAN RESULTS

The 2022 NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy have been received and we delighted to share with the school community that they are excellent and demonstrate achievement in all areas significantly above state and like-school comparisons. As parents would be aware, previous Serpell results are amongst the highest in the nation and the 2022 achievement continues the trend of even further improvement. Individual student results will be sent home with the students tomorrow and should be viewed in conjunction with the interview information next week.

INTERVIEWS NEXT WEEK

We will hold parent/teacher/student interviews on Wednesday 14th September throughout the day and students are not required to attend school. You may choose a face-to-face or online interview. Full booking details are provided later in this newsletter from Mr Kotsiras.

JENNY THOMAS RETIRING

Our Business Manager, Jenny Thomas, has announced her intention to retire at the end of this term. After twenty-three years of dedicated, caring and professional service as well as close and supportive relationships with the whole school community, Jenny deserves a break. She intends to spend more time with her family and friends. We wish to formally acknowledge the enormous role that she has played at Serpell as a member of the management team in the organisation and smooth running of the school over a significant period of our school's development.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST THANKS

Congratulations to the Parent Association for their wonderfully successful Father's Day Breakfast last Friday. Organising breakfast for more than five hundred people is a huge achievement and provided a welcome opportunity for us all to share time together.

MESSAGE FROM KERRI BARTLETT

Kerri Bartlett has retired after 45 years of service with the Department of Education and 43 years at Serpell. We thank Kerri for her dedication, care and excellence in teaching generations of Serpell families. Yesterday we celebrated her career with a special assembly and morning tea. Below is Kerri's reflection to our community.



"I have enjoyed the unique experience of having been a part of Serpell Primary School from its beginnings right through to current day, perhaps describing it more as a voyage than a journey, given my length of time at the school and all the different paths, educational practices and innovations I have witnessed at Serpell.

I arrived in 1981 at a very new school, as a very new graduate teacher and we grew up and learnt together! It was a 3-year-old school just getting started, with around 260 students on a temporary site in Serpells Rd set amongst horse paddocks and orchards. Playground facilities were scarce so the children created their own fun! I could never have imagined what it was to become. Serpell was always evolving and taking on the best of innovative and current educational practices. I found myself constantly learning and evolving as a teacher.

I take with me such fond memories of the children I have taught at Serpell, the experiences I have had and the school community I have been a part of for so long. I have played witness to its relocation to Tuckers Rd, the building of all parts of the school and the establishment of its trees, gardens and playgrounds. I think back to so many exciting times, such as the entire school heading off to the Great Moscow Circus on Ice, a gigantic paella cooking in the playground to feed every student, the burying and re-opening of our time capsule, parents' luncheons and so many performances prepared for their entertainment, a special Melbourne Commonwealth Games launch, exchange trips with New Zealand, our first fair, first concert, first computers, school sleepovers and more excursions and camps than I can count!

I am always proud to hear of the adults the children I've taught have become – some of whom are now teachers and parents at Serpell! I extend my gratitude to the

children, staff and the school community at Serpell, past and present, for the wonderful years I have enjoyed, all that they have taught me and for helping to make Serpell my home for so long. I was so fortunate to have been sent to Serpell all those years ago and know I will see "my school" continue to strive for excellence".

Kerri Bartlett

WILMA CULTON

ICAS UPDATE

ICAS certificates should be received by the school and handed out to the students early next term. In the meantime, to access your child's ICAS reports online:

1. Visit the ICAS website: www.icasassessments.com
2. At the top of the homepage, select Portals and click Results Portal.
3. Click on 'Sign in' under Student Results tab halfway down the page
4. At the Student Result Login, enter your (student's) 10-digit TAP-ID followed by your (student's) 4-digit PIN and then click Login.

Your child's TAP-ID and PIN is printed on the back page of their ICAS certificate (from previous years), beneath the academic achievement record. You will also find your child's TAP-ID number and PIN towards the bottom of any of the student letters you have previously received from ICAS.

If you do not have access to the TAP-ID number or PIN, unfortunately you will need to wait until your child receives their certificates when they arrive at the school early next term.

Thank you for your patience.
Rebecca KOTH
ICAS Coordinator

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Premiers' Reading Challenge 2022
Well done to the 303 students who completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge 2022.



Congratulations go to **4LF**: the class with the greatest number of students to complete the Challenge.

Your certificates will arrive in term 4.
Ms Gardner

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews - online and in person available.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place during our curriculum day on **Wednesday the 14th of September**. Parents will be able to choose if they would like to have their interviews online or in person by selecting an appropriate time.

- If you prefer to meet with your child's teacher **in person**, please select an available time from **9:00am – 11:00am**
- If you would like to have your interview **online** through Webex, please select an available time from **11:30am – 4pm**.

Parent Teacher interviews are booked through Xuno. If you require assistance with this please contact the school on 9842 8182.

Please note:

- Interviews will be limited to 10 minutes per child. If this time is insufficient a further appointment should be organised with your child's teacher.
- **Bookings OPEN - 4pm on Tuesday 6th September**
- **Bookings CLOSE - 9am on Monday 12th September.**
- If you require an interpreter for your Parent Teacher Interview, please select this option at the time of booking through Xuno.
- Your child's teacher will email you their Webex details on **Monday 12th of September 2022** if you have selected a time between 11:30am and 4pm.
- Wednesday 14th September is a curriculum day (student free day) - students are not required at school on this day.

If you require an interview with your child's Art or Library teachers please email Claire Smith Claire.Smith2@education.vic.gov.au with your preferred day and time. Please include your child's name and their grade and Claire will get back to you confirming your booking.

Costa KOTSIRAS

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST SUCCESS



What a spectacular day! The stadium was full of footy, rugby and basketball fans! A very big thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers, those who assisted on Friday as well as set up on Thursday. A very big thank you especially to Ashley, Sheila, Off and Ebru who spent all day Thursday driving around picking up all the food and decorations. I hope all our dads, grandpa's and loved ones enjoyed spending the morning with the children.

Finally, an apology about the photo booth being unavailable, I am sure everyone is understanding that in this climate things can change unexpectedly.

We are looking forward to a final hurrah of activities in Term 4!

The next PA meeting will be announced in a future newsletter.

Christine Shihata
President



DIARY

Tues 6 th	Sept	Xuno Bookings Open at 4pm for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thur 8 th	Sept	Senior Sports Photos today
Mon 12 th	Sept	Xuno Bookings CLOSE at 9am for Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed 14 th	Sept	Parent Teacher Interviews – children not required at school on this day.
Fri 16th	Sept	Last Day of Term – 2:30pm Finish

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the students who participated in the District Athletics Day last Thursday. It was a great effort by all!

Thank you for the parents and grandparents who came along to give their support.

Also a huge thank you to the teachers who assisted on the day, especially Mr Matthews who returned for the day to help.

The Divisional Athletics will be held next term for those students who have progressed to the next stage. More information will follow shortly.

Kris Sais – PE Department



SERPELL BASKETBALL

Basketball Results Week Ending on 28th August
Bulleen – Templestowe Basketball Primary School Comp.

5/6 Girls	Serpell Supershooters 28	Belle Vue Girls 5/6 Red Geckos 16
5/6 Girls	Serpell Sapphires 22	St Clements MICALLEF 12
5/6 Girls	Serpell Superbees 10	Doncaster Gardens Jade 10
5/6 Girls	Serpell Swans 15	THPS 5/6 Girls Team2 22
5/6 Boys	Serpell Suns 10	THPS 5/6 Boys Team1 36
5/6 Boys	Serpell Sensations 36	St Greg's Van Dijk 26
3/4 Boys	Serpell Steamrollers 4	Birrallee Bulls 36
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sharks 13	Belle Vue 3/4 Boys White Geckos 25
3/4 Boys	Serpell St Charles Spiders 1	Doncaster Gardens Blue 15
1/2 Boys	Serpell St Charles Storm 9	St Greg's Warriors 14
1/2 Boys	Serpell St Charles Savages 10	Doncaster Gardens White 4
1/2 Boys	Serpell Skyrockets 8	Serpell Strikers 19
1/2 Girls	Serpell Stars 6	St Clements WHITTY 0

COMMUNITY NOTICES



- **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**
(MONDAY at SERPELL PS)
- **HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**
- **BIRTHDAY PARTIES**
- **INCURSIONS**



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