



Diary

Thurs 20th February

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Fri 21st February

PA Annual General Meeting
(9:30am in staff centre)

Mon 24th February

Student School Council
Assembly Presentation

Mon 10th March

Public Holiday: Labour Day

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Division Swimming Finals

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 18th February 2025

From the Principal

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2025

As a result of the Year 6 elections last week, the following students have been elected School Captains for 2025. We congratulate these students on their achievement and wish them a very successful year in learning about, and practising, leadership within the school and the wider community. This afternoon the House Captain elections will take place for the leaders of Anderson(gold), Reynolds (blue), Blackburn (red) and King (green).

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Rylee Chan

Rylee has been a student at Serpell since prep. At school her interests are writing and reading. Outside of school she participates in squad gymnastics and swimming. As a school leader she is hoping to learn how to help her community and to listening to how students think she can best support them. Working to help the community is also her long-term ambition.

Terrance Diao

Terrance has also been a student at Serpell since prep. At school he is keen on sport and eager to participate in as many teams as possible. In 2024, he was selected for eight school sporting teams. Outside of school he plays clarinet at Grade 6 level and piano at Grade 7. He has a passion for swimming and swims squad at CA Triton Swimming Club. In the future he would like to be an engineer so that he can develop his creative thinking and inventive capabilities.

VICE CAPTAINS

Irene Zhou

Irene has also been at Serpell since she was a prep student. At school she really enjoys narrative writing and art. Outside school she learns piano at Grade 7 level and cello at Grade 4. She plays badminton for the ABTC club. In the future she would like to be either a designer of fashion or a perhaps a lawyer.

Adrian Malekshahi

Adrian also has been a Serpell student since prep. At school he enjoys sports and mathematics. Outside of school he is a member of the Under 12 A Team for Manningham United. He is a squad swimmer for Doncaster Templestowe Swimming Club. In the future he would like to be a lawyer because he enjoys debating and he thrives on the challenge of finding gaps in argument.



WILMA CULTON PSM

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Parents Association will be having a second-hand uniform sale this Thursday 20th February from 9:00am to 9:30am in the Canteen Foyer area at the back of the school. Please bring cash.

Parents are also reminded that when purchasing second hand uniforms to cross out any names on the item and replace it with your child's name, this way it will find its way back if lost. If you have any donations of uniform, please bring them to the office.

CAMP SPORT & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

A reminder to all families who are recipients of a government issued Health Care Card (not a Medicare card) that you need to complete an application form and submit your valid Health Care Card to the office for processing.

If you were in receipt of CSEF in 2024 and have had a prep child start at Serpell this year, please notify the office so they can be added to your family file. If you are approved for CSEF we will allocate the money received to Excursions, sport, swimming and camp as they arise.

SCHOOL SAVING BONUS (SSB)

For all eligible families that received the SSB (\$400 per child) you must log on to your portal to allocate your funds to either Uniforms or Activities.

Activities cover the following:

- Excursion / Incursion Levy (\$80 per student)
- Interschool Sport Levy (\$60 – year 6 only)
- Swimming (approx. \$70 per student)
- Camp (Year 3 to 6 and approx. \$250 to \$650)

What you need to know:

As 'Activities' arise within the school we will allocate your SSB (and CSEF if you are a recipient) amount you have chosen to be used for activities.

1. If the amount allocated does not cover the cost, you will see a balance amount on XUNO when you approve the event. You will need to pay this amount.
2. If the amount allocated does cover the complete cost of the event, you will see a \$0.00 balance, you will still need to approve the event but will not be required to pay any additional amount.
3. If you have chosen not to allocate any of your SSB to 'Activities' your child's event will be published on XUNO with the full amount owing.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are currently seeking parent volunteers to be Class Representatives for your child's class. This is a very special, valuable and important role that will not only enable you to become more involved with your child's class, but with the school community as a whole.

As a Class Rep all you need to do is to prepare and distribute your Class's Friendship List which will allow the class children and parents to keep in contact with each other. You are also encouraged to arrange at least one social activity per term.

Ideally, we need two class reps for each class, so this is perfect to do with a friend, as it is a very easy and rewarding role. If you would like to volunteer, or would like to know more, please email our Class Rep Coordinator at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name and phone number, and your child's name and class.

We look forward to your involvement in the greater Serpell community.

Rebecca Evans
serpellclassrep@gmail.com

STUDENT SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

The Enviro Squad, Social Action and Values Committees make up our Student School Council. Each committee offers great opportunities for students to become involved in whole school activities, as well as wider community initiatives. Elections are being held in classes from Year 1 to Year 5, with representatives for each committee being selected.

On **Monday 24th of February**, our Semester 1 Student School Council representatives will be receiving their badges at assemblies (held in the stadium). Families are welcome to come along for this exciting presentation.

Times for assemblies are:

- Year 2 and Year 3: 2pm
- Prep and Year 1: 2.30pm
- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 3.00pm

Jamie Xu
Student School Council

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

A reminder to families that all school uniforms are ordered through Spartan School world at www.spartanschoolworld.com.au For all returns please directly contact Spartan School world. Returns are not processed through the school.

SERPELL ORCHESTRA

Serpell Orchestra rehearses on Friday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:30pm in the Hall next to the Music Room. After the wonderful success of 2024, I would like to encourage new members to join our amazing Orchestra. If your child learns an instrument, other than piano, and would like to join orchestra, please encourage them to come to speak to me, or feel free to email me at:

Susan.Wuttke@education.vic.gov.au

Our orchestra includes violin, viola, cello, guitar, recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, French Horn and percussion. I will provide folders and music for the orchestra.

Thank you to Orchestra Parent Helpers

I would like to acknowledge the amazing support of the Orchestra's committed parent helpers. Without their weekly assistance, I would not be able to run the rehearsals nearly as well. Thank you to all of you.

Miss Wuttke

WELL DONE EVA

Congratulations to Eva Zhang, in 4CM who was just selected by Badminton Victoria as the youngest state member (9 years old). Eva started her badminton journey at 6 years old and is now only 9 but already competing within the U13 age group. As the BV congratulation email said: the hard work, dedication, and performance have earned her a place in this highly competitive team. She will keep training hard and representing both the Serpell school badminton team and Victoria state team to achieve a higher level.



CAMP AUSTRALIA

A reminder to all parents that only students in Prep are collected from the classroom if they are booked in for Camp Australia in the afternoon. All other grade levels need to make their way to the Camp Australia area which is situated in the school Canteen.

SWIMMING SUCCESS!

On Monday 17th of February, Serpell's Swimming Squad participated in the District Swimming Finals at Aquarena. We had a total of 30 students compete. Throughout the day, our students displayed excellent individual and team performances, great sportsmanship, and a positive attitude. Congratulations to all our students who took part on the day. Having finished first or second in their individual or relay events, twenty-two of our students will now participate in the Division Finals taking place on Monday 3rd of March at Aquanation in Ringwood. We wish all these students the best of luck.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

AGM

We would like to invite you all to our Annual General Meeting on Friday, 21st February at 9:30am, held in the staff centre. This is a great opportunity for you to find out about parent engagement, volunteering and your role as a class representative. We will also elect new office bearers, event coordinators and other representatives as part of our growing team.

As our guest speaker, Mr. Lachlan Zubevich will talk about the schools STEM programme, IT practices and using AI in the classroom. This will be a great insight for parents who want to learn more about the school's curriculum.

We will send out the agenda to all who are on our mailing list. If you are new to the school and would like to receive a copy, please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please send all inquiries to president.serpell@gmail.com.

Hafsa Malik

President, Parents Association

Open Night*

Thursday 13 March 2025

* By booking only



East Doncaster Secondary College

Bookings must be made to attend and receive a College Tour, starting at **4:45pm**, with the last tour departing at **6:20pm**.

Pre-book your tickets from 18 February at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQKMN>

Serpell Primary School password for booking: SPS25-EDSC

Limited tickets will be available for pre-booking, once these tickets are booked out, general bookings open on 20 February 2025.

Tickets will not be available on the night.

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