



# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 29<sup>th</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

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**

School Disco – Crazy Hair

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Teacher's Lunch

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

Prep Excursion Melbourne Zoo

Year 6 Camp Howqua

Year 6 Life Education Incursion

### LONG WEEKEND THIS WEEKEND

This weekend will be a four-day break, with a Curriculum Day on Monday combined with Melbourne Cup Day on Tuesday. This gives families a chance to have a break and maybe get away prior to the end of year rush and is in line with many workplaces in the community. In previous years when we have had school on the Monday, there have been large numbers of absences. The teachers will be using the day to commence report writing for the end of year assessments.

### PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

If you will be leaving us next year, please notify the office. We are in the process of teacher recruitment and planning for 2025 classes. In addition, we have families waiting for places.

WILMA CULTON PSM

### 2025 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

All students will bring home their 2025 Parent Contributions this Friday. The front page of the paperwork has your child's name and the Student Code, you will need this code when placing your order.

Due to the School Saving Bonus (SSB) being given to all students in 2025 the Excursion/incursion Levy has not been included as you will be able to elect to 'pay' this from the portal once it is 'live' in November.

**The website for payment opens on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024.** The last day for ordering to avoid a late fee is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024. As always, the book packs will be delivered to the nominated address you enter. Please make sure to order book packs for the year your child will be going into in **2025**. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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## SCHOOL SAVER BONUS

As per previous correspondence every child in a Victorian government school will receive a once-off \$400 School Saving Bonus (SSB). This bonus can only be used towards uniforms, excursions, incursions, swimming programs and camp in 2025.

Our latest information from the Department of Education is that you will receive an email with your portal access by the 18<sup>th</sup> November. As we receive further information, we will update you via the newsletter.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

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)

*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.*

**Remember:** 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

## DIWALI ASSEMBLY

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 34 students performed a magnificent dance to celebrate Diwali. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains throughout the world. It is a Festival of Lights and signifies the victory of good over evil and light over darkness. Annika, Anika, Ekamjot, Krishiv and Aadhav all introduced the performance with clear voices. Thank you to the students who rehearsed for several lunchtimes to perfect their dance and to the parents for providing the colourful traditional costumes.

Happy Diwali!

Sub ko Diwali mubharak ho.



Miss Wuttke

### CONCERT PERFORMANCE

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, I attended a wonderful concert at the Melbourne Chinese Baptist Church in Kew. It was a fundraiser for Spur Afrika, which supports people in need.

Among the performers were three Serpell students, Callum Huang, Mason Lu and William Lam. Callum played 'Russian Wedding' on the cello, followed by a Polonaise by Chopin and 'The Courageous Tin Soldier and the Rat' on the piano. William played 'Starlight Waltz' by Brainard and Mason played 'Variations in A minor' by Kabalevsky. I was very proud of the three boys, who performed magnificently and confidently in front of an attentive audience.



Miss Wuttke

### DIVISIONAL ROUNDERS GAME

Last Wednesday morning the Boys Blue Rounders Team played against Doncaster Gardens. We played 4 innings and won 17-2 making us divisional champions, the highlight of the day was when we all worked together and helped the other team. We would like to thank Ms Hughes for coaching us this year.



Shaun Xue 6MT and Sun Chan 6JX

### EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Thursday, 5 students competed in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics championships at Tom Kelly track, Doncaster. Terrance Diao started the proceedings with a hard fought 1500m race, followed by Marcus Liu in the 80m hurdles. Jeremy Harianto, Nyle Baig, Ryan Liu and Terrance Diao competed in the U11 4x100m Relay. Although none of the boys progressed through to State level from this very difficult stage, we were extremely proud of their efforts and how they represented our school.

A huge thank you to all the boys!  
Lola Hughes & Kris Sais

### BASKETBALL CLUB



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

Results 21/10-25/10

TEAM	SCORE	OPPONENT
<b>Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)</b>	47 13	Birralee Ballers
Serpell Sparrows (5/6 Girls)	9 10	<b>Serpell Storms</b>
<b>Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)</b>	10 9	Serpell Sparrows
Serpell Supreme (3/4 Boys)	18 28	<b>Mariners Warriors</b>
<b>Serpell Savages (3/4 Boys)</b>	20 13	Doncaster Garden Boys 3/4 White
<b>Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)</b>	14 10	Tempy Park Tigers
<b>Serpell Scorpions (1/2 Boys)</b>	11 9	Birralee Bears
Serpell Sixers (1/2 Boys)	13 15	<b>Serpell Seekers</b>
<b>Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)</b>	13 4	Ivanhoe Grammar Rockets
<b>Serpell Seekers (1/2 Boys)</b>	15 13	Serpell Sixers
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	14 21	<b>Mariners Ankle Breakers</b>
Serpell Superpower (1/2 Boys)	8 10	<b>Doncaster Graden Boys 1/2 Blue</b>
<b>Serpell Sunfires (1/2 Girls)</b>	11 8	Donvale Starlets
Serpell Sparkles (1/2 Girls)		Bye
<b>Serpell Stars (3/4 Girls)</b>	12 6	HPS Clint
Serpell Supershooter (3/4 Girls)	4 30	<b>Donvale Stars</b>
<b>Serpell Snipers (3/4 Girls)</b>	6 2	Temp Valley Cheetahs

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Guiding children's growth

# Newsletter

Date: 28/10 – 1/11



## A Message from your Coordinator

Dear Serpell Primary School Families,

Our incursions with level up, have been going so well! Children have had so much fun experiencing different activities that challenge both the mind and body. We are looking forward to our next session which is all about resilience training. It will work on our resilience, teamwork and integrity.

We also have such a fun week ahead full of Halloween activities and games that children can get excited for leading up to Halloween. Next week, our theme is all about colours. Children will indulge in a world full of colours creating many activities such as colourful bookmarks and a rainbow suncatcher.

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

- Farnaz & Team

### Activities Coming Up

- Halloween melting beads
- Handprint spiders
- Trick/treat bags

### What's on the Menu?

Pasta  
Sandwiches  
Noodles



Your  
OSHC.

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

  
ROCKETEERS