



Diary

Wed 23rd July

District Girls Soccer

Thurs 24th July

Second Hand Uniform Shop
(9am to 9:30am)

Thurs 24th July

District Boys Netball
Tournament

Mon 28th July

Assembly: Student School
Council Badge Presentations

Wed 6th August

Year 2 Excursion: Schramm's
Cottage (2MR, 2TH, 2MF, 2NH)

Fri 8th August

Year 2 Excursion: Schramm's
Cottage (2SD, 2LL, 2JA)

Monday 11th August

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

District Boys Netball
Tournament

District Girls Soccer

Year 2 Schramms Cottage

Years 3 - 6: Prime Minister's
Spelling Bee (due 4th August)

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

From the Principal

WELCOME TO TERM 3

Welcome back everyone to the very hard working and important Term 3. The term is quite short, with only 9 weeks of action pack learning and school events including the student China exchange, Grandparents' days, the Fathers' Day Breakfast, excursions, ICAS and Australian Maths competitions and sporting events. Please maximise your child's attendance and participation.

NEWSLETTER ONLINE

Today marks the movement of the weekly newsletter to an online model. It will be available on Xuno and the school website each Tuesday and will save the office processing time and costs. Everything else will remain the same and if you have any item for publication, please send it through to the office by Monday each week.

2025 NAPLAN EXCELLENCE

The results of the 2025 Naplan for Years 3 and 5 in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Maths have been received by the school and we are once again delighted to share with parents that the levels of achievement are exceptionally high and consistent with the performance in previous years. Raw cohort scores may vary up or down by two or three points but with 194 Year 3 and 172 Year 5 students taking the test, the reliability of a Serpell education is confirmed by three-year trend data.

Individual results will be sent home in paper copy to parents on Friday. Individual performance may vary, and all student progress has been thoroughly reviewed. Students requiring tutoring have been placed in programs with Mrs Brunelli and Mrs Masik, with those students now demonstrating accelerated growth. If you are concerned about your child's Naplan result, the class teacher will be available to make an appointment to meet with you.

CHINA VISIT NEXT WEEK

Next Monday afternoon we are expecting the arrival of 34 students and 5 staff from the Suzhou Kunshan Yufeng Experimental School and the Lianyungang Jiefang Rd Primary School China. They will homestay with Year 6 families and experience a week of learning here at school. This is the first stage of our exchange program with China and in the final two weeks of this term we will have 64 students from Year 6 making the return visit to China. This program has been in place since 2011, when we commenced a sister school agreement with the Victorian and Jiangsu province school systems.

WILMA CULTON PSM

ICAS Tests

Applications to sit the 2025 ICAS tests close Monday 28th July, please ensure you have registered your children to sit the tests before this date. Please refer to Xuno for detailed instructions about the registration process.

Thank you, Mr Zubevich,
Learning Specialist of Data, Innovation, and Industrial
Relations

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee – Coming Soon!



We're excited to let you know that students in Years 3–6 will have the opportunity to participate in the *Prime Minister's Spelling Bee* in class on Monday, August 11th.

This is a free and fun literacy event that celebrates spelling and language skills in a supportive, engaging way. It's a fantastic chance for students to challenge themselves and build confidence. Please see Xuno for more information.

Nick Thuys - STEM Learning Specialist

New Bike & Scooter Shelter

Students can now safely park their bikes and scooters in our brand new shelter, ready for riding rain or shine. Thank you for supporting active travel to school! The new bike and scooter racks are located at the end of the Year 2 classrooms, opposite the CCM building.



Semester 2 Student School Council Presentations

On Monday 28th of July, our Semester 2 Student School Council representatives for Prep to Year 5 will be receiving their badges at assemblies. 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

A Message from the Canteen

Please note that online lunch orders need to be submitted by 8am each morning.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

There will be a second-hand uniform sale this Thursday 24th July at 9:00 am to 9:30am in the Canteen Foyer area at the back of the school. Mastercard and VISA accepted.

Parent Classroom Helper Program

Classroom Helper Training Morning Sessions Term 3

Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers Program will be offered on a Wednesday morning during Term 3 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 3 at 9.15 - 10:30 am:

Wednesday 6th August

Wednesday 13th August

Wednesday 20th August

Wednesday 27th August

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 5th of August*. 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

2025 Camp Dates

Year 3 - Camp Weekaway

Mon 20th Oct to Tue 21st Oct (Camp 1)

Tue 21st Oct to Wed 22nd Oct (Camp 2)

Year 4 – CYC The Island

Mon 27th Oct to Wed 29th Oct

Year 5 – Camp Rumbug

Wed 5th Nov to Fri 7th Nov

Year 6 – Camp Howqua

Mon 1st Dec to Fri 5th Dec

Student Achievement

Cheerleading Champion!

Congratulations to Jisoo Shin from 6SS for being an integral part of her team that won the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation Winterfest Cheer and Dance Competition recently. There were a total of seven teams competing in this elite competition, which Jisoo's team I.B.K.G. won. She additionally won an award on the day for best hair and make-up by her club.

Jisoo has been training at her club the "Outlaws" and competing since she was in prep, a total of seven years. What a tremendous effort by Jisoo and we wish her all the best in the future!





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