



Diary

Thurs 27th March

Second Hand Uniform Shop
(9:00am – 9:30am)

MoPA Excursion - PSC, PAR, PLA,
PAG

Fri 28th March

MoPA Excursion – PMR, PMS,
PSF

Mon 31st March

Parent Teacher Student
Interviews (Student Free Day)

Wed 2nd April

Year 6 Cell Phone Scavenger
Hunt Excursion

Fri 4th April

Last Day of Term 1 (2:30pm
finish)

Mon 28th April – Fri 9th May

Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Prep: MoPA Excursion

Year 1 and 2: Swimming
Program

Year 6: Cell Phone Scavenger
Hunt Excursion

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 25th March 2025

From the Principal

RETIRING SCHOOL COUNCILLORS – THANKYOU

At the end of 2024, several of our parents who had been outstanding and generous school councillors completed their time on the Serpell Council due to their children moving on to secondary schools or family relocation. We thank them each for their service and the development of our school over recent years. We wish them well at their new schools, where we are certain that they will continue to make a positive difference.

Marjan Hajjari has been our School Council President for the past four years, a councillor for eight and a Serpell parent for thirteen years. In her time as President, Council has overseen the building of the Music Room and the construction of the outdoor shade cover over the basketball courts. These two projects alone cost \$2m. Marjan has been a positive, stable and influential council President, and we have appreciated her professional expertise, organisational capabilities, cohesive leadership skills and warm friendship.

Flora Liu has been an excellent Treasurer who retired mid-way through the year. She provided Council with a deep understanding of financial processes and gave advice on matters such as audit recommendations, financial policy and budgeting.

Valerie Lai has been on Council for the past seven years. In that time, she has supported the Council with advice on energy conservation and organised access to a program for students which gave them experience in the construction of solar powered light devices for students in remote communities.

Ashley Stephens was a councillor for the past two years and worked energetically to investigate solar panels and comparative energy costings for our school.

Lauren Faulker was the teacher representative for the past four years and provided advice on educational program and school events. She has taken leave for 2025.

WELCOME 2025 SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last night the first meeting of the 2025 School Council was held at the school and office bearers for this year were elected. We appreciate the time and contribution that each councillor makes to our school and our future and wish the Council a very productive year. The Council and office bearers are as follows;

President	Suhaila Abdel Qader
Vice President	Raza Sheriff
Treasurer	Karen Liu
Secretary	Mia Reid
PA Rep	Hafsa Malik
Executive Officer	Wilma Culton
Parent Members	Ann Lok, Lynn Lin, Yavnika Bhargava, Nancy Ren, Frank Cui
Staff Members	Costa Kotsiras, Kristele Kluge, Daniel Packett

INTERVIEWS NEXT MONDAY – NO CLASSES

On Monday 31st March we will hold parent/teacher/student interviews for all students. The interviews will be held online. Booking and access to interpreters is available in this newsletter. Students are encouraged to be part of the interview process. No classes will be held on Monday so that all staff will be available to parents and carers.

MARBLE SEASON

Each year the students in Year 6 declare a marble season and this week it is in full swing. The rules are simple – you can only play with students the same age as you and if you play you need to be prepared to lose. Please only allow your child to bring inexpensive marbles – not the favourite ones that grandpa collected in 1975.

WILMA CULTON PSM

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester 1, 2025

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held online via **Webex** on **Monday, 31st March**, from **9:00am to 3:30pm**.

Booking Details

- Bookings open: Thursday 20th March at 10:00am via Xuno.
- Bookings close: Thursday 27th March.
- Webex links: Your child's teacher will email you their personal Webex link on Friday, 28th March.

Important Information

- Each interview is limited to 10 minutes per child. If you need more time, please arrange a follow-up appointment with your child's teacher.
- Interpreter services: If you require an interpreter, please select this option when booking through Xuno.
- Specialist teachers: If you would like to meet with your child's Specialist teachers, please email Mrs Nicolaides Hellene.Nicolaides@education.vic.gov.au with your child's name, grade, and preferred time. She will confirm your booking.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Costa Kotsiras
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL SAVER BONUS UPDATE

Thank you to the families who have gone in to select that their Excursion Levy and/or Senior Sport Levy be paid with their SSB. **Remember, you MUST then allocate to 'ACTIVITIES' on your SSB Parent Portal.**

Please be mindful that it will take up to a week for us to delete the amount from XUNO as we allocate the payments. There are several steps involved which for 1200 students does take time.

The most important thing to remember, is, if you elect to use the SSB to pay for the Excursion Levy **DO NOT PAY ON XUNO** with your credit card.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Parents Association will be having a second-hand uniform sale this Thursday 27th March 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

National eSmart Week 2025: Be Heard. Be eSmart

We are excited to announce that National eSmart Week 2025 is happening from Monday, 31 March to Sunday, 6 April! This annual event, supported by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, is all about promoting online safety, digital wellbeing, and responsible technology use for young people.

This year's theme, *Be Heard. Be eSmart.*, encourages students to speak up, make smart choices online, and help create safer digital spaces for themselves and others. Throughout the week, students will take part in activities and discussions focused on the 4Cs of online safety:

- **Content** – Engaging with appropriate online material
- **Contact** – Managing safe communication online
- **Conduct** – Encouraging respectful digital behaviour
- **Compulsion** – Understanding healthy technology use

To support these important conversations at home, our next four newsletters will share one eSmart tip each week based on the 4Cs. Stay tuned for practical ways to help your child navigate the digital world safely and responsibly!

Nick Thuys
STEM Learning Specialist

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to serve as Class Representatives. We sincerely thank those who have already embraced this vital role. As a Class Representative, you can actively connect with your child's class and promote strong relationships within the school community. We aim to have two representatives per class for balanced representation. If your child is in one of the classes listed, we encourage you to consider this rewarding opportunity.

<i>Prep</i>	PAR	PMR	PSC	
Y1	1PL	1VC		
Y3	3AB	3RC		
Y4	4JB	4SM		
Y5	5AN	5BD	5BT	5LZ
Y6	6NM	6RM		

To volunteer or request more information, please contact me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. We look forward to your valued participation in the Serpell community. Thank you!

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator
serpellclassrep@gmail.com

WORLD MATHS DAY 2025

Fun fact! The opposite sides of a standard die always add up to 7!

On Wednesday 26th March we will be celebrating World Maths Day. There will be many exciting maths opportunities for students. These include participating in maths games, problem solving challenges, exploring how maths is used in everyday life and joining in the Mathletics competition.

All students with a Mathletics account can participate in the World Maths Day event. Your teacher will provide you with more details.



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REGIONAL SWIMMING SUCCESS!

On Friday 21st of March, Serpell's Swimming Squad participated in the Regional Swimming Finals at Aquanation. We had a total of 9 students compete, with all displaying outstanding individual and team performances.

After finishing first in their respective event, we now have two relay teams progressing through to the state finals, as well as one individual event.

Six of our students will now participate in the State Finals taking place on Thursday May 1st at MSAC. These include Ethan Ma, Kallen Ye, Brandon Wen, Terrance Diao, Artin Alamian and Lachlan Li. Congratulations and best of luck!

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS – THURSDAY 20/3/2025

ROUND 5	Serpell Blue		Templestowe Heights
Hot Shots	15	Def	0
Cricket	82	Def	66
Softball – Girls	17	Def	4
Softball – Mixed	11	Def	6
Rounders - Mixed	16	Def	1
Rounders - Girls	18	Def	7
	Serpell Gold		Milgate
Hot Shots	15	Lost	0
Cricket	94	Lost	98
Softball – Girls	18	Def	9
Softball – Mixed	17	Def	16
Rounders – Girls	2	Lost	21
Rounders - Mixed	0	Lost	22

BASKETBALL CLUB



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club
Junior Community League (Autumn 2025)

Results 17 Mar – 20 Mar

SERPPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
Serpell Sparkles(1/2 Girls)	10	19	THPS HYENAS
Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)	4	0	Tempy Park Starlets
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	19	22	ACPS Creekers
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)	8	8	Tempy Park Hawks
Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)	6	13	Mariners – SC Sonics
Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)	0	34	Temp Valley Golden Phoenix
Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)	2	15	Temp Valley Thunders
Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)	31	1	Serpell Sassy
Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)	1	31	Serpell Supernova
Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)	32	3	Mariners - THE ANKLE BREAKERS
Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)	15	47	Ivanhoe Grammar – Titans
Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)	Cancelled		Marwal Magic 2
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	18	3	OLOP Warriors
Serpells Scorpions (3/4 Boys)	4	15	Serpell Sixers
Serpells Sixers (3/4 Boys)	15	4	Serpell Scorpions
Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	Bye		
Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	Bye		
Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	Bye		



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FOR YEARS 1-6

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PARENT CLASSROOM HELPER PROGRAM



CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING Morning Sessions Term 2

Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers Program will be offered on a Wednesday morning during Term 2 in the staff centre. These sessions are designed around the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. If you are interested in assisting in the Prep, Year One or Year Two classrooms, attendance at the four training sessions is essential. If you would like to learn more about the way your child learns literacy skills, you are most welcome to attend. There are four sessions, and you must commit to the whole four sessions.

The following sessions will be held in Term 2 at 9.15 - 10:30 am:

- Wednesday 30th April*
- Wednesday 7th May*
- Wednesday 14th May*
- Wednesday 21st May*

Please fill out the return slip below if you are interested in attending this program and return it to the school office no later than **Tuesday 29th of April**. We will be in contact with you before the workshops begin to confirm that we have sufficient numbers to run these classes.

Daniel Packett
Assistant Principal

Parent Classroom Helper Program Sessions

I would like to attend the Parent Classroom Helper Program sessions in Term 2.
Please print clearly-

Name: _____ Child's name: _____

Child's teacher: _____

Email address: _____