



Diary

Tues 10th Sep – Tues 24th Sep

Year 6 China Trip

Wed 18th Sep

Year 2 Edendale Farm –
2AR, 2NH, 2SD, 2TP

Fri 20th Sep

Year 5 EDSC High School
Experience

Fri 20th Sep

**Last Day of Term 3 (2:30pm
Finish)**

Mon 7th Oct

Start of Term 4

Tues 15th Oct

Year 3 Werribee Zoo Excursion

Wed 16th Oct

Year 1 Melbourne Museum and
IMAX Excursion

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Year 2 Edendale Farm Excursion
for 2AR, 2NH, 2SD, 2TP

Year 3 Werribee Zoo Excursion

Year 4 Camp CYC The Island

Year 5 EDSC High School
Experience

Year 5 Camp Rumbug

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17th September 2024

From the Principal

EXCITING YEAR 6 CHINA EXPERIENCE

Our team of 50 Year 6 students and 8 teachers has now been in China for a week, with their return planned for next Tuesday afternoon. They have experienced four days in Beijing visiting the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven and the Science and Technology Museum. After a trip on the bullet train, they are now in the port city of Lianyungang where they have attended an official welcome to the Jiangsu Province for all visiting Victorian schools and performed a singing and dancing item for several hundred guests. Today is the Mid-Autumn Festival and the Victorian students have each been paired with a student from the No. 1 Lianyungang Primary school for an afternoon celebration home visit. Tomorrow they will travel to Suzhou where they will attend school at our sister school, the Jin Chang Foreign Language Experimental School as well as the Kunshan Yufeng Experimental School that visited us in July this year. On Saturday they will move to Shanghai for a visit to The Bund, Shanghai Old Town and finally, Disneyland. We express our sincere thanks to the Jiangsu/Victoria Centre, our respective governments and outstanding team leader Wendy Fan for their support of this amazing opportunity.



HIGH ACHIEVEMENT ATTAINMENT

During this term we have witnessed our students achieving success at both state and national level in a wide range of endeavours. These include Naplan, Wakakirri, robotics, spelling, aerobics, science and a diverse range of sports. It is encouraging for students to learn that if they work and train hard, they can achieve their goals – sometimes individually and at other times as a team. Serpell is committed to offering a wide range of opportunities for the children to develop the skills of success.

NATIONAL AEROBICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Over the vacation, two Serpell teams will compete in the National Aero Schools Aerobics Championships, to be held on the Gold Coast. Congratulations to the eight students involved on proceeding to this level and we wish them a wonderful experience. Thank you to teachers Katerine D'Aquino and Shona Stanford for their willingness to support the program during the school holidays.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

We wish everyone a happy and relaxing holiday break. This has been an exceptionally hard-working term, with so many projects in place to extend the student learning both within the school and in the wider community. Thank you to our brilliant teachers, who give so very much of themselves and definitely deserve a break. School will dismiss at 2.30pm this Friday afternoon and recommence for Term 4 on Monday 7th October.

WILMA CULTON PSM

ROBOCUP WIN

On Saturday, September 14th, our two Year 6 robotics teams participated in the Victorian State RoboCup Soccer Championships at Genazzano FCJ College. Both teams, Mechanical Mastermind and Metallic Dragons, successfully navigated the round-robin stages to advance to the quarterfinals and then the semifinals. Both teams triumphed over their opponents to face each other in the Grand Final. After a tense match, the game ended in a draw, leading to a golden goal showdown in extra time. The Metallic Dragons scored first, securing a narrow victory, while Mechanical Mastermind proudly took the runner-up position!

This is an incredible achievement for both of our LEGO Robotic Soccer teams. Metallic Dragons were crowned State Champions, while Mechanical Mastermind had earlier won the Melbourne Regional Championship in the Simple Simon (Soccer) category in 2024.

Congratulations to all the students, and a big thank you to the parents for their support and enthusiastic cheers on the day.



Mr. John Zheng
Lego Robotics Coach

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Australian Maths Competition last month. Students will receive their certificates in Term 4.

ICAS RESULTS

Well done to all the students who participated in the ICAS competition this term. Over the coming weeks, the ICAS results will be released online. Certificates, however, will not be handed out until next term.

Parents and students can access their own results using their TAP-ID and PIN:

- Students that have sat ICAS at your school before can find their TAP-ID and PIN on the back of a previous year's certificate.
- Students that have sat ICAS at your school for the first time this year, can request their TAP-ID and PIN through the following link: <https://www.icasassessments.com/results-portal/> which is also available on XUNO under the news item 'ICAS Results'.

SERPELL BASKETBALL CLUB



**Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club
Junior Community League (Spring 2024)**

Results : 09/09-13/09

TEAM	SCORE	OPPONENT
Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)	41 6	Mariners Strikers
Serpell Sparrows (5/6 Girls)	9 16	Marwal Magic 5
Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)		Bye
Serpell Supreme (3/4 Boys)	16 34	THPS Heat
Serpell Savages (3/4 Boys)	8 10	Serpell Spiders
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	10 8	Serpell Savages
Serpell Scorpions (1/2 Boys)	6 15	Birralee Bears
Serpell Sixers (1/2 Boys)	17 5	Marwal Magic 1
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	26 6	THPS Monsters
Serpell Seekers (1/2 Boys)	28 10	Mariners Rebound Warriors
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	19 9	Ivanhoe Grammar Fireballs
Serpell Superpower (1/2 Boys)	10 0	Mariners SC Sonics
Serpell Sunfires (1/2 Girls)	20 0	Tempy Park Leopards
Serpell Sparkles (1/2 Girls)	0 1	Ivanhoe Grammar Asteroids
Serpell Stars (3/4 Girls)	24 12	THPS G4 Girls
Serpell Supershooter (3/4 Girls)	23 6	Tempy Park Goannas
Serpell Snipers (3/4 Girls)	18 6	Ivanhoe Grammar Solar Flares