



Diary

Wednesday 1st April

Footsteps Dance Performance
(2:30pm)

Thursday 2nd April (End of Term)

Term 1 Finish (2:30pm)

Monday 20th April

Term 2 Start

Ready for Approval and/or Payment on XUNO

Excursion Levy (compulsory)

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 31st March 2026

From the Principal

JENNIE WATERS - RETIREMENT

After almost 26 years at Serpell Primary, Jennie Waters will be retiring at the end of the term to enjoy more time with her family. Throughout her time at the school, Jennie has taught many of our students across different year levels, finishing her career in Physical Education.

We thank Jennie for her dedication and the positive impact she has had on our students and school community over many years. We wish her a happy, healthy and well-deserved retirement.

COLOUR RUN SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to the Parents Association for their organisation of the Colour Run. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for all students to connect with their peers and enjoy a fun and engaging end-of-term celebration. Students had a fantastic time participating and thoroughly enjoyed the energy, colour and excitement of the day.

Thank you also to all the parent helpers who supported the event, these wonderful opportunities would not be possible without your continued support and involvement.

FOOTSTEPS ASSEMBLY YEARS PREP AND YEAR 1

This Wednesday afternoon, students in Prep and Year 1 will present their Footsteps dance routines at a special assembly in the stadium at 2:30 p.m. The students have been practising their dances throughout the term, and I am sure they would love to see you there to support them.

Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to attend and join in the celebration at 2:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS!

Term 1 will conclude on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and Term 2 will commence on Monday 20 April. All students should be very proud of their hard work and commitment throughout this term.

I wish all families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break, and hope you enjoy quality time together over the holidays.

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Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal

VICTORIAN SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY

Congratulations to Jeremy Harianto and Ethan Ma (Class of 2025) on their outstanding achievement in receiving a School Sport Victoria Sporting Blue Award at the Victorian School Sports Awards on Wednesday 25th March 2026.

The Sporting Blue Award is a highly respected award that recognises excellence in school sport, along with dedication, resilience and sportsmanship. It is awarded to students who have achieved at a high level in interschool or state representative sport. Only 33 students across Victorian government schools, from both primary and secondary levels, were selected to receive this award.

Jeremy was recognised for his skill, teamwork and leadership in Soccer and Ethan for his dedication, discipline and excellence in Swimming. In addition to this both boys were commended on their participation and achievements in a variety of sports.

We are incredibly proud of both students. It was a privilege for Mr Sais and myself to attend the awards ceremony and celebrate this achievement alongside them and their families.

Costa Kotsiras
Assistant Principal



PREP AND YEAR 1 DANCE ASSEMBLY

Parents are invited to attend the Prep and Year 1 Dance Assembly on Wednesday 2:30pm in the Stadium to watch the students perform their dance routines from the Footsteps dance program.

Mara Rawlings
Event coordinator

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Friday the 27th of March, the Serpell School and House Captains travelled to the Melbourne Convention Centre to attend the annual National Young Leaders Day. This was a valuable opportunity to learn more about leadership and how to overcome challenges. We heard from a range of inspiring speakers, including Catherine Laga'aia, the live-action *Moana* actress, who spoke about how even quiet people can make a powerful impact.

We would like to thank Mrs Culton for providing us with this opportunity, and Mr Moio and Miss Xu for accompanying us on the day.

Zoe Cheong
School Captain

SERPELL INTERSCHOOL SPORT DISTRICT FINALS

Last Thursday, two of our Interschool Sport teams participated in the district grand final against Templestowe Park. All students involved were eager to represent the school and displayed outstanding teamwork, sportsmanship and resilience throughout the morning. Both teams achieved some exceptional results winning their finals and receiving a blue flag for the school. Hot Shots won 13 to 2 demonstrating some great hitting throughout the morning whilst our Girls Rounders team played a fantastic all round team game winning 12 to 10 in a close contest. Additionally, our Cricket team won a semi-final against Templestowe Park (122 to 89) and will play in the district grand final against OLOP early next term.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all our amazing parent volunteers for helping make Term 1 of 2026 such a strong and positive start to the year. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm have made a real difference to our school community.

We would also like to invite you to join our P.A. meetings throughout the year. These gatherings are a great opportunity for us to come together, share ideas, and explore how we can continue contributing to school events and initiatives across 2026. We look forward to seeing you there and working alongside you to make the rest of the year just as memorable.

Date	Time	Location
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

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

As we bring Term 1 to a close and reflect on the strong foundations established across our representative network, we note that nine classes are still without a parent representative. Should your child be in one of these classes, we warmly and respectfully invite you to consider taking on this valued role.

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

If you are willing and 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 commitment to our school community.

Karen Liu
 Class Representative Coordinator
serpellclassrep@gmail.com

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Dhanvi in Year 2 who received the following special awards from the East Doncaster cricket club: Best Bowler - Saturday Super 7s team, Best Bowler - Sunday Super 7s Team and the Four Wicket Innings award. Well done Dhanvi!



Congratulations to Ethan Xie from 3TT on his outstanding achievements at the Annual Inter-Club Taekwondo Tournament. Representing the Australian/Korean Taekwondo Centre, Ethan competed on the 28th March and delivered an exceptional performance across multiple disciplines.

Participating as a Blue I Belt, Ethan earned 1st Place in Poomsae (Forms), 2nd Place in Kyorugi (Sparring), and 4th Place in High Jump Front Kicking.

Ethan has been actively participating in inter-club and regional competitions, steadily gaining valuable experience and confidence. We look forward to witnessing his continued growth and future success, including strong performances in the next State Competition.



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Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Autumn 2026)

Results 23 Mar - 26 Mar

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	4	0	Tempy Park Cheetahs
	Serpell Swans	12	0	THPS HOT SHOTS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	8	0	Serpell Super Sonic
	Serpell Skyhawks	11	8	Mariners - The Slam Clan
	Serpell Sharks	2	2	Boroondara Park Echidnas
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	16	6	Belle Vue Falcons
	Serpell Spartans	14	16	THPS BALLERS
	Serpell Super Sonic	0	8	Serpell Slam Dunk
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	18	9	THPS HOOP HEROES
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	26	2	Tempy Park Hawks
	Serpell Samurai	17	25	DG Warriors
	Serpell Shooters	23	40	Mariners - Rebound Warriors
	Serpell Scorpions	24	21	Belle Vue Titans
	Serpells Seekers	37	12	Temp Valley Golden Phoenix
	Serpells Slammers	21	2	OLOP Raptors
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	11	24	Saints - Storm
	Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	Bye		
5/6 Boys	Serpell Strikers (5/6 Boys)	42	18	THPS TORNADOS
	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	12	22	Tempy Park Piper
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	14	14	Boroondara Park Ballers