



# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### From the Principal

#### Diary

##### **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Assembly (9:30am)  
Reports Home (On XUNO)  
Pizza Class Parties (**Canteen Closed**)

##### **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Graduation Assembly (9:30am)  
Note change of time due to expected hot weather

##### **Last Day of Term 4 (3:30pm finish)**

Year 6 Graduation

##### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

No School

#### **2026**

##### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

First Day of School  
Year 1 to 6

##### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

First Day of School  
Prep

#### **STARTING SCHOOL IN 2026**

The first school day for students in year 1 to 6 next year will be Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The students should come to school ready for a 9 o'clock start and go directly to their classrooms where they will be met by their teachers. They should bring their box of stationery, with the items marked with their names. If you need help, please come to the office and we will assist you.

#### **YEAR 12 PERFECT SUCCESS**

We were delighted to learn that four former Serpell students achieved a perfect VCE score of 99.95. Congratulations to Tommy, Sunny, Lucy and Zhanyi - it is so special to hear about our former students and their pathways and achievements in life.

#### **AWARDS ASSEMBLY**

Yesterday morning was a special opportunity to recognise all of the academic and sporting awards for the year. Whether it was ICAS, the Science Talent Search, the Australian Maths Competition, the Maths Olympiad or a vast array of sporting achievements, it was an opportunity to recognise the effort that students had put into their ongoing improvement and achievement. Congratulations to all award winners!



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

Come along and join students from Prep to Year 6 for the singing of Christmas carols, an end of year performance by the orchestra and a special guest from the north pole.

#### **THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER GRADUATION CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 9:30am CHANGE IN TIME DUE TO WEATHER FORECAST**



## ALL STUDENTS LEAVING SERPELL AT THE END OF 2025- INCLUDING YEAR 6

All students leaving will no longer have access to XUNO after their last day of school. Therefore, **you must download all reports from XUNO before their last day of school.** For instructions on how to download reports, please click [here](#).

### CANTEEN CLOSURE – NEXT WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Dear Parents,

Please note that the canteen will be closed next Wednesday, 17th December, due to the Class Pizza Parties. It will reopen on the last day of school, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Canteen Schedule for next week:

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Pizza Class Parties)	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Last Day of Term)
Open	Open	Closed	Open

### ORCHESTRA

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

17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Assembly
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Thank you to all the parents who have helped and supported our talented orchestra throughout the year.

Sue Wuttke, Music teacher

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### GIFT GIVING DRIVE

Thank you to all our generous families who kindly donated a gift to the Doncare Christmas Appeal. The response was amazing and will go towards making a difference in many children's lives at this time of year.



## 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.

## 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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**MONDAY 3:45PM – 5:15PM**  
**COST : \$25 per session**  
We will pick up the PREP students from their class when they finished at 3:30pm

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**2026 AUTUMN SEASON**  
**16 Feb - 19 Jun**



	GRADES 5 / 6 BOYS & GIRLS	GRADE 3 / 4 BOYS	GRADE 1 / 2 BOYS & GIRLS	GRADE 3 / 4 GIRLS	FOUNDATION			
GAMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
	4 Rounds of Grading 7 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals	4 Rounds of Grading 10 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals			13 Rounds Regular Season No Finals			
Game locations change weekly and can be at Bulleen Basketball Stadium / Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre /Donvale Indoor Sports Complex / Templestowe Heights Primary School (subject to change).								
TRAINING	Teams are allocated one training session per week, either at 8am or 3:30pm weekdays. Training location is at school stadium and outside court.							
VOLUNTEERING	We would greatly appreciate if one parent could kindly volunteer as the team manager and another parent as the team coach. Your support would mean a lot to the your kid's basketball team. Thank you!							
COST	Serpell Registration Fee \$55 (once per year) Basketball Victoria Licence Fees \$30 (once per year) Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Season Fee \$200 (per season)				Serpell Fee \$55 BV Licence Fee \$30 BBC Season Fee \$155			



## REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR code or use the link below:

[www.trybooking.com/DHVAO](http://www.trybooking.com/DHVAO)

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 31 JAN 2026 11:59PM**

Once you have completed Serpell Registration, you will be emailed team allocations and instructions on how to register/pay with Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club in early Term 1, 2026.

Need help? Contact Amanda at [amandagu@gmail.com](mailto:amandagu@gmail.com)

Give Your Child the Gift of Music

# Learn a Musical Instrument

here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, flute, clarinet, violin, here at Serpell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2026.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or via email: [samantha@creativemusic.com.au](mailto:samantha@creativemusic.com.au)



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