



Diary

Fri 12th December

Doncare Gift Giving Drive

Mon 15th December

Presentation Assembly (9:30am)

Wed 17th December

Christmas Assembly (9:30am)

Reports Home (On XUNO)

Pizza Class Parties (Canteen Closed)

Thurs 18th December

Graduation Assembly (2:30pm)

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

Year 6 Graduation

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 9th December 2025

From the Principal

2026 CLASSES HOME TODAY

This morning all students moved to their 2026 classes and parents received notification via Xuno. This is always an anxious time for the children. Parents can be help by identifying friends in the class and other students that they have known previously. We do spend an enormous time matching friendship lists, academic achievement, gender groups, teacher attributes and balanced classes.

ASSEMBLIES NEXT WEEK – ALL WELCOME

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER – MEDAL PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 9.30am

A special assembly for Years 2 – 6 will be held in the stadium on Monday 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.

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER - WHOLE SCHOOL XMAS ASSEMBLY 9.30am

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

THURSDAY 18th 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. Tissues advised.

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GIFT GIVING DRIVE

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On **Friday, 12th December**, we will be holding our annual **Gift Giving Drive**. We kindly ask each family to purchase and donate **one Christmas present**, which will be given to children in need throughout our local community.

If you have multiple children at Serpell, you are still only required to donate one gift. Please select a present suitable for the **age group of your eldest child**. *For example: If you have a son in Year 4 and a daughter in Year 2, please donate a gift appropriate for a Year 4 boy.*

Please note that gifts **should not be wrapped**.
Thank you for your generosity and support.

CANTEEN CLOSURE – NEXT WEDNESDAY 17TH 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 18th December.

Canteen Schedule for next week (Week 11):

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

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

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

12 th December	All Musicians - Final Rehearsal before Christmas Assembly
17 th December	Christmas Assembly

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

Sue Wuttke, Music teacher

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.

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](#).

Hatching Chicks in Prep

I like the chickens because they are little and fluffy and they are so cute. **Linus PAG**

I learned about the chicken life cycle. When the chicks hatched they stayed in the incubator until their feathers were fluffy. **Jacob PSF**

The chicks were yellow, black, white and brown. The yellow chick was my favourite. **Hannah PMS**

The chicks will lose their soft feathers and grow smooth feathers. The chicks will turn into hens or roosters after 18 to 25 weeks. **Zachary PLA**

I liked the chicks when they hatched because they looked so cute. The chick with white feathers was my favourite. **Toby PAR**

I learned that when chicks hatch they need a lamp to keep them warm and they eat their shell when they are hungry. **Aanya PMR**

When the eggs arrived they were in the incubator. Each day the chicks started to hatch and grow so we moved them into the chicken pen. **Luna PSC**



YEAR 5 ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE AT ARCARE

On Friday 5th December, 15 talented Year 5 students walked to Arcare to perform a Christmas concert for the residents. There were solos on violin, harmonica, flute and piano.

The residents and staff said how much they appreciated the effort that the students put into the presentation.

Thank you to Ms Zhong who organised all the behind-the-scenes documentation and to Karen (Luke and Ethan's mum) for driving our instruments to the venue.

Miss Wuttke



2SD BUPA AGED CARE PERFORMANCE

On Monday December 8th, the students from 2SD visited BUPA Aged Care to present a Christmas Concert for the residents. We heard solos on the piano, harp and clarinet from wonderful soloists. The class sang 6 Christmas songs and the residents joined in confidently.

Thank you to the parent helpers who supported this excursion and to Mrs Doggett for her help organising and attending the performance.

Miss Wuttke



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Yesterday we hosted our annual teacher's lunch, and it turned out to be a lovely afternoon where our parent volunteers set up a delicious buffet contributed generously by our Serpell families for the staff to enjoy. Every year, this beautiful tradition only gets better, and we are so grateful for the community spirit. A special mention to Dawei and Karen Lin who helped with the set up. Thank you!



With that, we conclude all our events for 2025. We hope you have all enjoyed being part of it as much as we have. We have created some wonderful memories for the students. We cannot do it without your support.

Next year we will start with our Annual General Meeting in the beginning of term 1 where we will elect committee members and welcome new parents to the PA. We look forward to seeing fresh faces and welcome new families. Whether you are a new parent, or an existing parent who would like to get involved, we would love to have you on board. So please check back for dates and updates or write to us.

We wish you all happy holidays and an amazing new year in 2026!

Send in your enquiries to president.serpell@gmail.com.

Hafsa Malik
President, Parents Association

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
- Access Key: 8MEL84D5

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Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2025)

Results 01 Dec - 04 Dec

SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
Serpell Sparkles(1/2 Girls)	3	8	Mariners - STARS
Serpell Swans (1/2 Girls)	12	18	OLOP Shooting Stars
Serpell SuperStars (1/2 Girls)	18	10	Tempy Park Leopards
Serpell Sevens (1/2 Boys)	13	32	Serpell Sliders
Serpell Sliders (1/2 Boys)	32	13	Serpell Sevens
Serpell Seals (1/2 Boys)	13	10	DG Rockets
Serpell Samurai (1/2 Boys)	19	17	Mariners - SC Sonics
Serpell Spartans (1/2 Boys)			
Serpell Skyhawks (1/2 Boys)			
Serpell Supernova (3/4 Girls)	10	18	DG Eucalyptus
Serpell Sassy (3/4 Girls)			
Serpell Strikers (3/4 Boys)	62	30	Ivanhoe Grammar - Panthers
Serpell Seekers (3/4 Boys)	18	19	Tempy Park The Knicks
Serpell Superpower (3/4 Boys)	8	19	SFX All Stars
Serpell Spiders (3/4 Boys)	30	26	Temp Valley Dragons
Serpells Scorpions (3/4 Boys)	19	25	ACPS 'Alien Cactus Pizza Squad'
Serpell Synergies (3/4 Boys)			
Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	9	20	HPS STARS
Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	14	22	Tempy Park Piper

Register for 2026 BASKETBALL TEAMS!



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

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

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

 **Creative Music**
www.creativemusic.com.au

Summer Celebration is back at
TUNSTALL SQUARE



Vibrant events and activities for all ages.
Celebrate with us and support local businesses and artists.

Saturday 20 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Face painting
Roving elf
Bubble entertainment
Live music
Photobooth

Sunday 21 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Giant jenga and connect 4
Live music



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Summer Celebration is back at
JACKSON COURT



Vibrant events and activities for all ages.
Celebrate with us and support local businesses and artists.

Saturday 13 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Face painting
Roving elf
Bubble entertainment
Live music
Photobooth

Saturday 20 December 2025

11:00am to 2:00pm

Giant jenga and connect 4
Bubble entertainment
Roving winter fairy
Live music



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