



Diary

Wed 2nd April

Year 6 Cell Phone Scavenger Hunt Excursion

Fri 4th April

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

Mon 21st April

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)

Tues 22nd April

Start of Term 2

Fri 25th April

ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

Mon 28th April – Fri 9th May

Year 1 and 2 Swimming Program

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Year 1 and 2: Swimming Program

Year 6: Cell Phone Scavenger Hunt Excursion

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1st April 2025

From the Principal

AN EXCELLENT TERM

Thank you everyone for a very successful Term 1, which has resulted in very strong academic achievement for all students. The key factors as I see have been:

- Our teaching teams are operating at a very sophisticated level. Curriculum planning, student assessment, design of the teaching programs is all managed by exceptional team leaders and teachers.
- Teachers care about their students and support their all-round development and growth
- Students are keyed into learning. A recent observation of our classes by a senior department manager was that "Students at Serpell lean into the teacher and the learning – they are engaged and eager to learn"
- Student attendance has been high, and I am so impressed with student punctuality each morning. The bell rings and they are all here with the last arrivals running to class. Well done parents and children.
- Parents at Serpell follow up with homework and school support suggestions 100% and it is much appreciated by the school and reflected in student learning.

COLOUR RUN FUN SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Parents Association for the organisation of the Colour Fun Run last week. The event provided an opportunity for all students to experience exercise, the challenge of activities and sharing time together. Thank you to all parent helpers who assisted and to the wonderful supporting parents who came to cheer along.



HAPPY HOLIDAY

School will break for vacation this coming Friday afternoon at **2.30pm** and recommence after Easter on Tuesday 22nd April at 9am, when the students will go straight to class. I wish everyone a wonderful and restful holiday break following very hard working and successful first term.

WILMA CULTON PSM

Be eSmart – Content

Keeping kids safe online starts with making sure they are accessing **age-appropriate content**. Setting up **content filters** on devices can help block harmful or unsuitable material, ensuring your child only sees what's safe and appropriate for their age.

- ✔ Use parental controls on devices and apps
- ✔ Regularly review the games, videos, and websites your child engages with
- ✔ Encourage them to talk to you if they see something that makes them uncomfortable

By guiding your child to make smart choices about what they watch and play, we help them build **healthy digital habits**. Let's work together to create a **safe and positive online space!**

Nick Thuys
STEM Learning Specialist

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS –Thursday 27/3/25

ROUND 5	Serpell Blue		Templestowe Heights
Hot Shots	14	Def	1
Cricket	167	Def	47
Softball – Girls	14	Def	6
Softball – Mixed	16	Lost	18
Rounders - Mixed	17	Def	2
Rounders - Girls	32	Def	6
	Serpell Gold		Milgate
Hot Shots	12	Def	3
Cricket	97	Def	37
Softball – Girls	18	Def	11
Softball – Mixed	17	Def	9
Rounders – Girls	17	Lost	20
Rounders - Mixed	10	Def	7

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.

Prep	PMR	PSC		
Y1	1VC			
Y3	3AB	3RC		
Y4	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
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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 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

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