



# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

## From the Principal

### Diary

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Year 4 Camp CYC The Island

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

Prep Zoo Excursion

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Curriculum Day (**No School**)

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Melbourne Cup Day

(**Public Holiday**)

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Year 5 Camp Rumbug

### **Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO**

Prep Excursion Melbourne Zoo

Year 4 Camp CYC The Island

Year 6 Camp Howqua

Year 6 Life Education Incursion

### **SERPELL WINS NATIONAL WAKAKIRRI AWARD**

Serpell has taken home a national award for excellence in storytelling, raising awareness, and the performing arts for their performance "Fit In, Stand Out" as part of the 2024 National Wakakirri Story-Dance Festival.

Wakakirri is Australia's largest performing arts event for schools with 180 taking part in 2024. Participating schools are inspired by the Wakakirri ethos 'great stories inspire change' to create and perform story-dances that reflect students' thoughts, ideas and aspirations.

Wakakirri Festival Director Adam Loxley praised the outstanding performance and storytelling of schools this year, stating, "The standard this year was exceptional, so Serpell should be very proud of their award. This acknowledgment reflects the high quality and creativity that Serpell brought to their participation in the Wakakirri festival."

Congratulations to all student Performers and to teacher leaders Kat D'aquino, Rebecca Chandler, Ashleigh Lucas and Shona Stanford for their amazing design, choreography and precision training.

The Wakakirri Story - Dance Festival is a national program that helps schools develop student engagement and wellbeing through participation in the performing arts. Schools participate by creating Story-Dances which they perform in live theatres in capital cities and selected regional areas around Australia. Schools in remote and regional areas can participate via Wakakirri Video.



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WILMA CULTON PSM

## FROM THE NURSE

Dear Parents,

Hay fever season is upon us. In particular children are suffering from itchy, red, swollen eyes. Can I suggest that if your child is prone to hay fever you could:

1. Check the pollen count in the morning and if high, give an antihistamine at home. There are many pollen count sites. This is the one recommended by Asthma Australia: <https://www.melbournepollen.com.au/>
2. Ask your child to avoid the oval or playing around bushes.
3. If your child is prone to itchy eyes, please provide me with eye drops. A Medication Authority form can be found on the school website and also the school office. The medication needs to be in the original box. Zaditen eye drops seem to be the most popular one as it comes in small containers for single use resulting in less waste. Purchase the box with the longest expiry date.
4. If your child has symptoms other than itchy eyes, e.g., sneezing, could you provide an antihistamine. A Medication Authority and the medication in the original box is required.

If your child presents with hay fever and they do not have medication provided, I will provide them with a wet face washer to take back to class. They will also have a note requesting some medication be provided to keep at school.

Thank you,  
Nurse Mary

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are excited to announce that our school uniform supplies will be moving off-site to Spartan School World at Ringwood as of 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

***The change over will occur between between Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. During this time, there will be no purchases processed.***

As of **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** all school uniforms will be available at the Spartan School World shop, Unit 12/100 New Street, Ringwood and online at [www.spartanschoolworld.com.au](http://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au)

This change will allow parents to continue ordering online, but you can now choose home delivery (fee) or delivery to the school to be sent home with your child. You can also order 'click and collect' from the Ringwood store, or go in person to the Ringwood store to try on uniforms and purchase.

**Remember:** The Serpell Uniform will only be stocked in the Ringwood store, you cannot purchase from other Spartan School World stores.

If you currently have a credit note for previously returned purchases to be redeemed, this must be redeemed at the

school office prior to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We will not be able to redeem credit notes after this time. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

## SPORTS, CLUBS, GROUPS AND LEADER PHOTOS

Recently the photographs for the Serpell sports, clubs, groups, and student leaders were taken. They will be on display opposite the health centre in the coming weeks but are available to order online now!

### Pricing and Details:

Each photograph is \$12.

Enjoy a 10% discount if you ordered school photos this year. Photos will be mailed directly to your home.

You can place orders until the end of the 2024 school year.

### How to Order:

Visit: [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)

Access Key: Use your child's original access key (the same one used for school photo orders).

If you have forgotten your code, please email [kristele.kluke@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristele.kluke@education.vic.gov.au) with the following details:

Child's Preferred Name:

Child's Surname:

Child's 2024 Class:

Kristele Kluke, Assistant Principal

## SERPELL ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the wonderful musicians in the Serpell Orchestra who performed at two assemblies yesterday. They performed 'Hedwig's Theme' from 'Harry Potter' with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, in particular to students who have only recently joined the Orchestra and have shown extra commitment to learning the music and practising at home.

Bravo everyone!

Miss Wuttke



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

Results : 14/10-18/10

TEAM	SCORE	OPPONENT
Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)	37 19	Marwal Magic 4
Serpell Sparrows (5/6 Girls)	14 40	Mariners Thunder
Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	26 4	Donvale Opals
Serpell Supreme (3/4 Boys)	28 17	Donvale Panthers
Serpell Savages (3/4 Boys)	12 5	Marwal Magic 3
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	10 27	Marwal Magic 2
Serpell Scorpions (1/2 Boys)	12 16	THPS Blue Bombers
Serpell Sixers (1/2 Boys)	20 2	THPS Blue Chills
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)		BYE
Serpell Seekers (1/2 Boys)	25 3	Marwal Magic 1
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	9 36	THPS Superstars
Serpell Superpower (1/2 Boys)	0 15	THPS Dinosaurs
Serpell Sunfires (1/2 Girls)		BYE
Serpell Sparkles (1/2 Girls)	0 24	THPS Wonder
Serpell Stars (3/4 Girls)	27 10	Donvale Angels
Serpell Supershooter (3/4 Girls)	4 16	Serpell Snipers
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