



# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## From the Principal

### Your School Council 2026

At the School Council meeting last night, the office bearer positions for 2026 were decided and the Council now is as follows:

President	Suhaila Abdel Qader
Vice President	Lynne Lin
Treasurer	Karen Liu
Secretary	Mia Reid
PA Rep	Dawei Li
Executive officer	Wilma Culton

### Parent Members

Larry Xing  
Wiruut Rungkwansiroj  
Costa Kotsiras  
Daniel Packett  
Kristele Efthimiou

### Staff Members

We currently have two parent vacancies on Council. If you are interested, please notify me by email or drop by the office.

### China Tour 2026

We are delighted to announce that once again our China Exchange program for Year 6 students will operate in 2026 from the 9<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> September. The trip will involve sister school visits in Suzhou and tours of Beijing, Xi'an, Suzhou and Shanghai. Full details will be sent home to Year 6 this week.

### Greek Easter Assembly

The Dio Patrides Band and dancers performed to the delight of a whole school assembly, the afternoon included students, parents and grandparents joining together in traditional dancing and the students also showcased their Greek language skills by delivering information about cultural events in Greek and English. Thank you to the Greek Language teaching team, Christine Risvanis, Emily Haitidis and Hellene Nicolaidis for organising a very festive assembly.

WILMA CULTON PSM

### Diary

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Years 3 -5 Choir Assembly  
Performance

#### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Second Hand Uniform Shop 9am –  
9:30am

#### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Mother's Day Stall

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Years 3 and 4 Swimming Program

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Bookfair

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Years 5 and 6 Swimming Program

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Curriculum Days  
(Student Free Days)

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Public Holiday: King's Birthday

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

*Excursion Levy (Compulsory)*

*Years 3 & 4 Swimming*

*Years 5 & 6 Swimming*

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## Year 6 Leaders: Anzac Day Service

Last Thursday, our School and House Captains attended an ANZAC Service at Templestowe Memorial Reserve to commemorate those who fought for our country. We had the privilege of laying a wreath and listening to a range of guest speakers who shared their experiences and deepened our understanding of the significance of the day. The service also encouraged us to reflect on how we can demonstrate bravery and courage when facing challenging times.

We would like to thank Mrs Culton for giving us the opportunity to be part of such a memorable service. Additionally, we thank Mrs Stanford for organising the excursion, as well as Mr Packett and Mr Moio for accompanying us on the day.

Zoe Cheong 6SS  
Kallen Ye 6NM



## Thank you John and Nathan

Last week we farewelled two of our wonderful maintenance team members, John Shen and Nathan Nicolaides. We are incredibly grateful for the care, dedication, and pride they have brought to our school community.

For five years, John has ensured our school grounds are safe, clean, and welcoming for every child and family. We wish him a long, happy, and restful retirement.

Nathan has recently completed his university studies and is now moving on to an exciting new career path. His contributions over the last three years have been deeply appreciated by both staff and students, and we are confident he will continue to thrive in this next chapter.

To both of you thank you again for the care you put into our school every single day and we wish you every success and happiness ahead.

## Year 3 to 5 Choir Performance

Our school Year 3 to 5 choir will be having their first performance of the year on Monday 4th of May during two assemblies at 2:00pm and 2:30pm in the school stadium. Choir families are warmly invited to attend one of the sessions to support our performers.

Looking forward to seeing you!  
Ms Zhong and Ms De Castella



## Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Parents' Association will be holding the next 2nd Hand Uniform Shop on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 9:00am to 9:30am. Please note that all purchases are now CREDIT/DEBIT card only NO CASH due to banking restrictions.

## Bookfair

It's that time of year again! Serpell library is holding its annual bookfair from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026. All classes will get the chance to peruse the book fair. Students will receive a wish list order form where they write down any books they wish to purchase.

Parents are then able to purchase these books online. Any books ordered will be packed and placed in teachers pigeonholes for distribution. Please be patient as the orders will be completed once most of the classes have seen the bookfair.

Parents pay via the portal <https://payments.lamontauthors.com.au/> Only online payments are accepted...please DO NOT send cash. Please support our only fundraiser for the library. All money goes toward the purchase of lovely new books for our children to enjoy.

Thank you!  
Ms Gardner (Librarian)



**SSV Diving Competition**

Chloe Yu in Year 6 recently competed in the SSV diving competition and won gold medals in regional and state for Serpell Primary School. What an amazing achievement, well done Chloe!



**Class Representatives**

As we commence Term 2 with renewed purpose and a spirit of unity, we take this opportunity to acknowledge the strong foundations already established across our Class Representative network. At present, nine classes listed below remain without a parent representative.

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

Should your child be in one of these classes, we extend a warm and respectful invitation for you to consider stepping forward into this valued role. Your involvement not only strengthens the bonds within our school community but also ensures that every family feels supported and connected.

If you are willing and able 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. Thank you for your continued dedication to the Serpell community.

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

**PARENT CLASSROOM HELPER PROGRAM**



**CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING Morning Sessions Term 2**  
Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers Program will be offered on a **Wednesday morning** during Term 2 in the staff centre. These sessions are designed around the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. If you are interested in assisting in the Prep, Year One or Year Two classrooms, attendance at the four training sessions is essential. If you would like to learn more about the way your child learns literacy skills, you are most welcome to attend. **There are four sessions, and you must commit to the whole four sessions.**

The following sessions will be held in Term 2 at 9.15 - 10:30 am:  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Please fill out the return slip below if you are interested in attending this program and return it to the school office no later than **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of April**. We will be in contact with you before the workshops begin to confirm that we have sufficient numbers to run these classes.

Daniel Packett  
Assistant Principal

**Parent Classroom Helper Program Sessions**

I would like to attend the Parent Classroom Helper Program sessions in Term 2. Please print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 **Creative Music**  
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The Serpell Primary School Parent's Association Proudly Presents

# Mother's Day Stall 2026

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May

Students will be given the opportunity to buy gifts for their mum, grandma or special person. A selection of gifts includes jewellery, mugs, pens, trinkets etc. priced between **\$1 and \$10.**

Children may purchase a **maximum of two gifts**, with a recommended spending limit of \$20. IOUs and credit are not available.

### Volunteers

As you know, our events can only run with help from parent volunteers. Volunteers can sign up through the online forms on XUNO. Please check for updates. You will need to have a valid Working With Children's Clearance and be available for one or multiple sessions below.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>- 8:45 am to 11am    11.10am to 12:30pm    1:15 to 3:15pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup>- 8:45am to 11am    11.10am to 12:30pm

Please contact the Parent's Association Committee for further enquiries.



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

Results 20 April - 23 April

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	20	0	Mariners - Sparkling Bears
	Serpell Swans	12	2	THPS TEMPY GALS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	4	12	The Great Panthers
	Serpell Skyhawks	2	7	Serpell Spartans
	Serpell Sharks	0	34	THPS G1 BOYS
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	Bye		
	Serpell Spartans	7	2	Serpell Skyhawks
	Serpell Super Sonic	2	18	OLOP Hoopsters
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	4	14	Marwal Magic 2
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	30	13	Serpell Samurai
	Serpell Samurai	13	30	Serpell Sevens
	Serpell Shooters	24	51	Banyule Hawks
	Serpell Scorpions	Bye		
	Serpells Seekers	26	23	OLOP Warriors
	Serpells Slammers	15	13	DG Supersonics
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	14	7	Mariners - SCORCHERS
	Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	40	8	THPS G6 GIRLS
5/6 Boys	Serpell Strikers (5/6 Boys)	42	6	The Great Sonics
	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	Bye		
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	38	4	Temp Valley Dragons



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	Serpell Swans	8	2	THPS Swish Sisters
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	11	8	Tempy Park Lions
	Serpell Skyhawks	4	8	Birralee Broncos
	Serpell Sharks	2	16	Tempy Park Bears
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	10	8	Temp Valley Vipers
	Serpell Spartans	11	6	Mariners - The Slam Clan
	Serpell Super Sonic	4	34	Mariners - Blue
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	4	19	Mariners - SHOOTING ROCKETS
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	14	16	DG Warriors
	Serpell Samurai	24	15	Boroondara Park Bulls
	Serpell Shooters	22	49	Mariners - THE ANKLE BREAKERS
	Serpell Scorpions	12	10	THPS PHOENIX
	Serpells Seekers	Bye		
	Serpells Slammers	2	19	OLOP Rebels
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**Time:** 12:30 – 1:30 pm  
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**Starts on:** 1 May  
**For Years:** Years 1 - 6  
**Location:** Library

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