



Diary

Fri 29th Nov

PA: School Disco – Crazy Hair

Mon 2nd Dec – Fri 6th Dec

Year 6 Camp Howqua

Mon 9th Dec

PA: Teacher's Lunch

Thurs 19th Dec

Last Day of Term (3:30pm finish)

- 2025 -

Thurs 30th Jan

First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6

Thurs 6th Feb

First day of Term 1 for Preps

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

School Disco

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 26th November 2024

From the Principal

SCHOOL PAYMENTS 2025

As detailed two weeks ago, just for 2025, there will be a new structure of parent payments. This is in response to a state government bonus payment to families of \$400 per student.

What happened up to now?

Normally parents pay for books and the excursion levy for a charge of \$240. Uniforms, swimming and excursions were billed separately and parents paid for them as they occurred.

What will happen now?

Parents will only pay the school for their student's books and classroom technology platforms. The voluntary levy is now only \$200 and you will order the books and they will be delivered to your home prior to the commencement of school next year. It is interesting to note that there are 200 days in a school year – it costs \$1 per day to come to school!!

Most people have received a link to the Parent Portal for the School Saving Bonus. You can go in after this coming Friday and allocate this to be dispersed. We suggest you allocate first:

Excursions (school activities). \$80

Senior Sport Year 6 only \$60

Uniforms

Swimming

Camps

Each family will have different allocations. Maybe if you have a child in Prep – 2 and another in 3-6 you can combine the allocation to a greater amount for the older child's camp. It will help us if everyone allocates excursion and sport – then we will not need to separately invoice you every time the bus leaves for an activity. You can allocate right up to June 30th 2025.

Need help? We are here for you.

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SCHOOL SAVER BONUS UPDATE

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025. The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

From Tuesday 26th November 2024, you will receive an email from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit | [Saving Bonus | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#). A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by **Friday 29th November**, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school.saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au

Please regularly check your XUNO news items for the latest updates regarding the School Saver Bonus.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Disco

Are you ready to rock and roll at the Serpell Disco this Friday, 29th November? Don't forget to purchase your tickets on XUNO.

We hope to see you all in your craziest hair and dance costumes to add to the flare. Make sure you wear something that's comfortable as you will be sweating it out on the dance floor. Get creative and practice some groovy dance moves while you're at it. Prizes will be awarded for the craziest hair and funkiest moves.

Volunteers

Thank you to all parents who have registered to help at this event. An email will be sent out on Wednesday with roles and responsibilities. Registrations close today.

The PA is made up of parents who put in a lot of time and effort to plan these fun events for the children, but we can't put on good event without your help. We value your time and appreciate you showing up and helping us run these events.

As we draw close to the end of year, we call upon parents who would like to join the PA for next year. There are many ways in which you could help and get involved without taking too much of your time.

We aim to have meetings once a month and share details through our mailing list. This is also a great way to meet other parents if you are new to the school.

There will be an AGM held at the beginning of next year. Details to follow.

For any inquiries please send an email to president.serpell@gmail.com

Hafsa Malik
PA President

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
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 with the following details:

Child's Preferred Name:

Child's Surname:

Child's 2024 Class:

Kristele Kluke
Assistant Principal

BASKETBALL CLUB



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

Results 18/11-22/11

TEAM	SCORE	OPPONENT
Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)	44 4	Mariners Strikers
Serpell Sparrows (5/6 Girls)		BYE
Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	10 19	Mariners Thunder
Serpell Supreme (3/4 Boys)	21 27	THPS Heat
Serpell Savages (3/4 Boys)	11 11	Serpell Spiders
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Serpell Scorpions (1/2 Boys)	0 25	Mariners Ankle Breakers
Serpell Sixers (1/2 Boys)	28 4	THPS Blue Chills
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	17 2	Donvale Rebels
Serpell Seekers (1/2 Boys)	33 7	Marwal Magic 1
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)		BYE
Serpell Superpower (1/2 Boys)	2 13	THPS Dinosaurs
Serpell Sunfires (1/2 Girls)		BYE
Serpell Sparkles (1/2 Girls)	0 18	THPS Wonder
Serpell Stars (3/4 Girls)	14 10	Mariners Kappas
Serpell Supershooter (3/4 Girls)	0 23	Mariners Scorchers
Serpell Snipers (3/4 Girls)		BYE

REGISTER NOW to join a basketball team in 2025!
Registration details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Ethan Xie from 1SB. As a member of the Australian/Korean Taekwondo Centre, Ethan participated in the Eastern Regional Invitational 2024 on November 24th.

Competitors from 12 different clubs took part in this event. As a yellow belt competitor, Ethan demonstrated excellent skill and determination, earning a 2nd place medal in Kyorugi (sparring) and a 3rd place medal in Poomsae (forms). We applaud Ethan for his outstanding performance and look forward to witnessing his continued success in future competitions.



Register for 2025 BASKETBALL Teams!

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

2025 AUTUMN SEASON (17 Feb - June 2025)

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

*Serpell Basketball Association is solely run by parent volunteers. As such, all player parents are required to be involved during the season.



REGISTER NOW:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1325387>

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 1ST FEBRUARY 2025

Once you have completed Serpell Registration, you will be emailed team allocations and instructions on how to register/pay with Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club in early Term 1, 2025.

	GRADES 5 + 6 BOYS & GIRLS	GRADES 3 + 4 BOYS	GRADES 1 + 2 BOYS & GIRLS	GRADES 3 + 4 GIRLS	FOUNDATION
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
GAMES	4 Rounds of Grading 9 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals	4 Rounds of Grading 12 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals			15 Rounds Regular Season No Finals
Game locations change weekly and can be at Bulleen Basketball Stadium / Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre / Donvale Indoor Sports Complex / Templestowe Heights Primary School (subject to change).					
TRAINING	Training day & time to be determined by Coaches. Training location is usually on school grounds.				
COST	Serpell Registration Fee \$55 (once per year) Basketball Victoria Licence Fees \$30 (once per year) Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Season Fee \$175 (per season)				Serpell Fee \$55 BV Licence Fee \$30 BTBC Season Fee \$160

