

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 10th December 2024

From the Principal

Diary

Fri 13th Dec

Doncare Giving Day

Mon 16th Dec

Sports Assembly 2:30 – 3:30

Tues 17th Dec

Xmas Assembly 9:15 – 10:00

Tues 17th Dec

Class Parties, Pizza Day (Canteen Closed)

Thurs 19th Dec

Last Day of Term 3:30 finish

Thurs 19th Dec

Graduation Assembly 2:30

Thurs 19th Dec

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

Fri 20th Dec

Curriculum Day (No School)

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Thurs 30th Jan

First day of Term 1 for Years 1-6

Thurs 6th Feb

First day of Term 1 for Preps

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ASSEMBLIES FOR NEXT WEEK

Next week's arrangements are as follows:

Monday 16th Sports Assembly 2.30 – 3.30

Tuesday 17th Xmas Assembly 9.15 – 10am

Thursday 19th Graduation Assembly 2.30pm

All parents and grandparents are invited to attend these events. It is possible that if it is very hot, all of these assemblies will be moved either outside or to 9.30am, but in that instance we will notify you on Xuno.

TEACHERS' LUNCH THANKYOU

Yesterday the staff were given a very special treat from the Parent Association's organisation of a Teachers Lunch. Thank you to all parents who contributed culinary delights from all over the world for us to try. It was a wonderful afternoon, and we are so grateful for the time and care taken to present the event.



WILMA CULTON PSM

PREPS LOVE HATCHING CHICKS!

"Last week we got twelve eggs from Henny Penny Farm and eleven hatched. The chicks were fluffy and yellow. They liked to stay under the lamp because it was warm. We loved the chicks!" -Autumn and Lia PSC

"One egg did not hatch so it went back to its mother because it was not old enough. Now there are eleven chicks and no eggs. Some chicks have grown up." -Michael and Sebastian PGU



"A chick hatches in about 21 days. Boy chickens are called roosters and girl chickens are called hens. Baby chickens are called chicks. We like the baby chicks at school a lot because they are so cute!" -Joshua and Yasmine POA

"I enjoyed having the chicks visit us because they were so cute, and we learned lots of things about them." -Anton PSF

"I enjoyed the chicks because they were special and fluffy. It was amazing to see the eggs hatch." -Angie PSF

"I was surprised with how fast the chicks grew while they were in Prep." -Mia PMR

"When they hatched their feathers were yellow and fuzzy but when they grew up their feathers looked black and brown and like grown up feathers." -Anderson PMR

"I liked the chicken's feathers because they were fluffy. We saw the chicken flap their wings and eat their seeds." Zachary PJB

"We saw the chickens hatch from an egg and we saw them drink their water." -Daaniyal PJB

"I liked the chickens at school. I thought it was funny when the chickens were standing on their food bowl." -Wincy PJB

"I learnt that not all chicks have the same colour wings. Some of our chicks had brown wings and some had yellow." -Henry PMP

"The chicks were very cute and made lots of loud noises when we were trying to work. I learnt that it takes 8 weeks to find out if the chick will be a rooster or a hen." -Lucia PMP

CANTEEN CLOSED NEXT TUESDAY

A reminder to parents that the canteen will be closed next Tuesday 17th due to the class parties.

SCHOOL SAVER BONUS UPDATE

A reminder to all parents who have received their SSB Portal Login codes that you can only use these vouchers for the following:

1. **Uniform** - purchases from Spartan School World
2. **Activities** - Serpell Primary School (excursion levy, senior sport levy, camps, swimming)

You cannot use it for the Parent Contributions at Ross Office.

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

ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

On Monday 9th December, the Serpell Orchestra performed at all three assemblies. The Christmas spirit was alive and well during their presentation of 'Jingle Bells and 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. The orchestra will be performing again on Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am for the Christmas Assembly in the Stadium.

Miss Wuttke

ARCARE PERFORMANCE

On Friday 6th December, 20 Year 5 students walked to Arcare Aged Care to perform a wonderful Christmas Concert for the residents. About 80 residents and staff enjoyed a varied program of Christmas music and solos by

our talented Year 5 musicians. It was a real privilege to share their talents with the elder people in our local community. Thanks to Ms Lucas for organising the excursion documentation and to Mrs Gilbert for attending the excursion and playing the bells with the orchestra.

Miss Wuttke



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Yesterday the PA hosted the Annual Teacher's Luncheon to celebrate and show appreciation to the teachers and staff of Serpell. Thank you to all the families who contributed generously with delicious plates of food, it was truly overwhelming. We are so grateful to our Serpell families for supporting us and helping us continue this beautiful tradition every year. We would also like to appreciate the efforts of Rebecca Evans and all the volunteers who helped at the event.



We have now come to the end of a very eventful year. It has truly been a remarkably successful year for the PA both profitable and engaging within the community. We will now look at planning for next year's events by inviting any parents who may be interested in getting involved. Please send us an email if you would like to be part of the team or an event coordinator for next year. We will be having the AGM early next year and all are welcome. Until then, the PA wishes you all happy holidays and a wonderful new year.

For any inquiries, please send an email to president.serpell@gmail.com
Hafsa Malik, PA President

BASKETBALL CLUB



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2024)

Results SEMI FINALS (2/12-13/12)

TEAM	SCORE	OPPONENT
Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)	27 16	BPPS Boroodara Bulls
Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	9 21	Marwal Magic 5
Serpell Supreme (3/4 Boys)	20 32	Mariners Warriors
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	13 26	Tempy Park Tigers
Serpell Scorpions (1/2 Boys)	18 5	Ivanhoe Grammar Fireballs
Serpell Sixers (1/2 Boys)	14 19	Mariners Rebound Warriors
Serpell Seekers (1/2 Boys)	36 14	THPS Blue Chills
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	6 27	Mariners Ankle Breakers
Serpell Superpower (1/2 Boys)	15 5	Doncaster Gardens Boys 1/2 Blue
Serpell Sunfires (1/2 Girls)	20 2	Mariners Shooting Rockets
Serpell Stars (3/4 Girls)	28 31	Donvale Angels
Serpell Snipers (3/4 Girls)	5 7	Mariners Scorchers

Well done to all the teams who made it to the semi-finals!

Good luck to the following teams who are playing their GRAND FINALS this week!

Serpell Skyrocket [v Belle Vue Green Gekkos | Monday 5:05PM]

Serpell Scorpions [v Birralee Broncos | Wednesday 6PM]

Serpell Seekers [v. Mariners Rebound Warriors | Wednesday 5:05PM]

Serpell Superpower [v. Temp Valley Golden Phoenix | Wednesday 5:05PM]

Serpell Sunfires [v. Donvale Legends | Wednesday 4:10PM]

REGISTER PLAYERS NOW to join a basketball team in 2025!

Registration details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

We also need more **VOLUNTEERS** in assisting the Basketball Committee in 2025. As a 100% parent-run committee, we need your help to keep the game on for our Serpell students. If interested, please contact **Kelly 0425 569 668**.

If there are any **business organisations or individuals** who would like to kindly support Serpell Basketball by means of **FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP** - we would love to hear from you! **Please contact Kelly 0435 569 668**.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Date: 9/12 - 13/12

A Message from your Coordinator

Dear Serpell Primary School Families,

As we close on another fantastic year, we are so excited to share with you what we have in store to finish our year!

As we head into summer, the children have had fun engaging in different summer activities, from 3D ice creams, tissue paper popsicles, summer sun crafts to beach crafts and much more.

In the next two weeks we have lots of Christmas activities planned such as making Christmas snow, decorations, wreaths and many more craft activities. We are so excited and will have so much fun as we enter the holiday season.

Thank-you for such a wonderful year and we can't wait for our exciting holiday program and what's in store for 2025!

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Enrolments for our Summer Holiday Program (known as Rocketeers) are now open! Please book on the Camp Australia Website.

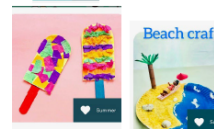
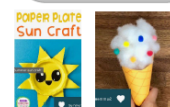
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Activities Coming Up

- Yarn Wreath decorations
- Christmas 3D craft
- Christmas snow

What's on the Menu?

- Pasta
- Sandwiches
- Noodles



Your OSHC.

To register and book, visit www.campastralia.com.au


ROCKETEERS

Doncare Giving Day

Bring a toy to donate to someone who is the same age as you!

When: Friday December 13th

We kindly ask for new toys only and no books.



Dress up in your best festive Christmas clothes and colours!

Give Your Child the Gift of Music

Learn a Musical Instrument

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, flute, clarinet, here at Serpell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2025.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: samantha@creativemusic.com.au




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