



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 28th October 2025

From the Principal

Diary

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

Wed 12th November

Year 6 Excursion: Shrine of Remembrance

Thurs 20th November

Year 3 Excursion: Scienceworks

Wed 26th November

Year 5 Excursion: IMAX

Fri 28th November

School Disco (During school hours)

Mon 1st – Fri 5th December

Year 6 Camp Howqua

Tues 9th December

Transition to 2026 Classes
Year 6 to 7 Transition Experience

Wed 17th December

Reports Home (On XUNO)

Thurs 18th December

Year 6 Graduation

Thurs 18th December

Last Day of Term 4

2025 JIANGSU INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

On Saturday I will fly to Nanjing for ten days with fourteen Victorian school principals, to attend the annual Jiangsu Victorian Principal Forum. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the partnership, and the meeting is held in Nanjing one year and Melbourne the other. Serpell has now been a part of this collaboration since 2011 and it has facilitated opportunities for student, staff and principal visits and learning across that time. The Forum runs for three days. After that I will be visiting our sister school in Suzhou, the Jin Chang Foreign Language Experimental School, and the other school that had students and staff visit us in July, the Suzhou Kunshan Yufeng Experimental School. I am so grateful for this opportunity which has allowed us to open the doors for our staff and hundreds of our students to experience a visit to China. On a larger stage, the program has built on the Australia China relationship and cooperation not just in education, but in the broader international context.

2026 STUDENT REQUISITES

On Friday, documentation for the parent contributions 2026 will be sent home individually with each child. School Council has determined the cost of \$200 per child to cover all requisites for school use, including laptops and online subscriptions. Book bags will be delivered to your home prior to the commencement of the 2026 school year. We are very proud of our financial planning where we can keep costs to a minimum for our families and deliver a first-class education. Each year more than 95% of families pay the costs, which keeps it low for everyone. Payment method details are included in the pack.

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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER



This term, the Social Action Committee is excited to host a fundraiser in support of Big Group Hug. Big Group Hug is an organisation serving local communities to tackle child poverty. They help vulnerable children who are living in crisis by distributing essential items in times of need.

On **Friday, 31st October**, students are invited to wear free dress in exchange for a \$2 gold coin donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in making a difference in our community!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On Sunday 19th of October, 10 students from Year 6 had the opportunity to attend a Youth Leadership Workshop run by Lions Club of Melbourne Next Gen. This event focused on developing student's leadership and public speaking skills. Students had the opportunity to meet others from schools around the area as well as local MP Gabriel Ng. Thank you to Mrs Culton and Melissa Tung (mother of Zack who graduated in 2022) for facilitating this exciting opportunity.



ORCHESTRA ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

On Monday 27th October, the Year 6 Orchestra performed magnificently at all three assemblies. The piece we selected was 'Sleigh Dance' from Three German Dances by Mozart.

After only three rehearsals, the students performed confidently and musically. The instruments we had were violins, viola, cellos, oboe and flutes. Thank you to all the wonderful musicians.



Miss Wuttke

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.

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Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2025)

Results 20 Oct – 23 Oct

SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
Serpell Sparkles(1/2 Girls)	11	4	Tempy Park Starlets
Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)	27	0	THPS TEMPY GALS
Serpell SuperStars (1/2 Girls)	16	9	Mariners – Glitter Dragons
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	20	26	DG Blue Stars
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	40	13	Birraless Broncos
Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)	0	10	DG Rockets
Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)	34	0	DG Rockets
Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)	12	12	THPS SAINTS
Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)	10	14	Temp Valley Thunders
Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)	32	1	olop legends
Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)	Bye		
Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)	12	37	Mariners – WARRIORS
Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	23	6	ACPS 'Alien Cactus Pizza Squad'
Serpells Scorpions (3/4 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Synergies (3/4 Boys)	Bye		
Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	11	24	HPS STARS
Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	22	60	Saints Skyhawks

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Well done to Rian who has completed his gymnastics season recently. He's had a very successful year and ended his season competing at the Victorian Championships where he did very well individually and his team took home gold. Good job Rian!

