



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 25th June 2024

From the Principal

Diary

Fri 28th June

End of Term 2 – 2:30pm
Finish

Mon 15th July

Start of Term 3 – 9:00am
Start

Tues 6th Aug – Fri 16th Aug

Year 3 & 4 Swimming
Program

Mon 26th Aug – Fri 6th Sep

Prep Swimming Program

STUDENT REPORTS THURSDAY

All parents will receive their students' midyear reports on electronically on Xuno this coming Thursday, 27th June. The reports demonstrate six months achievement against the Victorian Curriculum Standards in all subjects. Your child's report will look slightly different this year and one of the main changes is due to the introduction of a new Mathematics curriculum by the Department of Education. The revised Mathematics curriculum includes changes to the achievement standards used by teachers to assess and report student learning. Beginning this year, we will report student achievement in Mathematics via a single, aggregated score. As the new Mathematics Version 2.0 is not designed to be continuous with the previous curriculum, there will be no progression or previous results in your child's report for Maths this semester. All reports after Semester 1 will display students' progression and previous results as normal.

The 2024 Naplan results have been received electronically, but not in the paper form to be distributed to parents. We can report that the school has achieved exceptionally well, with the mean scores in both Reading and Mathematics at the "Exceeding" standard level.

PROFESSOR JIM WATTERSTON VISIT

Recently we were exceptionally privileged to have Professor Jim Watterston, Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Melbourne, visit to present a copy of his latest book, "Focussed – Understanding, Negotiating and Maximizing Your Influence as a School Leader", co-written with Professor Yong Zhao of the Graduate School Education University of Melbourne. Professor Watterston has been a friend and inspiration to our school over many years and we appreciate his support and encouragement in planning our future.



CHINESE DELEGATES VISIT TOMORROW

We are very excited to share that a delegation of thirty school leaders from the Jiangsu Province in China will visit our school tomorrow for the day to view programs and discuss leadership and school organisation. This is a part of our sister school agreement with the province that has been in existence for more than a decade.

WEDDING BELLS

Best wishes to Prep teacher Michaela Pearson for her wedding to partner Daniel this coming Saturday. We wish the couple every happiness on the day and a wonderful future together.

THANKYOU MISS ZHANG

Year 3 teacher Ava Zhang will be leaving at the end of term. We thank her for her care and contribution at Serpell and wish her well in her future career.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

School will break for the holidays this coming Friday, 28th June and recommence on Monday 15th July at 9am. I thank everyone for a very hard-working term 2 and wish you a very restful and relaxing break.

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PS ROTARY PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Wednesday night Will Cao 5CZ and Sarina Samiee 6NT represented Serpell at the Manningham City Rotary Public Speaking Competition. Will and Sarina competed against students from around Templestowe, presenting their speeches in an engaging and informative manner. Both students were celebrated on the evening for the quality of their speeches and Will Cao was awarded 2nd place! Congratulations Will and Sarina.



SERPELL ESPORTS - MINECRAFT

Over the past few months, eight Year 6 students have prepared for the Australian eSports League's Minecraft Build Competition. Working in teams of four, students built a digital world that showcased neighbourhood heroes. Each team was awarded honours for their outstanding designs, achieving near full marks on their building, collaboration and presentations. This was a tremendous achievement for our students for their first time, and they are excited to have the chance to compete again. Year 5 and Year 6 students will soon get the opportunity to try out for the program in semester 2.

Nick Thuys, Lachlan Zubevich, Sam Baldwin

TENNIS HOTSHOTS

Last Thursday, the Serpell Tennis Hotshots team played their district final against Templestowe Heights. Students have been competing and training all term and relished the opportunity to play in a competitive final.

The final was tough physically and mentally as teams used tactics to try to win however Serpell came out with the win 8-7. Well done to everyone that has contributed to this outstanding result and good luck to the team as we approach our upcoming Division final!

EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A huge congratulations to Chloe Yu, Kerrie Wang and Jeremy Harianto for competing at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Cross Country championships, once again held at Yarra Glen Racecourse recently.

The distance remains the same but the action speeds up, as gradually the competition gets tougher. All 3 children performed well - finishing in the top 30 out of a pool of about 90 children. The Eastern region goes up as far as Wodonga, includes all of the Yarra Valley and Maroondah areas as well. Thousands of children have already been eliminated before this level.

Going through to the State Championships on the 18th July is Chloe Yu, having run in 10th place. An amazing effort!

Lola Hughes

INTERSCHOOL SPORT DISTRICT FINALS

Congratulations to the girls' tee-ball team for winning the blue flag at the Templestowe District finals last week. The girls went through the season undefeated, usually winning their games by a huge margin. Last week they competed against Milgate PS, defeating them 29 – 10. It has been a pleasure watching the consolidation of skills, tactics and game strategies as the season progressed. The girls will now compete against the winner of Doncaster District next term.



Nicole Georgiev, Zoe Karantanis, Reena Kim, Hope Kondakos, Skye Robertson, Alanna Heryanto, Grace Zhang, Meagan Low, Isabella Addison, Sophie Chow, Annabella Li, Abigail Huang, Cynthia Chen.

Lola Hughes
(Very proud) Coach

DISTRICT SOCCER FINALS

On Thursday 20th of June, our Blue Soccer team participated in the district finals. The boys played a semi-final against Milgate P.S. with the winner awarded a spot in the final. After two halves of high-quality soccer, the scores were 1-1, which required a penalty shoot out to decide the winner. Our Serpell team won the shoot out 4-3 and advanced to the final against OLOP. The final was an exciting and tense encounter. Both teams demonstrated great skill and teamwork. Unfortunately, we lost 2-1. The boys should be congratulated for their efforts throughout the term. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who came to support our team on the day.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club
Junior Community League (Autumn 2024)



Results: SEMI-FINALS

Team	Score		Opponent
Serpell Sliders (G1+2 boys)	22	5	Donvale Raptors
Serpell Seekers (G1+2 boys)	21	20	Tempy Park Harvie
Serpell Sevens (G1+2 boys)	8	25	THPS G2 Boys Team 2
Serpell Stars (G3+4 girls)	25	9	Mariners Kappas
Serpell Supershooter (G3+4 girls)	7	12	Mariners Court Queens
Serpell Supreme (G3+4 boys)	26	16	Doncaster Gardens Boys 3/4 Blue
Serpell Storm (G5+6 girls)	8	19	Mariners Shooting Stars

WELL DONE to all the players who took part this first season! Thank you to all the parents, volunteers, coaches and team managers for all your support this season.

Reminder that registration deadline for Season 2 (term 3+4) basketball is this Sunday 30th June.

OUTSTANDING EFFORT from all the teams who made it through to the semi-finals!

GOOD LUCK to the following four teams who will be playing in the Grand Final games this week:

- Serpell Supremes (G3+4 boys) v. Donvale Sonics on Tuesday.
- Serpell Seekers (G1+2 boys) v. THPS G2 Boys Team 1 on Wednesday.
- Serpell Sliders (G1+2 boys) v. THPS G2 Boys Team 2 on Wednesday.
- Serpell Starts (G3+4 girls) v. Heidelberg PS Clint on Thursday.

SAVE THE DATE – YEARS 2 AND 3 CONCERT

All Year 2 and 3 students will perform at the Besen Centre Theatre in Burwood, next term on Monday 5th August at 7PM. Could all parents of these children please 'Save the Date'. The students are very excited to perform in front of you. Tickets will become available through Try Booking on Tuesday 16th July after 4PM. You will receive a XUNO notification with the QR Code and URL next term. At this stage a maximum of 3 tickets per family are available due to limited capacity. The performing child does not require a ticket. There will be further information next term regarding other arrangements and costumes.

Mara Rawlings
Event Coordinator

ORCHESTRA

A reminder to all our wonderful orchestra members... Please remember to bring your instrument and music folder to school on Wednesday 26th June. We are presenting a concert for our Chinese visitors at 1:30pm in the Hall. Please meet at the middle bell (1pm) and unpack your instrument etc in the Music Room.

Miss Wuttke

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Last week we had our Sushi Day Fundraiser which was a huge success thanks to all our Serpell families and parent volunteers.

Next term we will be running the Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser where families who have elected to receive a goody box can sell to their friends and families. We would like to thank the families who have donated instead of receiving a box of chocolates, we have received an amazing \$3000. On Wednesday 17th July, the boxes will be sent home via the eldest child in the family. Once sold, please return your money and/or any unsold chocolates in the original box.

All unsold chocolates and money must be returned on Friday, 2nd August.

We have again registered with the Pancake Parlour Rewards Scheme. Please help us win the Grand Prize of \$5000 by collecting points for the school each time you visit the store. All you need to do is download the app and nominate the school with your purchase. Details are on the website <https://www.pancakeparlour.com.au> under School Rewards.

Get ready for our Father's Day Breakfast Extravaganza! Our team is working hard to make this event memorable for all

our Serpell families. We are also looking for someone to help us with our Sausage Sizzle. If you know a club or a local sport/community group that can help us run the BBQ stall, please get in touch.

Enjoy the break.

For any inquiries, please email president.serpell@gmail.com
Hafsa Malik,
President, Parents Association

Basketball Teams!

Join a basketball team in a fun competition against other local teams in the Bulleen Templestowe Junior Community League!

Season 2 (22 July - 13 December)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 30TH JUNE 2024.

Need help? Contact Kelly - 0425 569 668
kellycheung.ac@gmail.com



Registration Steps:

1. Register with Serpell basketball first using link or QR code.
www.trybooking.com/CSISZ



[Please indicate friendship requests during Serpell registration. Note however, there is no guarantee on being on the same team as we have many factors to consider for team allocations.]

2. Early Term 3, you will receive an email with team allocation and instructions on how to register with Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club.



	MONDAY GRADE 5/6 BOYS & GIRLS	TUESDAY GRADE 3/4 BOYS	WEDNESDAY GRADE 1/2 BOYS & GIRLS	THURSDAY GRADE 3/4 GIRLS	FRIDAY FOUNDATION
GAMES	4 Rounds of Grading 12 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals	4 Rounds of Grading 12 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals	4 Rounds of Grading 13 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals	4 Rounds of Grading 13 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals	18 Rounds Regular Season No Finals
TRAINING	TBC [^]	TBC [^]	TBC [^]	TBC [^]	TBC [^]
COST	\$195 BTBC Season Fee \$30 BV Licence Fee* \$55 Serpell Fee* \$55 Finals Team Sheet**	\$195 BTBC Season Fee \$30 BV Licence Fee* \$55 Serpell Fee* \$55 Finals Team Sheet**	\$195 BTBC Season Fee \$30 BV Licence Fee* \$55 Serpell Fee* \$55 Finals Team Sheet**	\$195 BTBC Season Fee \$30 BV Licence Fee* \$55 Serpell Fee* \$55 Finals Team Sheet**	\$170 BTBC Season Fee \$30 BV Licence Fee* \$55 Serpell Fee*

*Basketball Victoria Fee and Serpell Fee is paid yearly. New players need to pay this. Players continuing from Season 1 only need to pay BTBC Season Fee.

**Finals Team Sheet fees are only applicable to those teams that make it to the Finals.

[^]Training day & time to be determined by Coaches. Students and parents must be flexible with their availability.

TRAINING is usually on school grounds. **GAME** locations change weekly and can be at Bulleen Basketball Stadium / Templestowe Leisure Centre / Donvale Indoor Sports Complex / Templestowe Heights Primary School (subject to change).

Serpell Basketball Association is a parent volunteer organisation assisting in students partake in the Bulleen Templestowe Junior Community League. As such, all player parents are required to be involved as Coaches, Team Managers and Scorers as needed.