



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 13th May 2025

From the Principal

Diary

Mon 12th – Fri 23rd May
Annual Book Fair

Mon 19th May
Choir Performance Assembly

Tues 20th May
Second Hand Uniform Shop
9am- 9:30am

Tues 20th May
Maths Night – Prep, Years 1, 4, 5

Wed 21st May
Maths Night – Years 2, 3, 6

Thurs 5th – Fri 6th June
Student Free Days

Mon 9th June
Public Holiday – King's Birthday

Mon 23rd June – Fri 4th July
Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Year 5 and 6 Swimming Program

THANK YOU, PARENT ASSOCIATION

Special thanks to the Parent Association for their enormous effort in providing a delightful Mothers' Day stall for the students last Thursday and Friday. We hope that the mothers and grandmothers enjoyed their gifts because the children were so focussed on selecting just the right gifts for their much loved one. With the community move to card purchases, we are fortunate our students have the canteen and Mother's Day stall to learn about handling money. The Preps especially are enjoying the experience of what a few gold coins can buy. Thank you also to the Schol Captains and House Captains who assisted the Prep and Year 1 students in the purchasing.



ORCHESTRA PRESENTATION YESTERDAY

Congratulations to our music teacher Sue Wuttke and the more than 100 students in the school orchestra for a wonderful presentation at assembly yesterday. The group has grown and developed from a fledgling 50 students in 2024 to 103 in 2025 and provides an opportunity for students who learn an instrument to practise and play in a social context. This is a lifetime skill of being able to join in and belong to a group through a love of music. Thank you also the amazing band of parent helpers who support the orchestra each Friday afternoon for setting and packing up.

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EDUCATION WEEK

To celebrate Education Week, Serpell Primary School will be hosting Maths evenings. The theme for Education Week is 'Celebration of Cultures'. During these evenings we will be celebrating the connections between our school and local community, and will further strengthen bonds with families and carers.

The purpose of this event is to share with you the exciting learning that your child is engaged in during Maths sessions. Throughout this evening you will be able to participate in many hands-on learning experiences with your child.

The evenings will be from 5-6pm on the following days:

Tuesday 20th May – Prep, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday 21st May – Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6

This week you will receive an invite with more information. If you would like to be involved, please return the slips to your child's teacher ASAP. We look forward to seeing many families in attendance.

BE eSMART - COMPULSION

Technology is great—but **too much screen time** can affect health and well-being. Teaching children to find a **healthy balance** is key to being eSmart.

- ✓ Set **clear screen time limits** that work for your family
- ✓ Encourage **breaks from screens** and time for physical activity
- ✓ Promote **offline hobbies** like reading, sports, and creative play
- ✓ Model **healthy device use**—kids learn by watching adults!

Helping children develop **self-control and balance** with technology ensures they use it in a way that benefits them. Let's support them in making smart, mindful choices online and offline.

By staying informed and keeping these conversations going, we can **help children thrive in the digital world!**

Nick Thuys
STEM Learning Specialist

SENIOR CHOIR

Our school senior choir will be giving their **first performance of the year** on **Monday 19th May** during three assemblies at **2:00pm, 2:30pm, and 3:00pm** in the school stadium. Choir families are warmly invited to attend any of the sessions to support our performers. Looking forward to seeing you!

ORCHESTRA ASSEMBLY

On Monday 12th May, the Serpell Orchestra performed at all three assemblies with musicality and confidence. Luke, Alan and Kingston, three of the Music Captains, introduced the different instruments in our Orchestra and the pieces which were performed. The pieces were Latin Magic, Rockin' Rhythm and Sunset on the Sahara.

There are more than 100 students enrolled in the Orchestra, which rehearses every Friday from 2:30 - 3:30 in the Hall. It was wonderful to welcome some new students today for whom this assembly was their first public performance in the Orchestra.

I would like to particularly thank the dedicated parents who help set up and pack down for Orchestra every week. I couldn't manage without you!

If your child is interested in joining Orchestra, they need to be able to read music and play independently. Please feel free to contact me in person or by email Susan.Wuttke@education.vic.gov.au

Miss Wuttke
Music teacher

LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to all parents to label your children's belongings. We have a large number of jackets, windcheaters, lunch boxes, themos' etc with no name on. Also, when purchasing clothing from the 2nd Hand Uniform shop, make sure you cross out the old name if there is one and replace it with your child's. Once again, this will help us return lost items to the correct owner.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Parents Association will be having a second-hand uniform sale next Tuesday 20th May from 9:00 am 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.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are currently seeking enthusiastic parent volunteers to take on the role of Class Representatives for the following classes. We warmly invite you to consider this rewarding role and join us in strengthening the bonds that make Serpell a vibrant and inclusive environment.

Prep	PMR	PSC		
Y3	3AB			
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. Thank you!

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator
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INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Thursday 8/5/25

ROUND 1	Serpell Blue		Warrandyte
AFL A	0	Lost	155
Bat Tennis	54	Def	2
Soccer A	19	Def	0
Tee Ball	15	Def	8
	Serpell Gold		Milgate
AFL A	25	Def	49
Bat Tennis	43	Def	24
Netball A	20	Def	2
Netball B	4	Lost	6
Soccer A	5	Def	1
Soccer B	6	Def	0
Tee Ball	16	Lost	18

BASKETBALL CLUB



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Autumn 2025)

Results 05 May - 08 May

SERPPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
Serpell Sparkles (1/2 Girls)	8	6	THPS HYENAS
Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)	8	8	Temp Park Starlets
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	13	15	ACPS Creekers
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)	2	20	Temp Valley Golden Phoenix
Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)	10	6	Birrlee Blues
Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)	6	25	Serpell Skyhawks
Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)	25	6	Serpell Spartans
Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)	11	11	Mariners - slammers
Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)	6	20	OLOP Legends
Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)	13	34	Ivanhoe Grammar - Panthers
Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)	9	20	Boroondara Park Echidnas
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	14	10	THPS SWISH
Serpell Scorpions (3/4 Boys)	18	6	Mariners - UNITED
Serpell Sixers (3/4 Boys)	19	14	DG Warriors
Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	7	18	Marwal Magic 5
Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	16	4	OLOP Stars
Serpell Skyrocket (5/6 Boys)	18	20	Ivanhoe Grammar - Raptors
Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	19	34	The Great Dragons

FROM THE SES - STORM SAFETY

Are your gutters filling with autumn leaves?

Heading into winter, our Manningham SES volunteers start to see a large number of requests for assistance coming through for ceiling collapses.

It's not just trees and branches down, during heavy rains. When gutters are full of debris the water tends to flow to the lowest point to find an outlet - usually through the ceiling, unfortunately.

We have put together this reminder to ensure your home and businesses are storm ready and hopefully not impacted by heavy rains. If you need storm emergency assistance, call us on 132 500, 24hrs a day 365 days a year, or if life-threatening, call Triple Zero (000). You can find out more ways to be prepared and Storm Safe [here](#).



The graphic features a dark blue background with a list of five storm safety tips in white text. At the top left is a small icon of a lightning bolt inside a diamond. Below the list is an illustration of a house, a tree, and a person in a hard hat and safety vest pointing upwards. A cloud with rain is also depicted. At the bottom left is the SES logo, and at the bottom right is the slogan 'Safer Communities – Together' in a white script font.

Storm safety checklist

- 1. Check and clear gutters, downpipes and drains.**
- 2. Trim overhanging tree branches.**
- 3. Maintain your yard and secure loose objects.**
- 4. Prepare an emergency plan and kit.**
- 5. Ensure your insurance is up-to-date.**

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