



## Diary

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 5 Excursion: IMAX

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
School Disco (During school hours)

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Camp Howqua

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Graduation Tickets on Sale (from 8am on Trybooking)

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Teacher's Lunch

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Transition to 2026 Classes (10am)  
Year 6 to 7 Transition Experience

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Presentation Assembly (9:30am)

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Assembly (9:30am)  
Reports Home (On XUNO)

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Graduation Assembly (2:30pm)

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of Term 4 (3:30pm finish)

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Graduation

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# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## From the Principal

### END OF YEAR TIMELINE

At this very busy time of the year, it is important to have a clear timeline of school events. The following is our lead up to the end of the year.

### TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES

At 10am on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, all classes will move to their 2026 classrooms and meet for an hour with their new classmates and teacher. The morning will involve getting to know you activities and helping the students to feel secure and confident about the next school year. Later that morning, we will Xuno the new class lists to parents. Parents can help by assisting their children in recognising not just their friendship list, but other classmates that they have known previously. Serpell children often feel anxious about change, so we have this arrangement in plenty of time for adjustment to take place.

### MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – MEDAL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 9.30am

A special assembly for Years 2 – 6 will be held in the stadium on this morning to celebrate the academic and sporting achievements of students. ICAS medals, Science Talent Search awards, Australian Maths Competition, sporting awards and a raft of certificates will be presented to students. All parents and grandparents are most welcome. We are holding it in the morning, just in case the day is hot in the afternoon.

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL XMAS ASSEMBLY 9.30am

Come along and join in the singing of Xmas songs with students from Prep to Year 6 for student performances and a special guest from the north pole.

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER - STUDENT REPORTS DISTRIBUTED

All parents will receive their child's December 2025 report electronically on 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any concerns about the report, please notify the teacher.

### THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER GRADUATION CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2.30pm

The school will have the opportunity to farewell our much-loved Year 6 students at this assembly in the stadium. Items from their formal graduation, to be held later that evening, will be presented to the school. All parents welcome.

WILMA CULTON PSM

## 2026 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

All families have now received their 2026 Parent Contribution Information paperwork.

- The contribution per child is \$200 which includes their authorised year level stationery supplies that are used in class (delivered to your home), online subscriptions used in class and classroom consumables for Art, Mathematics, English and Sport.
- Excursion/Incursion Levy (\$100 prep to 6). This payment covers all the excursions and incursions students participate in during the year and will be published on Xuno for payment in February.
- Senior School Sport Levy - \$60 (year 6 only). This covers the bus transport for year 6 students participating in the Inter-school sport program in Semester 1. This amount will be published on Xuno for approval and payment in February 2026.
- Swimming and Camp are additional costs and will be published on Xuno for approval and payment at the time of the event.

## Health Care Card (CSEF - Camp Sport & Excursion Fund)

- For those families who have a Health Care Card you are required to submit a new 2026 application along with your current Health Care Card. You can download the form from XUNO or pick up a paper copy from the office.
- The amount each child receives from the Government's CSEF has not been confirmed. This payment comes directly to the school and will be held in credit against your child's account for the duration of their time at Serpell until it is all used. It can only be debited against the Camps, Sport, Swimming and Excursions.

## School Saving Bonus (SSB)

- The SSB was a one-off payment for 2025 by the State Government. Any unspent money will sit on your child's school finance account until it is all used up. As previously advised, this can only be used towards Excursions, camp and swimming. You can no longer use it to purchase uniforms.

**Note:** All families with a Health Care Card and/or left over SSB funds will have these amounts debited from the Excursion Levy, Senior Sport Levy (if applicable) and future swimming and camps until it is all used up. If you have an amount to pay, we have already deducted any unused funds from the amount.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

### School Disco – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

It is time for the Disco. Hope the excitement is building up for this Friday!! We can't wait to get the music started and get everybody on the dance floor. Prizes to be won for the best dancer! If you haven't got your tickets, please do so now! See you all on Friday at the School Disco!



### Volunteers needed

Thank you to everyone who signed up. An email will be sent out today with instructions. Please note this is a student only event. No siblings of Serpell students are allowed to participate.

### Teacher's Lunch – Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

XUNO forms for the teacher's lunch will be posted this week. We kindly ask you to check in and fill in your contributions.

If you have any enquiries, please forward them to the email below.

[president.serpell@gmail.com](mailto:president.serpell@gmail.com)

Thank you  
Hafsa Malik, President

## ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

Dear Orchestra Parents and Musicians,  
Here is the rehearsal schedule for the rest of Term 4.

|                           |                                                           |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 5 Musicians Only                                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Year 5 Musicians visit to Arcare (No Orchestra Rehearsal) |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December | All Musicians - Final Rehearsal before Christmas Assembly |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Assembly                                        |

Thank you to all the parents who have helped and supported our talented orchestra throughout the year.

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:

- Visit: [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)
- Access Key: 8MEL84D5



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

Harineev has achieved a milestone at the Australian Society of Graduate Tamils (ASoGT) Inc.'s Annual Tamil Competition 2025. He secured First Prize in the Speech category and was awarded the Shield for Best Performance in Victoria. He was also selected to represent Victoria at the National Competition. Well done!



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Are you going away during the holidays?

Manningham SES and other emergency services can provide help if you need it, but you can make sure that you don't need us by taking steps to be prepared before you go away:

- Check the weather for any severe weather warnings or elevated Fire Danger Ratings before you go.
  - Know how to describe where you are if you need to call for help.
  - Consider packing an emergency kit with a portable charger / power bank to keep you connected.
  - Choose camping sites that are under a clear sky. Never camp under trees or branches.
  - Camp on higher ground away from creeks, rivers, streams, and other waterways.
  - Set a watch zone to include your camp location on the Vic Emergency app so you receive warnings.
  - If visiting national parks or walking tracks, check with Parks Victoria via [parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://parkweb.vic.gov.au) ahead of time for closures
- For more info: <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe/on-holidays>





## Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2025)

Results 17 Nov – 20 Nov

| SERPELL TEAM                   | SCORE |    | OPPONENT                    |
|--------------------------------|-------|----|-----------------------------|
| Serpell Sparkles(1/2 Girls)    | 10    | 1  | Serpell Swans               |
| Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)      | 1     | 10 | Serpell Sparkles            |
| Serpell SuperStars (1/2 Girls) | 22    | 11 | Mariners – SHOOTING ROCKETS |
| Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)      | 28    | 21 | ACPS Creekers               |
| Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)     | 28    | 17 | Mariners – Rebound Warriors |
| Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)       | 7     | 6  | OLOP Rebels                 |
| Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)     | 23    | 3  | Birralee Bears              |
| Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)    | Bye   |    |                             |
| Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)    | 22    | 2  | THPS SAINTS                 |
| Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)  | 61    | 8  | Serpell Sassy               |
| Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)      | 8     | 61 | Serpell Supernova           |
| Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)    | 50    | 30 | Ivanhoe Grammar – Panthers  |
| Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)     | 27    | 17 | OLOP Warriors               |
| Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)  | 10    | 10 | Serpell Synergies           |
| Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)     | 17    | 5  | SFX All Stars               |
| Serpells Scorpions (3/4 Boys)  | 20    | 18 | THPS SWISH                  |
| Serpell Synergies (3/4 Boys)   | 10    | 10 | Serpell Superpower          |
| Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)    | 25    | 3  | OLOP Stars                  |
| Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)     | 25    | 18 | BPPS Warriors               |