



Diary

Tues 9th September

China Exchange Departs

Tues 9th – Thurs 18th September

Years 3 and 4 Swimming Program

Wed 10th September

Fuse Cup- Rocket League

Thurs 11th September

Year 2 Excursion: Schramms Cottage 2SD, 2LL, 2JA

Fri 12th September

R U Ok? Day (Wear a splash of yellow)

Mon 15th September

Year 4 and 5 Dance Assembly (2:30pm)

Wed 17th September

Hoop time Basketball

Fri 19th September

Last Day of Term (2:30pm Finish)

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 9th September 2025

From the Principal

FATHER'S DAY THANKYOU

What a brilliant Father's Day breakfast we had last Friday morning. It was a wonderful opportunity for kids, dads, grandfathers and staff to relax and mingle together in the emerging morning sunshine. Thank you to the Parents Association who quite clearly had prepared so well and fed the cast of hundreds on the day. I hope that everyone enjoyed the time – certainly the children loved having their special family members at school.

2025 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

All families will have received a link to the Parent Opinion Survey through Xuno. The survey remains open until the end of term and we would appreciate your help in completing it. The Department of Education publishes our data through the annual report and key strengths and opportunities for improvement are identified through this parent feedback. So far, we have sent out more than 900 invitations and have 50 returns. The survey is completely anonymous and translations in several languages are a feature of the survey.

OFF TO CHINA TODAY

This morning 60 very excited year 6 students and 9 teachers left for a 14-day experience tour of China and study days in schools in Lianyungang and Suzhou. First stop is Beijing, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Science and Technology Museum and the Hutong by rickshaw. We will keep everyone informed of their travels through Xuno and next week's newsletter. We are very grateful to the Jiangsu Bureau of Education and the Victorian Centre for their support.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Research demonstrates that school attendance is really important for academic achievement. Our latest report for the Department shows that although school attendance overall at Serpell is very strong, we had 227 students with more than the average 12 days of absence for 2025. All the absences were explained, with many relating to holidays overseas. It is worth a thought when planning holidays to maybe match up with the school holidays when possible.

WHAT IS PYTHON?

Apparently, it is not just a snake. Python.Comp is an online programming competition for school students run by Grok Academy. Each week for 5 weeks, a set of Digital Technologies teaching resources are distributed to participants together with a set of questions testing this material. Participants submit their solutions to the Grok website where they are automatically marked.

Congratulations to Kayla Gao of Year 6 who has achieved a perfect score in the competition.

WILMA CULTON

R U OK? DAY – FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2025



On **Friday 12th September**, our **School Values Committee** will be leading **R U OK? Day**, with a focus on our value of **Care and Compassion**.

This day is all about **friendship** – being kind, looking out for each other, and making sure no one feels left out. A smile, a wave, or asking someone to join in are simple ways to show you care.

To celebrate, students are invited to wear a **splash of yellow** with their school uniform. Yellow is the colour of friendship and positivity, so let's fill our school with little touches of sunshine!

Some yellow items you might wear:

- ♥ A hair ribbon or scrunchie
- ♥ Socks
- ♥ A wristband or bracelet
- ♥ A hat or cap
- ♥ A badge or pin
- ♥ Shoelaces

It's not a free dress day – just a fun way to add a little yellow to your uniform while showing **care and compassion** through your friendships.

YEAR 4 AND 5 FOOTSTEPS ASSEMBLY

This coming **Monday 15th September** all the Year 4 and 5 students will perform their Footsteps dance routines in the **stadium at 2:30pm**.

Parents and grandparents of these children are invited to come and watch. We are looking forward to a great show.

Mara Rawlings
Event coordinator

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Results

Team 1	Winner Division 1
Team 2	3rd Division 1
Team 3	2nd Division 2
Team 4	Equal 3rd Division 2
Team 5	8th
Team 6	9th



PARENT ASSOCIATION

Hope you all had a great weekend celebrating Father's Day with your families. We are so grateful for the Serpell Community who attended our big breakfast on Friday. It was a spectacular morning with the weather in our favour, bringing our wonderful community together. It takes months of planning and preparation to put on such an event, and we cannot pull it off without the support of all of you, especially our parent volunteers. A big thank you to our coordinators Sheila Christina, Joanna Savea, Off Hatairat, Lavanya Gopalan, Karin Lin and Karen Liu for their time and efforts. All funds raised from this event will go towards new resources for the school.



We also had a representative from our Entertainment Book Fundraiser at the event. If you had a chance to grab a book you will find out that an Entertainment Membership can give you great savings whilst contributing 40% of the purchase directly to the school. Hurry and get your savings now by clicking on the link and purchasing your membership today.

<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/187k512>

As we wrap up for Term 3 the PA will move onto our next big events in Term 4 - the Disco, Sushi Day and Teachers Lunch. We ask for you to support these events by getting involved. The PA is always looking for new members to join our team, take the lead and deliver even greater events for the school. If you are a mum or dad who would like to give back to the school, the Parents Association is a great place to start.

Please reach out if this may interest you.

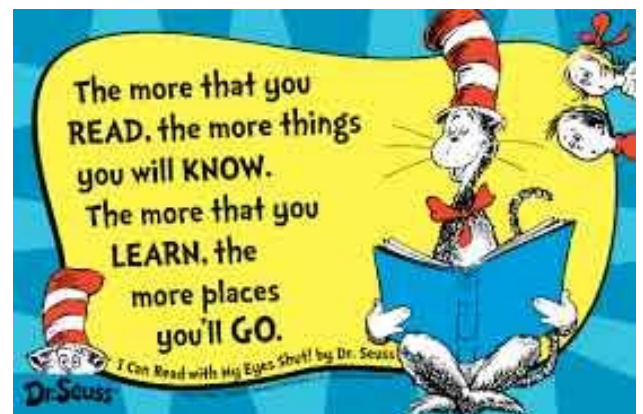
Please email me with your inquiries at
president.serpell@gmail.com

Thank you
Hafsa Malik, President

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers' Reading Challenge has finished for 2025. Well done to all students who completed the Challenge. Great effort!!! Congratulations to 3SK who have had the most students from one class participate and complete the Challenge. Well done! Certificates will arrive late in term four.

Of course, the end of the PRC doesn't mean you stop reading. In the words of Dr Seuss:



Ms Gardner

BASKETBALL RESULTS



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2025)

Results 01 Sep - 04 Sep

SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
Serpell Sparkles(1/2 Girls)	3	0	Marwal Magic 7
Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)	3	9	Mariners - STARS
Serpell SuperStars (1/2 Girls)	22	12	Temp Park Leopards
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	11	6	Ivanhoe Grammar - Lightning
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	21	8	Eagles
Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)	0	13	Mariners - ROCKETS
Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)	7	18	Mariners - SC Sonics
Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)	10	0	Mariners - The Sharp Shooters
Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)	2	24	Marwal Magic 9
Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)	11	5	Mariners - SLAMMERS
Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)	8	14	OLOP Legends
Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)	11	19	DG Lightning
Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)	28	29	Temp Park The Knicks
Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)	16	16	THPS SWISH
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	18	17	Temp Valley Dragons
Serpells Scorpions (3/4 Boys)	15	7	Boroondara Park Echidnas
Serpell Synergies (3/4 Boys)	30	13	OLOP Warriors
Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	7	18	HPS STARS
Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	Bye		

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Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4.

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www.creativemusic.com.au

Get ready for MIXED JUNIOR CRICKET

MATCH TIMES

Under 12s, 14s & 16s:

Fridays 4.45pm - 8pm

Fast 9s & Super 7s:

Saturdays 8.30am - 11am

TRAINING

Doncaster Reserve

Fast 9s & Super 7s: Monday

Under 14s & 16s: Tuesday

Under 12s: Wednesday



Season starts
10 & 11 October

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Questions to
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