



# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## From the Principal

### Diary

#### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 3 & 5 Writing NAPLAN

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 3 & 5 Reading NAPLAN

Year 3 & 5 Conventions of Language NAPLAN

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 3 & 5 Numeracy NAPLAN

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Webex Child Safe Standards Briefing (9:15am-9:30am)

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

School Photos

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Colour Run

#### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Second Hand Uniform Shop (9am - 9:30am)

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Teacher Interviews (via Webex) Students not required at school

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (End of Term)**

Term 1 Finish (2:30pm)

### Ready for Approval and/or Payment on XUNO

*Excursion Levy (compulsory)*

*Senior Sport Levy (Year 6) (compulsory)*

*Photography, Filming and Recording Students – Consent Form*

*Colour Run*

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### SCHOOL LEADERS BADGE CEREMONY

Last Friday morning a special Year 6 assembly was held to award the Schol Captains and House Captains with their badges for 2026. The event was attended by the students' parents and grandparents, and many photos were taken with great pride.

The keynote speaker for the assembly was former Serpell student and School Vice-Captain, Tommy Chu. Tommy completed his secondary education at Scotch College in 2025 and scored a perfect 99.95 for his ATAR. This year he has commenced a Bachelor of Science specialising mathematics at the University of Melbourne. Tommy spoke to the audience about leadership and the fact that it is not about the badge. It's about service to others - your school, your peers and the community and developing your skills through experience.

Tommy was a much-loved student here at Serpell. He was always kind, insightful, respectful and a person of integrity. It reminds me that here at Serpell together with our parent community, we nurture students to have such generous natures – and it is a lifetime attribute.



### PARENT SCHOOL COUNCILLORS ELECTED

At the close of nominations for parent vacancies last week, there were three nominations for the four vacancies. I therefore congratulate Larry Yanhui Xing, Wiruut Rungkwansiroj and Caiyan (Lynne) Lin on being nominated and therefore elected to the parent vacancies of the Serpell School Council 2026 – 2028.

There is one vacancy remaining. Perhaps you were considering nominating but worried about the election possibility. Nominations for the remaining vacancy will remain open for the next three days until 4pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, and forms are available from the office.

**WILMA CULTON PSM**

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

**Semester 1, 2026**

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held online via **Webex** on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**, from **9:00am to 3:30pm**.

**Booking Details**

**Bookings open:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am via Xuno.

**Bookings close:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am.

**Webex links:** Your child’s teacher will email you their Meeting room Webex link on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Important Information**

**Each interview is limited to 10 minutes per child.** If you need more time, please arrange a follow-up appointment with your child’s teacher.

**Interpreter services:** If you require an interpreter, please select this option when booking through Xuno.

**Specialist teachers:** If you would like to meet with your child’s Specialist teachers, please email Mrs Nicolaides [Hellene.Nicolaides@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Hellene.Nicolaides@education.vic.gov.au) with your child’s name, grade and preferred time. She will then confirm your booking.

We look forward to connecting with you.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Parents’ Association will be holding the next 2nd Hand Uniform Shop on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from 9:00am to 9:30am. Please note that all purchases are now CREDIT / DEBIT card only NO CASH due to banking restrictions.

**PRICE LIST**

ITEM	PRICE
Art Smock	FREE
Hats	FREE
Library Bag	FREE
Pencil Case	FREE
Leisure Pants	\$ 5
Polo Shirt	\$ 5
Skorts	\$ 5
Shorts	\$ 5
Trackpants	\$ 5
Windcheater / Jumper	\$ 5
School Bag	\$ 5
Summer Dress	\$ 5
Bomber Jacket	\$ 10
Rain Jacket	\$ 10
Rugby Jumper (Yr 6)	\$ 10
Sports Top (Yr 5 & 6)	\$ 10
Winter Pinafore	\$ 10

**NOTE: Non Official Serpell Items FREE**

**LUNCH BOXES IN THE YARD**

Lunch boxes and thermal containers are to be kept inside classrooms during lunch time. This helps us maintain a safer environment for students with food allergies and reduces ongoing challenges such as birds accessing food, lunch boxes being misplaced or broken and litter remaining outdoors after lunch. Where students require additional time to finish eating, classroom teachers plan for this within their class routines to ensure students have adequate time to eat. Thank you for supporting these routines, which will help keep our school safe and clean.

**CHILD SAFE STANDARDS ONLINE BRIEFING**

There will be an online Webex Child Safe Standards mandatory briefing for all parents wanting to volunteer at any school events throughout the 2026 school year on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of March at 9:15am-9:30am.

Please use to provided link to access the online briefing: <https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=m25a18ed57410cf17ee087e5cfd6c6715>

I look forward to seeing all our volunteers online on Tuesday morning.

Mr Packett

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**From the VP**

I’m Rameesha Humayun, and I am very honoured to serve as the vice president of the Parents Association this year. My son has just started Prep this year, so we’re very new to the school community. I’m very passionate about children and their wellbeing and truly enjoy spending time with them. Whether it’s playing games or diving into their imaginative worlds, I love seeing the joy and creativity children bring to everyday moments. I look forward to being part of the community and supporting children as they grow, learn, and thrive.

**Colour Run – 20<sup>th</sup> March**

We’re excited for this year’s Colour Run and would love your support! Volunteers can sign up via Xuno to help make the day a fun and memorable event for our students. Don’t forget to purchase your Colour Run tickets and join in the colourful celebration.

**Second-Hand Uniform Shop**

Our Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March from 9:00am to 9: 30am. This is a great opportunity to save money and support sustainability. Prices have been further reduced, so come along and pick up quality items at fantastic value—your one-stop shop for all school uniform needs.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

**Thursday 5/03/2026**

Round 4	Serpell Blue		Warrandyte
Cricket	188	Def	30
Hot Shots	18	Def	0
Rounders - Girls	11	Def	3
Rounders - Mixed	23	Def	7
Softball - Girls	6	Lost	12
Softball - Mixed	5	Lost	16
Round 4	Serpell Gold		Milgate
Cricket	72	Lost	74
Hot Shots	11	Def	1
Rounders - Girls	25	Def	5
Rounders - Mixed	14	Def	7
Softball - Girls	18	Def	1
Softball - Mixed	13	Def	10

## NEW ASSEMBLY TIMES as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Year 2 & 3	2:00pm
Year 4/5/6	2:30pm
Prep & Yr 1	3:00pm

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

It is most uplifting to see some classes already hosting the first gathering of the year, offering families the chance to meet, to form new friendships, and to help our children feel ever more at home within their class communities.

As we work to complete a well-balanced network of Class Representatives, a small number of classes remain without a volunteer. If your child is in one of the classes listed below, I warmly encourage you to consider taking on this valued role. Your support strengthens your child's class and enriches the wider school community, ensuring every family feels welcomed and connected.

Prep	PSC
Y1	1SW
Y2	2KJ      2TL      2SD      2TH
Y3	3RC
Y4	4RA      4NH      4CM      4JB
Y5	5CZ      5LF      5BD      5KT
Y6	6SS

Should you be willing to assist, please contact me at [serpellclassrep@gmail.com](mailto:serpellclassrep@gmail.com) with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Your contribution plays a meaningful part in sustaining the strong and caring community that defines Serpell. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Karen Liu  
Class Representative Coordinator  
[serpellclassrep@gmail.com](mailto:serpellclassrep@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2026

School photos for 2026 will be held on **Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March and Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March**. All photo orders are placed online, to allow for easy tracking and record keeping. To order your school photos this year:

Scan to order!

Go to [www.leadingimage.com.au](http://www.leadingimage.com.au)  
Click on Order School Photos  
Enter the school **access key:**  
**CY8DTXZ6** with your information.



All students will receive the same **Serpell Primary School Access Key: CY8DTXZ6**. Individual and family photos can be ordered with the same access key.

**FAMILY PHOTOS:** Get your family photo order in this week! Family photo orders must be placed no later than **Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March at 4 p.m.** This deadline is fixed, please get in early so you don't miss out! Family photos are restricted to current Serpell students only, unfortunately we cannot accommodate family members.

Please note that your child's preferred name will appear on the School Photo for 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [kristele.efthimiou@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kristele.efthimiou@education.vic.gov.au)

### Schedule for Photo Day

The schedule below specifies the day the class photo will be taken. Unfortunately, exact times cannot be provided.

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> of March	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> of March
2TL	PAG
3RC	PAR
3TS	PLA
3TT	PMR
4AT	PSB
4CB	PSC
4CM	PSF
4JB	1BR
4NH	1CR
4RA	1HS
4RP	1PL
4SM	1SW
5BD	1VC
5CZ	2JA
5KT	2KJ
5LF	2MF
5LS	2MR
5ZH	2SD
6JX	2TH
6LN	3BG
6NM	3LD
6NT	3SK
6RM	3SW
6SS	

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# COLOUR RUN

The Serpell Primary Parents' Association, together with Fitness Worx, is proud to host the school's colour run fundraiser!

Children will go through an interactive course full of fun challenges.

**Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Cost: \$10 per child (to be paid via XUNO)**

**Time: Prep/Yr.1: 9:30 a.m. Yr. 2/ Yr. 3: 11:20 a.m. Yr. 4/ Yr. 5: 1:30 p.m. Yr. 6: 2:30 p.m.**

**Dress:** All children will be required to bring a **white t-shirt from home** on the day, and this will be over their uniform during the session.

**Safety:** The powder used is made of food safe corn starch with added food safe colourings.

These wonderful events cannot run without our parent volunteers. If you have a current Working with Children Clearance, your support would be appreciated! **All interested parent volunteers will need to register via the Xuno Colour Run volunteers' page.**

If you choose for your child to not participate in this event, they will be encouraged to cheer their classmates from the sideline.



Guiding children's growth

## Newsletter

Date: 05/03/2026



### A Message from your Coordinator

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your children have settled smoothly into the school routine. It's hard to believe we're almost halfway through the term! It's been wonderful seeing friendships, confidence, and creativity continue to grow at Camp Australia.

For the rest of the term, we're excited to offer themed activities, including Superhero Week from March 16-20.

We're also preparing for our Rocketeers Holiday Program, packed with themed days, incursions, and creative workshops. Dates and booking details are available on the website, and we encourage families to secure their spots early.

A friendly reminder that all children must be registered and booked through the Camp Australia website to attend. Please also let us know if your child will be attending any extracurricular activities after school.

For the safety and wellbeing of all children, please ensure any required medications are brought to the service and that current, signed action plans are provided. This is essential for us to safely support your child.

Thank you for your continued support. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

Farnaz and Team

### Activities Coming Up

- Superhero certificates
- Handprint Superheroes

### What's on the Menu?

- Sandwiches
- Pasta
- Salad and Fruit



## CODING

It's after-school fun at your school!

Get creative using design, code and logic to build your own games!

Wednesday 29 Apr - 24 Jun 3:45PM - 5:00PM Serpell Primary School Years 2 - 6

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## Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Autumn 2026)

Results 02 Mar - 05 Mar

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	0	28	Tempy Park Starlets
	Serpell Swans	6	2	Tempy Park Cheetahs
1/2 Boys	<b>Serpell Slam Dunk</b>	12	0	Marwal Magic 5
	<b>Serpell Skyhawks</b>	26	1	Birralee Bears
	Serpell Sharks	0	10	Temp Valley Vipers
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	0	21	Temp Valley Thunders
	Serpell Spartans	16	16	Birralee Broncos
	<b>Serpell Super Sonic</b>	10	1	Tempy Park Bears
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	2	9	<b>Marwal Magic 2</b>
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	6	32	<b>Belle Vue Titans</b>
	<b>Serpell Samurai</b>	24	18	Temp Valley Golden Phoenix
	<b>Serpell Shooters</b>	22	19	Serpell Scorpions
	Serpell Scorpions	10	56	<b>Banyule Hawks</b>
	<b>Serpells Seekers</b>	35	6	Serpell Slammers
	Serpells Slammers	6	35	<b>Serpells Seekers</b>
5/6 Girls	<b>Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)</b>	28	16	OLOP Stars
	Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	12	13	<b>OLOP Angels</b>
5/6 Boys	<b>Serpell Strikers (5/6 Boys)</b>	38	10	Mariners - Warriors
	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	4	27	<b>Marwal Magic 1</b>
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	5	35	<b>THPS LIONS</b>

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SHUBI CHIKARA KARATE \* CONFIDENCE  
\* SELF DEFENSE

### KARATE AT SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL



FREE TRIAL  
LESSON

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TODAY

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