



## Diary

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – NAPLAN

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Second hand Uniform Shop (8:45am to 9:15am)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – School Photos

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Harmony Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Colour Run

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Teacher Interviews (Student Free Day)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term (2:30pm finish)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term 2

## Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Whole School – Colour Run

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# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## From the Principal

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION OUTCOME

At the close of nominations for School Council last Tuesday, there were four nominations matching the four vacancies for the parent member category and two for the teacher member category. I therefore declare the following people elected:

#### Parent Members

Ashley Stevens

Valerie Lai

Ann Loke

Yavnika Bhargava

#### Teacher Members

Kristele Kluge

Daniel Packett

The existing members of School Council due for election in 2025 are:

#### Parent Members

Marjan Hajari

Nerida Mason

Flora Liu

Nancy Ren

#### Parent Association Rep

Hafsa Malik

#### Community Member

Suhaila Abdel Qader

#### Executive Officer

Wilma Culton

#### Retiring Members

Both Derick Chong and Lu Shen are retiring members from Council. We thank them both for their dedicated service over many years and their positive contribution to the school's development and growth, including the building of the music room and the construction of the cover over the basketball courts in 2023. Several parents expressed interest in joining a subcommittee and this is a great way to become familiar with the School Council.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March during the school day. This means that students will not be required to attend school on that day. The interviews will be conducted on-line, to support parents who are either in the workplace, travelling or working from home during these hours. Each interview will be 10 minutes and will focus on your child's progress and plans for Term 2 improvement. Please notify your class teacher if you require an interpreter and this will be organised for you.

**Bookings will open through Xuno on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.**

WILMA CULTON PSM

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for 2024 will be held on **Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March** and **Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March**.

The schedule below specifies the day the class photo will be taken, unfortunately exact times cannot be provided.

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> of March		Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> of March	
4RA	3LF	POA	1VC
2AR	3SP	PJB	1LS
2TP	3AZ	PGU	1HS
2WC	3SK	PMR	5JA
2SD	4TS	PMP	5LZ
2HH	4KJ	1PL	6SS
2NH	4RP	1SB	6JC
2LL	4SB	1SW	6RM
3RC	4KD	1MR	6MT
3AB	4SM	PSF	6NT
3LN	5AL	PSC	6JX
5BN	5CZ	5CB	

To order your school photos this year:

- Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- Click on **Order Your School Photos**
- Select your **State**
- Enter the school access key **GA5GQPV9** with your information.

**All students will receive the same Serpell Primary Access Key: GA5GQPV9**

All photo orders are now placed online, to allow for easy tracking and record keeping.

**FAMILY PHOTOS:** Get your family photo order in this week! Family photo orders must be placed **no later** than Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 4:30pm.

This deadline is fixed, please get in early so you don't miss out!

Family photos are restricted to current Serpell students only, unfortunately we cannot accommodate family members.

Please note that your child's **preferred name** will appear on the School Photo for 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [kristele.kluke@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristele.kluke@education.vic.gov.au)

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Parents Association will be having a second-hand uniform sale this Thursday, 14th March from 8:45 am to 9:15 am in the Canteen Foyer area at the back of the school. Please bring cash.

# HARMONY DAY

**Wear a splash of orange!**  
**Thursday 21st of March**

**Thursday 21st of March** is Harmony Day - A celebration of all the wonderful and unique cultures that make up Australia. The main message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'. It is about including and respecting each other and making everyone feel like they belong.

This is an important celebration for our Serpell school community because it is an opportunity to show respect for all of our diverse cultural backgrounds and share what we have in common.

The official Harmony Day colour is orange. We would like everybody to **wear a splash of orange** on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** to celebrate this special day. It could be something as simple as a head band, scrunchie or orange shoes. You could also choose to wear an orange clothing item like a t-shirt, shorts or skirt. We look forward to seeing your splash of orange next week!

Angela Rees  
Values Committee



## PARENT HELPERS COURSE

Congratulations to all the amazing parents who attended and completed the Parent Helpers Course this term. We look forward to seeing you all in the classrooms assisting with our various learning programs. We are very grateful to all our parent volunteers and your support in the school is valuable and much appreciated. If you are interested in completing the Parent Helpers course, I will be running the program again in term 2.

Daniel Packett  
Assistant Principal



## TEMPLESTOWE DISTRICT SPORTS RESULTS

### Templestowe District Sports Results – Round 4

BLUE	SERPELL	TEMP PARK
Cricket	65	70
Bat Tennis	47	28
Open Softball	15	4
Girls Softball	10	8
Open Rounders	9	29
Girls Rounders	5	6

GOLD	SERPELL	TEMP PARK
Cricket	63	60
Bat Tennis	51	8
Open Softball	19	16
Girls Softball	11	6
Open Rounders	3	10
Girls Rounders	11	14

### Templestowe District Sports Results – Round 5

BLUE	SERPELL	TEMP HEIGHTS
Cricket	102	69
Bat Tennis	54	15
Open Softball	10	16
Girls Softball	14	8
Open Rounders	19	1
Girls Rounders	18	3

GOLD	SERPELL	TEMP HEIGHTS
Cricket	117	78
Bat Tennis	54	9
Open Softball	15	15
Girls Softball	15	6
Open Rounders	13	13
Girls Rounders	21	8

Players from Lawn Bowls and Tennis will continue to practice and develop the required skills in these sports, which will be of great benefit to them as they look ahead to Term 2 and 3 Sport.

## DIVISIONAL SWIMMING FINALS

Last Wednesday, 19 children from years 4-6 competed at the Manningham Division Swimming Championships. 16 out of our 19 swimmers will now progress to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional finals to be held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (Aquanation), having finished either first or second. A fantastic result for our swimmers, and Serpell! Many thanks to our supportive parents who get their children to regular training and who come and support children on the day.

### 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay

RYAN CHAN /ETHAN MA /BRANDON WEN /KALLEN YE – U10 B 1<sup>st</sup>

MASON LU /TERRANCE DIAO/ ADRIAN MALEKSHAHI/

ARTIN ALAMIAN – U11 B 1<sup>st</sup>

SAM ZHANG/ MORRIS WONG/ OSCAR LIU/ TIM SU – U12 B 2<sup>nd</sup>

MIA WANG/ VALERIE ZACHOS/ VARNIKA SAXENA/ HOPE KONDAKOS – U12 G 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 50m Freestyle

Ethan Ma – U10 B 1<sup>st</sup>

Terrance Diao – U11 B 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 50m Backstroke

Kallen Ye – U10 B 1<sup>st</sup>

Terrance Diao – U11 B 1<sup>st</sup>

### 50m Breaststroke

Kallen Ye – U10 B 2<sup>nd</sup>

Leia Wang – U11 G 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 50m Butterfly

Ethan Ma – U10 B 1<sup>st</sup>

Rylee Chan – U10 G 3<sup>rd</sup>

MASON LU – U11 B – 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 4 x 50m Medley Relay – Open Boys – 1st

TERRANCE DIAO

MORRIS WONG

ETHAN MA

TIM SU

### 4 x 50m Medley Relay – Open Girls – 3<sup>rd</sup>

VALERIE ZACHOS

CHLOE YU

LEIA WANG

HOPE KONDAKOS

Lola Hughes & Kris Sais

## DISTRICT TENNIS

On Friday 8th of March, the boy's and girl's tennis teams participated in the District Tennis round robin tournament at Serpell Tennis Club. Both the boys and the girls played hard-fought matches and displayed great skill and sportsmanship. In the boys draw, Sam Samadi and Terrance Diao missed out on making the semi-finals, with Sam unluckily losing a tie-break shoot-out for a spot into the semi-finals. In the girls draw, Ella Xian and Sarah Marzocca made it through to the semi-finals, with Ava Darvakhah narrowly missing out. Unfortunately, our girls faced each other in one of the semi-finals, where Ella won. Ella then went on to play incredible tennis to win the final. Sarah won the play-off for third spot. Best of luck now to Ella Xian who will represent Serpell Primary School in the Divisional Finals early in Term 2. I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who came support. Additionally, I would like to acknowledge and express my gratitude to Serpell Tennis Club for allowing us to utilise their facilities.

Kris Sais (Coach)

## BASKETBALL RESULTS

Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club  
Junior Community League (Autumn  
2024)



Results: Round 3

Team	Score		Opponent
Serpell Sunfires (G1+2 girls)	5	7	Mariners Slammers
Serpell Sliders (G1+2 boys)	6	4	Ivanhoe Grammar Fireballs
Serpell Seekers (G1+2 boys)	45	7	Marwal Magic 1
Serpell Scorpions (G1+2 boys)	BYE		
Serpell Sixers (G1+2 boys)	30	0	Donvale Rebels
Serpell Sevens (G1+2 boys)	20	10	Belle Vue Red Gekkos
Serpell Stars (G3+4 girls)	41	0	Tempy Park Goannas
Serpell Supershooter (G3+4 girls)	2	31	Mariners Kappas
Serpell Spiders (G3+4 boys)	9	27	Doncaster Gardens Boys 3/4 White
Serpell Savages (G3+4 boys)	13	16	The Great Dragons
Serpell Supreme (G3+4 boys)	4	20	Birrlee Burgers
Serpell Storm (G5+6 girls)	7	7	Donvale Opals
Serpell Skyrocket (G5+6 boys)	48	16	Birrlee Ballers

## AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Guiding children's growth

## Newsletter

Date: 12/03/2024 – 15/03/2024

### A Message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents,

This week has been very enjoyable, starting with our continued Musical Theatre incursion which children have been partaking in and have been having lots of fun enhancing their dancing, acting and singing skills. It has been great to see the children working together to complete the activities.

Our theme throughout the week was all about space. Children engaged in many space activities such as flying rocket ships, spinning solar systems and our favourite activity, which was learning how to moon walk. Plus, many more fun activities which the children loved!

Next week, we will be engaging with our new theme Harmony week, where children will learn about multiculturalism and belonging to our community while celebrating Harmony Day

Your children need to be registered to attend our service. Please book on the Camp Australia Website.

- Farnaz and team

### Activities Coming Up

- Harmony Flowers
- CA hands
- Origami

### What's on the Menu?

- Pasta
- Rice
- Sandwiches



Your OSHC.

To register and book, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



## Serpell Primary School 2024

# COLOUR RUN

The Serpell Primary Parents' Association, together with Fitness Worx, is proud to host the school's colour run fundraiser!

Children will go through an interactive course full of fun challenges.

**Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Cost: \$10 per child (to be paid via XUNO)**

**Time: Prep/Yr.1: 9:30 a.m. Yr. 2/ Yr. 3: 11:20 a.m. Yr. 4/ Yr. 5: 1:30 p.m. Yr. 6: 2:30 p.m.**

**Dress:** All children will be required to bring a **white t-shirt from home** on the day, and this will be over their uniform during the session.

**Safety:** The powder used is made of food safe corn starch with added food safe colourings.

These wonderful events cannot run without our parent volunteers. If you have a current Working with Children Clearance, your support would be appreciated! **All interested parent volunteers will need to register via the Xuno Colour Run volunteers' page.**

If you choose for your child to not participate in this event, they will be encouraged to cheer their classmates from the sideline.