



Diary

Thurs 16th October

Year 1 Excursion: Scienceworks

Fri 17th October

Year 4 Excursion: Melbourne Museum and IMAX

Mon 20th October

Diwali Assemblies

Mon 20th – Tues 21st October

Year 3
Camp Weekaway
Group 1 (3TT, 3LD, 3LN, 3AB)

Tues 21st October

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Tues 21st – Wed 22nd October

Year 3
Camp Weekaway
Group 2 (3RC, 3BG, 3SK)

Thurs 23rd October

Year 2 Excursion: Edendale Farm
(2SD, 2LL, 2JA)

Fri 24th October

Year 2 Excursion: Edendale Farm
(2NH, 2TH, 2MR, 2MF)

Mon 27th – Wed 29th October

Year 4
Camp CYC the Island

Fri 31st October

Social Action- Free Dress Day (Gold coin donation)

Mon 3rd November

Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

Tues 4th November

Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)

Wed 5th – Fri 7th November

Year 5 Camp Rumbug

Mon 1st – Fri 5th December

Year 6 Camp Howqua

Thurs 18th December

Year 6 Graduation

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 14th October 2025

From the Principal

COUNCIL OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS (CIS) THIS WEEK



Shaping the future of international education

Serpell Primary has been accredited as a Council of International School (CIS) school since 2009. In that time, we have experienced several rigorous accreditation visits and evaluations. CIS has a global membership of more than 1560 schools and universities in 121 countries. This week we take significant new steps forward in our CIS journey.

Today we have hosted a meeting of the local CIS chapter of state, catholic and independent schools here at Serpell. We were very honoured to have the Executive Director of global CIS, Jane Larsson visiting from the Netherlands office and Norm Dean, Associate Director of CIS Australia presenting to the group on the recent exciting development for CIS.

Over the next three days, there will be an international launch of a new project between the CIS and the University of Melbourne called the "New Metrics International Program." Educators from around the world will meet at the university Law Building for a conference focused on the development of competencies for the future based on psychometrics, technologies, research and agency in learning. The Serpell team will consist of accredited school evaluators myself, Costa Kotsiras and Nick Thuys, led by our data expert Lachlan Zubevich. Tomorrow the program will commence with site visits to Wesley, St Michael's, Carey, Woodleigh, Genazzano, the Knox School, Princes Hill Primary and Wurun Senior Campus. This is a wonderful opportunity for international educators to share ideas and innovation and for all sectors of Victorian schools to participate together.

Whilst we are on CIS matters, Assistant Principal Costa Kotsiras is a CIS Accreditation Evaluator and has recently worked on a team at the Australian International School Bangkok. This work involves a group of five or six trained evaluators from around the globe coming together for a week on site to observe school practice and match the school's self-assessment with information gained from meetings with leaders, staff, parents and students. A decision in relation to CIS accreditation is then made and recommendations made to assist the school in future development. The process is a very rich opportunity for professional learning and developing an understanding of world best practice and innovation.

As a school we are committed to exploring best educational practice in order to give our students the richest opportunities to develop the academic, social, cultural, emotional and physical attitudes and competencies to equip them for fulfilling lives. We look forward to sharing our developing CIS development with you.

WILMA CULTON PSM

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUDRAISER



This term, the Social Action Committee is excited to host a fundraiser in support of Big Group Hug, a local charity dedicated to helping families and children in need.

On **Friday, 31st October**, students are invited to wear free dress in exchange for a gold coin donation.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in making a difference in our community!

DIWALI ASSEMBLIES

Monday October 20th at 2pm, 2:30pm, 3pm in the Stadium. All children who celebrate Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light are invited to celebrate their cultural heritage by performing at the three assemblies on Monday 20th October.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 in the Hall with Miss Wuttke. Please bring traditional cultural clothes to wear for the performances on Monday 20th October. Below is the link for the children to practise at home if they would like to.

[Gallan Goodiyaan](#) | [Dil Dhadakne Do](#) | [Dance Cover By DDA Kids](#) | [Deepak Dance Academy](#) | [#weddingdance - YouTube](#)

Miss Wuttke

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

There will be a second-hand uniform sale next Tuesday 21st October at 9:00 am to 9:30am in the Canteen Foyer area at the back of the school.



TEMPLESTOWE DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Friday, Serpell competed in the Templestowe District volleyball tournament. It was so exciting to see the progression of skills throughout the day. Both teams were highly competitive, passionate and LOUD!

The girls in the morning won their first three games easily against Templestowe heights, Milgate and OLOP. Their final game against Warrandyte got to 1 set all. It was such a great game that could have gone either way. Sadly, for the girls they went down in the decider 17-15 – a huge disappointment for them but a great learning opportunity.



The boys played in the afternoon, winning all their games easily due to exceptional serving (Terrance 17 in a row in one game!) and skills. The boys were to play the Division final as this newsletter went to print!



Many thanks to the parents involved in transporting the children to Milgate and for their support during the games.

Lola Hughes, Coach

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH



Results from this year's Science Talent Search Competition have finally been released, and 2025 has proven to be another exceptional year, with the majority of entries receiving a bursary!

All students are to be congratulated on the high standard of their projects!

Major Bursary Winners

Matteo Tsoi	Discovering Nature's Secret Number	Creative Writing
Ashley Teh	Decoding the Universe: Patterns, Symmetry and Chaos in Nature	Poster
Caeley Teh	Decoding the Universe	Poster
Elina Vohra	Quantum Science Driving Innovation in Medicine	Poster
Ethan Huang	Patterns and Symmetry in Nature: How they Shape our World	Poster
Miranda Yim	Ghost in Space	Video
Aadhav Adaikalavan	Dynamo - A Sustainable Approach	Working Model
Hiroshi Tiong	Working Model of the Brain	Working Model

Minor Bursary Winners

Adele Ma	The Patterns of the Night Sky: A Map for Explorers	Creative Writing
Athena Guo	The Patterns of the Night Sky: A Map for Explorers	Creative Writing
Athena Wong	The Magic of Light	Creative Writing
Cadence Ho	One of the World's Most Famous Scientists: Albert Einstein	Poster
Matthew Jiang	My Favourite Quantum Scientist - Albert Einstein	Poster
Megan Jiang	My Favourite Quantum Scientist: Albert Einstein	Poster
Caleb Tan	All Fired Up	Video
Maxwell Lorchirachoonkul	Decoding the Universe with Fibonacci Sequence	Video
Artin Alamain	Earthquake Detector	Working Model
Atrisa Afrad	Renewable Energy	Working Model
Avi Chawla	Exploring the Flow of Electrons	Working Model

Distinctions

Heidi Jung	Nature's Secrets	Video
Krishiv Thakkur	Water Filter	Working Model

Merit

Caleb Lee	My Quantum Adventure	Creative Writing
Harriet Jung	Quantum Physics	Video
Erwin Madani	Light Piano - From Light to Sound	Working Model

Certificates and Bursary Gifts will be handed out during an Awards Assembly towards the end of the year.

Congratulations to all the students at Serpell for their outstanding engagement with Science, and the parents and teachers who support them!

Mr Zubevich and Mr Thuys
Learning Specialists

ENVIRO LEADERS MEET WITH WASTE & RESOURCE EXPERT

Last week, our Year 6 Enviro Leaders had the opportunity to meet with Spencer Nash, Education Officer from Manningham Council's Waste and Resource Recovery Department. Spencer visited the school to discuss ways we can become more environmentally sound and offered valuable suggestions on how to improve our sustainability practices. The Enviro Leaders are now exploring how to build on these ideas and enhance the positive impact they can make within the school community. We look forward to seeing their initiatives come to life!



FROM THE NURSE

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder about the Department of Education's requirements in relation to medications:

1. Antibiotics that are 3 times a day are to be given outside of school hours. They can be given before and after school and at night. The exception is if your child attends OHSC.
2. Any medication that needs to be given at school must be in its original container or box with your child's name on it. Please do not leave the box at home as the blister pack is insufficient.
3. If medication need to be given at school, please complete a medication authority form which can be obtained from **reception or on the school website**.
4. Medications such as Panadol and Nurofen cannot be given as a first aid measure as it masks the signs of an illness or injury. If you child is unwell, they will need to stay home.
5. If your child has a health condition that requires medication, please contact me so I can obtain a Health Plan from you.

Thank you and feel free to contact me.
Nurse Mary

SERPELL MUSICIANS

On Saturday 11th October, I was invited to watch some amazing Serpell musicians perform in a concert in support of a worthy charity, Spur Afrika at the Melbourne Chinese Baptist Church in Kew. Risa Wong (piano) 4TS, William Lam (piano) 6JD, Callum Huang (piano) 6RM, Kingston Chen (violin) 6JD and Clement Wong (piano) 6NT performed magnificently. I was very proud of their confident and musical performances. Full credit to the students, their parents and their wonderful private instrumental teachers. Spur Afrika is a not-for-profit organisation that joins communities across Australia and Kenya who work to provide education, health and life skills for children and youth living in the poverty stricken Kibera and Kisumu. For more information visit www.spurafrika.org



Sue Wuttke
Music teacher

SPORTS, CLUBS, GROUPS AND LEADER PHOTOS

Recently the photographs for the Serpell sports, clubs, groups, and student leaders were taken. They will be on display opposite the health centre in the coming weeks but are available to order online now!

Pricing and Details:

- Prices start at \$15 per photograph.
- Photos will be mailed directly to your home, please note there is a postage and handling fee.
- You can place orders until the end of the 2025 school year.

How to Order:

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BASKETBALL RESULTS



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2025)

Results 06 Oct - 09 Oct

SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
Serpell Sparkles(1/2 Girls)	11	3	THPS HOOP HEROES
Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)	Bye		
Serpell SuperStars (1/2 Girls)	11	6	Marwal Magic 6
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	6	37	Serpell Sliders
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	37	6	Serpell Sevens
Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)	12	21	Serpell Samurai
Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)	21	12	Serpell Seal
Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)	2	28	Marwal Magic 9
Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)	16	6	THPS WONDER
Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)	17	22	Temp Valley Cheetahs
Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)	45	16	Birrilee Burgers
Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)	13	14	ACPS 'Alien Cactus Pizza Squad'
Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)	32	8	Boroondara Park Echidnas
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	29	13	Serpell Scorpions
Serpells Scorpions (3/4 Boys)	13	29	Serpell Spiders
Serpell Synergies (3/4 Boys)	25	27	Tempy Park The Knicks
Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	19	4	OLOP Stars
Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	28	13	Mariners - Strikers



CODING

It's after-school fun at your school!

Get creative using design, code and logic to build your own games!



Wednesday 15 Oct - 3 Dec
3:45PM - 5:00PM



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Years 2 - 6

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MINECRAFT ENGINEERS

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3:45PM - 5:00PM



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Have your say on Manningham's budget priorities

We deliver more than 100 services, from waste collection and libraries to community programs and infrastructure. All are important, but we want to know: ***If you had to prioritise spending, where would you like to see more?***

Share your insights and ideas by completing our short survey by **9 November 2025**.

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