



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 17th February 2026

From the Principal

Diary

Friday 20th February

Parents Association – Annual General Meeting (9:30am)

Monday 23rd February

Lunar New Year Assembly

Friday 27th February

Yr 6 Captain Presentations Assembly

Monday 9th March

Public Holiday: Labour Day

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th March

School Photos

Ready for Approval and/or Payment on XUNO

Excursion Levy

Senior Sport Levy (Year 6)

Photography, Filming and Recording Students – Consent Form

HAPPY NEW YEAR 新年快乐

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year in the lunar year of the horse. A special whole school assembly will be held in the stadium next Monday 23rd February at 1.45pm to celebrate the event. We invite all parents and grandparents to come along and join in the fun of a traditional celebration.



2026 SCHOOL CAPTAINS ELECTED

After a democratic, secret ballot election by students in Year 6, the School Captains for 2026 have been elected and led their first assemblies. Congratulations to these students who showed a commitment to serving the student community and will have opportunities to learn leadership skills and throughout the year.

They are:

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| Captains | Zoe Cheong 6SS | Kallen Ye 6NM |
| Vice Captains | Areesha Bhatti 6SS | Branev Kousihan 6RM |



The next round election will be on Thursday for the House Captains. Yesterday at assembly we also recognised the newly elected Junior School Council representatives from Years 1 to 5 in social action, environment and values. Congratulations to those students. It was interesting to hear the School Captains speak about their previous representation on Junior School Council across many years. It is clearly a leadership training ground.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

School Saving Bonus (SSB)

A reminder to all parents, there will be **no SSB in 2026**. If your child has unspent funds from last year this will be allocated to the following – in this order:

2026 Excursion/Incursion Levy - \$100 (Compulsory)
 Senior School Sport (Yr 6 only) - \$ 60 (Compulsory)
 School Swimming Program - Various amounts - to be advised (User pay)
 School Camp (Yr 3 to 6) - Various amounts – to be advised (User pay)

The unspent money will continue to be allocated to Excursions/Incursions, Sport and Camp for future years until it is all used up, **you will not lose this money**.

Camps / Sport / Excursion Fund (CSEF)

For holders of eligible Health Care cards, the amount of money being deposited for students in 2026 will be \$400 per child. The funds will be allocated to costs in the following order:

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2026 Swimming Program Dates

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| Prep | 3 rd August – 14 th August |
| Year 1 & 2 | 17 th August – 27 th August |
| Year 3 & 4 | 11 th May – 22 nd May |
| Year 5 & 6 | 25 th May – 3 rd June |

2026 Camp Dates

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Year 3 Weekaway | 19th October – 20th October |
| Year 4 Phillip Island | 26th October – 28th October |
| Year 5 Rumbug | 4th November – 6th November |
| Year 6 Howqua | 30th November – 4th December |

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Join us for a morning of connection, inspiration, and opportunity.

Friday, 20th February, 9:30am–10:30am, Staff Room

We're excited to welcome you to our Parents' Association (PA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday, 20th February from 9:30am to 10:30am in the staff room. Whether you're new to our school community or a familiar face, this gathering is for everyone.

Agenda

- Welcoming All Parents: Meet and mingle with other parents and the PA team in a relaxed, friendly setting.
- Special Guest Speaker: Mr Nick Thuys, will share insights on our school's STEM program and the exciting role of technology in your child's learning journey.
- Class Representatives – Karen Liu
- Why Parent Involvement Matters: Discover the benefits of being involved from having a say in school activities to building a vibrant, connected community.
- Our Year Ahead: Learn about the PA's plans and goals for 2026, including how we support the school and your children.
- Meet the Team: Get to know your PA representatives, hear about their experiences, and find out how you can join in, big or small.
- Election of new committee members
- Questions & Next Steps: Ask questions, share your ideas, and see how you can be part of shaping a fantastic school experience for all our kids.

If you're new to the school, the PA is here to support you as you settle in. The AGM is a great chance to make connections, ask questions, and find out how we can help you and your family feel right at home.

Every parent's contribution is valued, whether you have lots of time to offer or just a little. Come along to see how you can get involved, meet new friends, and make a real impact on your child's school experience.

We love to see you there, share our plans, and hear your ideas. Please pop the AGM in your diary and join us for what promises to be an inspiring and informative morning. If you like more information, feel free to reach out to the PA team or chat to us on the day. We're always here to help! Looking forward to welcoming you on the 20th!

Send any enquires to president.serpell@gmail.com
The Parents' Association Team

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Thursday 12/2/26

| ROUND 1 (Practice Games) | Serpell Blue | | Templestowe Park |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|---------------------|
| Cricket | 92 | Lost | 102 |
| Hot Shots | 12 | Def | 0 |
| Rounders - Girls | 16 | Def | 11 |
| Rounders - Mixed | 5 | Lost | 6 |
| Softball- Girls | 5 | Lost | 11 |
| Softball - Mixed | 9 | Lost | 19 |
| Round 1 | Serpell Gold | | Milgate |
| Cricket | 100 | Def | 43 |
| Hot Shots | 12 | Def | 0 |
| Rounders - Girls | 10 | Def | 2 |
| Rounders - Mixed | 9 | Lost | 11 |
| Softball- Girls | 16 | Def | 2 |
| Softball - Mixed | 12 | Won | 10 |

SERPELL ORCHESTRA

Any student who learns an Orchestral instrument (not piano), is welcome to participate in the Orchestra. They should be able to read music and have a good level of sight reading. I will NOT be including percussion this year due to the repertoire chosen. Please see Miss Wuttke or email Susan.Wuttke@education.vic.gov.au if you would like further information or advice. Rehearsals for Orchestra are from 2:30pm – 3:30pm in the Hall. Students will be dismissed at 3:30pm from the Hall. There will be many opportunities for performances at assemblies throughout the year.

SENIOR CHOIR

Ms Carol Zhong will be conducting the Senior Choir again this year. She brings a great deal of experience and skill to this role. Any student from Year 3 to Year 6 is welcome to participate. Please see Ms Zhong in the 5CZ room or email her at Carol.Zhong@education.vic.gov.au if you would like further information. Rehearsals are on Tuesday lunchtimes from 12:30pm to 1pm in the Music Room. There will be many opportunities for performances at assemblies throughout the year.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Miss Wuttke will be conducting a new Junior Choir this year. Students from Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to participate. Rehearsals will be on Monday lunchtimes from 12:30pm to 1pm in the Music Room. Please see Miss Wuttke or email Susan.Wuttke@education.vic.gov.au if you would like further information or advice. There will be many opportunities for performances at assemblies throughout the year.

JUNIOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE MARCH 2ND

On Monday 2nd March, the Junior Choir, which comprises Year 1 and 2 students, will be performing at Assembly. They will sing at 2pm for the Year 2/Year 3 Assembly and at 3pm for the Prep/Year 1 Assembly. We hope you will be able to come to support these young, enthusiastic singers.

Miss Wuttke
Music teacher

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

It is with sincere appreciation that we acknowledge the parents who have already stepped forward to serve as Class Representatives this year. Your readiness to contribute your time, your goodwill and your commitment to strengthening the bonds within our school community reflects the very best of Serpell's spirit.

As we continue to build a supportive network across all year levels, we are still seeking more Class Representatives for several classes. Our intention is to appoint two representatives per class, ensuring shared responsibilities and a balanced, sustainable partnership between families and the class. If your child is in one of the classes listed below, we warmly invite you to consider joining this important endeavour.

| Prep | PMR | PSF | PSB | PSC |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Y1 | 1SW | 1HS | 1CR | |
| Y2 | 2KJ | 2TL | 2SD | 2TH 2MR |
| Y3 | 3TS | 3LD | 3RC | 3SW |
| Y4 | 4CB | 4RA | 4CM | 4JB 4NH 4RP |
| Y5 | 5CZ | 5LF | 5BD | 5KT |
| Y6 | 6SS | 6NT | 6LN | 6NM |

The role remains centred on promoting connection: encouraging communication among families and liaising with the Parents' Association to support class and school initiatives. The time commitment is modest, yet the contribution you make resonates widely, enriching the experience of every child and family in our community.

Should you feel able to take on this meaningful role, please contact me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Together, we can continue to strengthen the fabric of our school community and ensure that families feel supported and included. Thank you!


Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator
serpellclassrep@gmail.com

HOW TO ENTER YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE ON XUNO

PARENT NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE ON XUNO APP

For absences on **CURRENT** day

- 1 Attendance
- 2 View Day by Day attendance
- 3 Select pencil next to parent reason under AM (tick box if for whole day)

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Period | AM |
| Subject | 4RK (4RK-RK00) |
| Marked As | Present ● |
| Staff Comments | |
| Parent Reason | <input type="text"/>  |

Future absence notification.

1. Attendance
2. Under the Blue box select 'Send Absence Note'
3. Select 'send a note for a future date' put in dates and reason
4. SAVE

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Unapproved Absences 0 | Approved Absences 2 |
| <p>Great job! Give yourself a pat on the back. Angelina has no unexplained absences.</p> <p>View Day-by-Day Attendance</p> | |

[Send Absence Note](#)



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OPEN DAY



EMBRACE LIFE AT SION

**TUESDAY 17 MARCH
2.30 - 6.30 PM**



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OPEN NIGHT

Bookings must be made to attend a College Tour

Thursday 12 March 2026

Tours start at 4:45pm, with the last tour departing at 6:20pm.

Bookings open on Trybooking on 19 February 2026 at 3:30pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DBSBB>



Tickets will not be available on the night.



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