



Diary

Mon 4th August

Years 5 & 6 Athletics
Standardised Sports Day

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)

Mon 11th August

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Thurs 14th August

Prep Excursion: Bundoora Park
(PSC, PAR, PSF, PAG)

Fri 15th August

Prep Excursion: Bundoora Park
(PMR, PMS, PAL)

Mon 25th August – Fri 5th September

Prep Swimming

Mon 8th September

Parent Teacher Interviews

Ready to Approve and/or Pay on XUNO

Prep Excursion – Bundoora Park
Prep Swimming

Year 2 Excursion – Schramm's
Cottage

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

Years 5 - 6: Athletics Sports Day

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 29th July 2025

From the Principal

WELCOME KUNSHAN YUFENG AND LIANYUNGANG JIEFANG RD SCHOOLS

This week we are excited to be hosting 34 students and 5 staff from China. Twelve of the students and two staff, including Principal Mr Sheng Qing, are from the Kunshan Yufeng Experimental Primary School, Suzhou, and twenty of the students and three staff, are from the Lianyungang Jiefang Rd Primary School. We are so excited to be able to welcome them and to share teaching and learning experiences together. The students are all home-staying with Serpell Year 6 families, and we are so grateful for this support. Tomorrow the group and their home stay buddies will attend a Victorian official welcome at the MCG, including a welcome reception, a tour of the MCG and lunch, with Primary and Secondary schools from across Victoria who are also participating in this exciting project. They have commenced their study tour in Sydney last week and will return to China after they leave us on Friday.

At the end of this term, we will have 64 students and 9 teachers making the return visit to China. They will visit Beijing, Nanjing, Lianyungang, Suzhou and Shanghai.



PREP 2025 ENROLMENT

Applications online for Prep 2025 closed yesterday. If you have a Prep that is not enrolled, please come into the office to obtain a paper copy and submit it as soon as possible.

WILMA CULTON PSM

TDPSSA Mixed Teeball Tournament

Last Wednesday the boys' teeball team competed at the Serpell held mixed teeball tournament. It was a magical day weatherwise after a cold start - sunny, a light breeze and the oval dry – all great components for a successful day!

The 12 boys started very strongly, winning their first 2 games 21-3 and 21-4 (against Temp. Park and Temp. Heights). Our third game proved to be a much greater challenge, with the boys going down to Warrandyte 3-9. The 4th and 5th games were also great wins for us – 21-0 (Milgate) and 13-3 (OLOP). Thus, Serpell finished runners-up for the tournament.

I was extremely proud of all the boys, most of whom had never played teeball before. Their sportsmanship, teamwork, skill set and camaraderie were second to none. Many thanks to Mr. Matthews for helping to train the boys and to Mr. Sais for assistance in marking the diamonds. Lastly, a huge thankyou to Claudia and Roxana for manning the information and score table throughout the day. They did an awesome job!



TEAM: NYLE BAIG, SHAKTHI GANAPATHY, JEREMY HARIANTO, GARV GOEL, KUN WANG, ETHAN MA, LUCAS YU, TERRANCE DIAO, ADEN ZHENG, KIAN ZADEH, ADRIAN MALEKSHAHI, ISAAC NATHAN

Lola Hughes, Coach

From the Nurse - Donations

The health centre is need of school hats and large boys underwear and we are hoping for donations please. Also, if your child comes home with clothes from the health centre, can they be washed and returned please.

Thanks
Nurse Mary

Green Thumbs at Work!

Our dedicated, Year 6 Enviro leaders have been busy bringing a little more green into our classrooms! With the help of their families, they took the initiative to contact Bunnings and successfully organised a generous donation of potted plants—one for each class in the school.

Last Friday, the Enviro Reps personally delivered a plant to every classroom, inviting students and teachers to enjoy, water, and care for their new leafy friend. This thoughtful initiative not only brightens up our learning spaces but also encourages responsibility and care for the environment.

A big thank you to Bunnings, Doncaster for their kind support, and congratulations to our Year 6 Enviro leaders on a job well done!



Enviro Squad

Class Representatives

Welcome to Semester 2! A big thank-you to our amazing Class Representatives for strengthening the Serpell community! But we aren't done yet—the following classes still need passionate representatives.

| <i>Prep</i> | PMR | PSC | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Y3 | 3AB | | | |
| Y5 | 5AN | 5BD | 5BT | 5LZ |
| Y6 | 6NM | 6RM | | |

Ready to make a difference? Email me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Let's make the Serpell spirit shine! Thanks!

Karen Liu
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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

Parent Classroom Helper Program Sessions

☐ I would like to attend the Parent Classroom Helper Program sessions in Term 3.

Please print clearly-

Name:

Child's name:

Child's teacher:

Email address: