



Diary

Wednesday 25th March

Harmony Day (Wear a splash of Orange)

Thursday 26th March

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

Monday 30th March

Parent Teacher Interviews (via Webex) No Classes

Thursday 2nd April (End of Term)

Term 1 Finish (2:30pm)

Ready for Approval and/or Payment on XUNO

Excursion Levy (compulsory)

Photography, Filming and Recording Students – Consent Form

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 24th March 2026

From the Principal

INTERVIEWS NEXT MONDAY – NO CLASSES

Parent/teacher/student interviews for all students will take place on Monday 30 March. These interviews will be held online and provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's learning, progress, and goals for the year.

Bookings can be made through Xuno. If you require any assistance with booking a time, please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly.

Please note that there will be no classes on this day, allowing all staff to be available for interviews with parents and carers.

Students are encouraged to attend and participate in the interview process, as this supports their understanding of their learning and helps to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal

From the Assistant Principal

NMIS CONFERENCE – HONG KONG

Serpell Primary School is fortunate to be taking part in the New Metrics International Schools (NMIS) program, led by the University of Melbourne in partnership with the Council of International Schools (CIS). As an NMIS Partner School we are part of a global network focused on improving how schools teach and assess the skills students need for life beyond the classroom. These competencies include agency in learning, acting ethically, active citizenship, communication, collaboration, and quality thinking.

Following on from the NMIS Seminar held at the University of Melbourne last year, I was fortunate to attend the NMIS Conference in Hong Kong, hosted at the Hong Kong Academy and engaging with educational leaders from international schools around the world. I also had the opportunity to speak with Professor Sandra Milligan from the University of Melbourne, gaining valuable insights into how Serpell Primary can better support and recognise these important skills in students.

These discussions strengthened our understandings about how we can use the NMIS program to embed and measure these skills in a primary school setting, ensuring our students are not only academically capable but also confident, capable and ready for life beyond the classroom.

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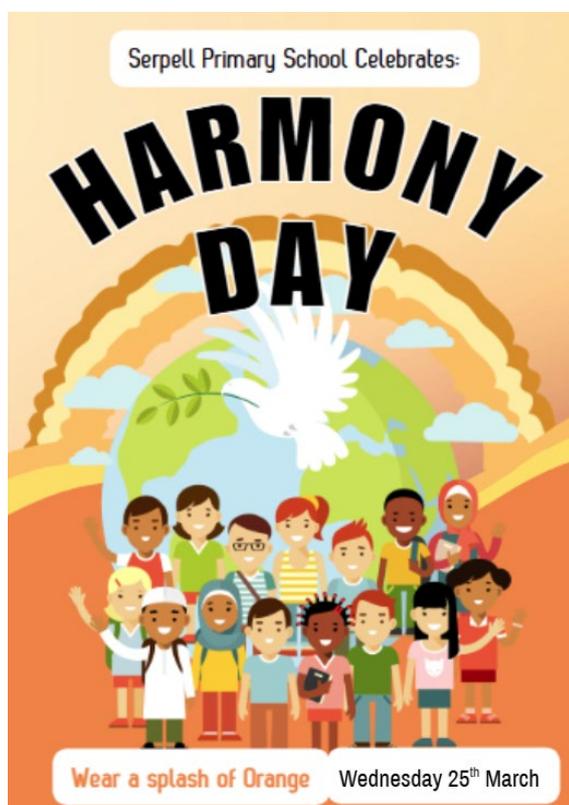
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HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION – WEDNESDAY 25th March

We are excited to celebrate **Harmony Day** on **Wednesday 25th March 2026**! This special day is all about inclusivity, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone in our multicultural school community.

To mark the occasion, we encourage all students to wear a **splash of orange**, whether it's a shirt, hat, or accessory, to show their support for harmony and diversity. Throughout the day, students will take part in activities that celebrate different cultures and the importance of inclusivity.

We look forward to a wonderful day of learning, sharing, and celebrating the rich diversity that makes our school so special!



PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE 2026

Welcome to the Premiers' Reading Challenge for 2026. Please encourage your child/children to participate. The Challenge is a great way to foster a love of reading and improve literacy skills. All students will receive their PRC booklet with a login and password this week. The directions are on the back of each booklet but if you have any queries, please see Ms Gardner in the library.

Ms Gardner (Library)

*"You can find magic wherever you look
sit back and relax all you need is a book"*
Dr Seuss

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION UPDATE FOR CURRENT YEAR 6 FAMILIES:

In preparation for the exciting move to secondary school, we understand that students and their families will be starting to think about what they need to do to initiate the transition process.

Please rest assured that the information you require, will be provided by us in full at the start of Term 2. As a loose guide, please see some key dates below:

- In the **first week of Term 2**, we will provide Year 6 families with the [Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack for Parents and Carers](#) via email and XUNO.
- From **Thursday 2nd April**, updated school zones will be published online. Families should use the [Find my School website](#) to locate your local secondary school or preferred government school and read about [School zones](#) and [Enrolling in school](#).
- From **Wednesday 22nd April**, families can complete the digital application via the VicStudents Portal by **Friday 8th May**.
- Placement offers will be made from **Wednesday 24th June**.

Year 7 placement is decided by secondary schools using the Department of Education's Placement Policy.

You will receive notification of your child's Year 7 placement offer on or after Wednesday 24th June 2026.

All government secondary schools will host a Year 7 Orientation Day (for Year 6 students) on Tuesday 8 December 2026.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the school office.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS

Thursday 19/03/2026

Round 6	Serpell Blue		Templestowe Park
Cricket	90	Lost	102
Hot Shots	16	Def	2
Rounders - Girls	15	Def	12
Rounders - Mixed	7	Lost	12
Softball - Girls	12	Lost	13
Softball - Mixed	9	Lost	11
Round 6	Serpell Gold		OLOP
Cricket	79	Def	56
Hot Shots	18	Def	0
Rounders - Girls	23	Def	8
Rounders - Mixed	6	Lost	15
Softball - Girls	11	Def	7

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

From PA secretary Jasmine Ai

I'm a friendly and community-minded person who enjoys supporting the PA committee through organising meeting minutes, coordinating communication, and assisting with school and community events. I value clarity, connection, and teamwork, and I'm always happy to contribute wherever I can. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, reading, and spending quality time with my children — these moments keep me grounded and energised for the work I do in our school community.

Colour Run

Colour Run 2026 came to a very successful end thanks to the hard work and dedication of all our wonderful volunteers. I would like to express a massive thank you for your time, effort, and enthusiasm — you helped make this event not only colourful, but truly memorable. It showcased the spirit of who we are as a school and what we can achieve when we come together as a strong, supportive community.

PA meeting

IF you're passionate about supporting school events and making a meaningful difference in your child(ren)'s primary school years, you belong in the PA! Our very first PA meeting for 2026 will be held on Friday, 27th March from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the staff room. I warmly welcome you to join us as we come together to discuss how we can contribute to our vibrant school community throughout the year.

Below is our PA Meeting Schedule for 2026.

Term 1		
Date	Time	Location (TBC)
27 th March 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
Term 2		
15 th May 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
19 th June 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
Term 3		
24 th July 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
14 th August 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
11 th September 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
Term 4		
16 th October 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room
13 th November 2026	2:30pm-3:30pm	Staff room

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our Second-Hand Uniform shop will be open in the after-school care area on the 26th March from 9:00am to 9:30am, come and grab a bargain before Term 1 ends.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

As we enter Week 9, it is with heartfelt appreciation that we note our participation rate has risen to 79%, a remarkable achievement reached in such a short time, bringing us once again to the threshold of the Serpell spirit. As we complete our representative network across all year levels, ten classes remain without a parent representative. If your child is in one of these classes, we warmly invite you to consider taking up this valued role, strengthening the connection and shared purpose that define our community.

Prep	PSC		
Y1	1SW		
Y2	2TH	2TL	
Y4	4RA	4JB	4CM
Y5	5CZ	5KT	5BD

If you are able to assist, please contact me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator
serpellclassrep@gmail.com

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Madeleine from 5ZH represented the Eastern Sirens Synchronised Swimming Club and competed in the Artistic Swimming Victoria State Championships 2026. She received 1st place for the Grade 5 Team Routine and 4th place for the Under 12 Duet Free Routine. She will compete in the National Championships in mid-April at Sydney. Well done!





Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Autumn 2026)

Results 16 Mar - 19 Mar

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	10	0	Mariners - Sparking Bears
	Serpell Swans	22	0	OLOP Firecrackers
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	6	16	Temp Valley Thunders
	Serpell Skyhawks	3	6	Tempy Park The Rookies
	Serpell Sharks	0	12	Serpell Super Pikachu Power
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	12	0	Serpell Sharks
	Serpell Spartans	4	6	THPS THUNDER
	Serpell Super Sonic	0	18	Tempy Park Lions
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	18	9	THPS HOOP HEROES
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	16	9	THPS SWISH
	Serpell Samurai	16	4	Temp Park Hawks
	Serpell Shooters	40	26	Ivanhoe Grammar - Rangers
	Serpell Scorpions	6	7	OLOP Warriors
	Serpells Seekers	28	10	Birralee Burgers
	Serpells Slammers	12	10	OLOP Rebels
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	17	4	Mariners - SCORCHERS
	Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	12	27	DG Eucalyptus
5/6 Boys	Serpell Strikers (5/6 Boys)	15	52	Mariners - ALL STARS
	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	10	45	THPS LIONS
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	Bye		

Learn a musical Instrument

here at school

Give Your Child the Gift of Music

Come and join in the fun of learning to play Piano, Keyboard, Violin, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone or Guitar here at Serpell.

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.

Interested parents should call Samantha during office hours on 9818 2333 or email samantha@creativemusic.com.au



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