



# Serpell Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## From the Principal

### Diary

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Parent Association Meeting  
(2:30pm – 3:30pm)

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Social Action: Ajani Food Pantry

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Year 3 Footsteps Dance  
Performance

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Sushi Day (Canteen Closed)  
AMC Registration Closes

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Reports Sent Home

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term 2 (2:30pm finish)

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Start of Term 3

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 and 3 Concert (7pm)

### Year 6-7 Transition Information

**Placement Offers** - From **Wednesday 24 June 2026**, parents/carers of Year 6 students who have applied for a Victorian Government Secondary School will receive a placement offer either by **email** or **hard copy**.

#### What you need to do:

- If you receive your offer by **email**, follow the instructions in the email to access the **VicStudents Portal** and **accept or decline** the Year 7 placement offer.
- If you receive your offer by **hard copy**, complete and return the **Acceptance Slip** to our school office.

**If you do not receive an offer** - If you have not received a placement offer by **Friday 26 June 2026**, please contact the school office.

**Appeals Process** - If you wish to appeal the placement decision, you must:

- Submit a written appeal to your preferred secondary school by Friday 17 July 2026.
- Use the Appeal Form available in the carers' information pack ([DOCX](#) and [PDF](#)), available on the [Enrolling in school webpage](#).

Secondary schools will notify families of appeal outcomes in writing by **Tuesday 4 August 2026**.

**Final Response Deadline** - All families applying for a [Victorian Government Secondary School](#) must **accept or decline their placement offer by Tuesday 11 August 2026**.

[Standard International Students](#) and students who have accepted placements in [independent/private schools](#) do not need to take any action regarding this communication.

If you do have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact Nikki Wheeler in the school office – [nikki.wheeler@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:nikki.wheeler@education.vic.gov.au).

### AMC – Australian Mathematics Competition

Students in Year 3-6 can participate in the 2026 Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition period is between Tuesday 4 to Thursday 6 August 2026\*. The entry fee is \$9.30 per student. Further information is available on their website: <https://www.amt.edu.au/australian-mathematics-competition>

#### How to pay

If you would like to participate in the AMC, please access the Payment section on the XUNO app and pay directly through the app.

All payments are due by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. No late payments will be accepted.

#### Please note the AMC tests:

\*Specific test dates for the year levels have not been confirmed for AMC, and will depend on numbers and technology allocation, therefore your child will need to be available to sit the test on **any** of the above dates. Test dates will be confirmed in the weeks prior to the test. Please be aware that students who are absent for **any** test will not be able to do a make-up after the final test date. Unfortunately, refunds cannot be given if students are unable to take **any** test.

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## ICAS

ICAS competitions are open to all students in Years 2 - 6. The tests will take place in year level classrooms in Term 3. This year, Serpell will offer the following assessments:

Subject	Sitting Date	Cost (AU\$)
Digital Technologies	3-7 Aug	\$21.95
Writing	3-7 Aug	\$25.95
English	10-14 Aug	\$21.95
Science	17-21 Aug	\$21.95
Spelling Bee	17-21 Aug	\$21.95
Mathematics	24-28 Aug	\$21.95

An announcement has gone out on Xuno with further information about registration, the letter has also been attached at the end of the newsletter. Payments will need to be made direct to ICAS. Please note, registrations will close July 27. For any further information, please contact Mr Zubevich.

Mr Zubevich  
*Learning Specialist*

## Year 2 and 3 Theatre Concert Term 3

Parents of Years 2 and 3 students are being asked to 'Save the Date' for an exciting concert performance by all Year 2 and 3 students on **Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. The concert, 'Stage Spectacular', will take place at **The Besen Centre, 87/89 Station street Burwood**. Students will be dancing, singing and performing musical items. More information regarding tickets will be announced next week in the newsletter. A costume letter will also be handed out by each classroom teacher this week.

Mara Rawlings, Concert Coordinator

## Year 3 Footsteps Dance Assembly

Next week Monday 22nd June at 2PM, the parents and grandparents of Year 3 students only are invited to attend the Year 3 Assembly in the stadium to watch the Footsteps Dance performances by the Year 3 students.

Mara Rawlings

## Serpell Orchestra

The Serpell Orchestra's final rehearsal for Term 2 was last Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. They will resume in Term 3 Week 3, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Many thanks for your continued support of our wonderful musicians during Term 2. Thank you also to the students who rehearse and perform with such enthusiasm and musicality.

Sue Wuttke, Music teacher

## Ajani Neighbourhood House Food Donation Drive – Friday 19 June



A friendly reminder that on **Friday 19th June**, the Social Action Committee will be holding our annual Food Donation Drive in support of Ajani Neighbourhood House.

We are asking families to donate the following:

- **Prep and Year 1:** Pasta, rice or noodles
- **Year 2:** Sweet and dry biscuits
- **Year 3:** Coffee, tea and long-life milk
- **Year 4 and Year 5:** Canned food and jarred goods
- **Year 6:** Kitchen essentials

All donations will help support families within our community, thank you for your generosity and support.

## From the Nurse

An incidence of hand, foot & mouth disease has been reported in the school. It causes small white blisters on hands, soles of feet and mouth. **Hand foot and mouth disease** is spread by direct contact with fluid from the skin blisters, nose and throat discharges, droplets (sneezing, coughing) and faeces (stools). Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school until they feel well and all the blisters have dried.

## Parents Association

Please note the upcoming PA event dates:

- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026 is our last PA meeting in Term 2, we look forward to seeing you there at school from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Sushi Day. Please note, sushi ordering closes on 6pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, be sure to order Sushi by Friday.

## Interschool Sports Results

Thursday 11/06/2026

Round 7	Serpell Blue		Andersons Creek
AFL A	40	Lost	111
Bat Tennis	54	Def	6
Netball A	14	Def	8
Netball B	6	Drew	6
Soccer A	6	Def	1
Tee Ball	28	Def	0
Round 7	Serpell Gold		Templestowe Park
AFL A	14	Lost	104
AFL B	24	Lost	105
Bat Tennis	54	Def	4
Netball A	6	Def	2
Netball B	4	Lost	15
Soccer A	4	Def	2
Soccer B	3	Def	1
Tee Ball	17	Def	13

## Class Representatives

With heartfelt appreciation, we extend our gratitude to the parents who have already answered the call to serve as Class Representatives. As we enter Week 9, our participation rate has reached the remarkable milestone of 87.23%, a reflection of the steadfast dedication that continues to distinguish the Serpell community. A small number of classes remain without representation. Should your child belong to one of these six classes, we warmly invite you to consider stepping into this meaningful role.

<b>Prep</b>	PSC	
<b>Y2</b>	2TL	
<b>Y4</b>	4CM	4JB
<b>Y5</b>	5BD	5KT

To volunteer, please email me at [serpellclassrep@gmail.com](mailto:serpellclassrep@gmail.com) with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Together, let us uphold the spirit of service that makes Serpell a place of unity, care, and shared purpose. Thank you!

Karen Liu

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


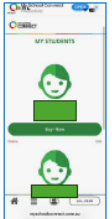

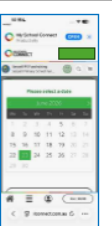
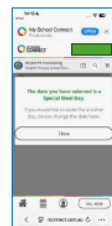



Serpell Primary School  
 Parents' Association Fundraising App

## Sushi Day the New Way

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:

Sushi Day Fundraiser organised by the Parents Association

<p><b>Step 1.</b> Download the My School Connect app from your app store or visit <a href="http://Myschoolconnect.com.au">Myschoolconnect.com.au</a></p> 	<p><b>Step 2.</b> Create your account &amp; register your Serpell student</p> 
<p><b>Step 3.</b> Select <b>Serpell Primary School Fundraising</b></p> 	<p><b>Step 4.</b> Select date from Calendar (<b>Tuesday 23 June</b>)</p> 
<p><b>Step 5.</b> You will only be able to order Sushi for <b>Tuesday 23 June</b>.</p> 	<p><b>Step 6.</b> Select Menu, <b>Sushi Day</b></p> 

On **Tuesday 23 June 2026** we will be having our Parents Association Sushi Day fundraiser.

This year, you will need to order from **My Schools Connect** not XUNO. See reverse for instructions, you can register via the website or App.

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/>

You will need to register each child using their first and last name along with their class code (e.g. John Wang – 6TP).

You can order multiple TWIN PACKS (i.e. 2 sushi rolls) for each child if needed.

Each twin pack costs \$7.50.

You pay using your debit/credit card on the My School Connect app/website.

The four flavour choices are;

TERIYAKI CHICKEN, COOKED TUNA, VEGETARIAN or CALIFORNIA.

**Orders MUST be placed by 6pm on Friday 19 June 2026.**

**NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Sushi packs will be delivered to your child at lunch time on Tuesday 23 June.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY**

*Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds if your child is not at school on the day.*



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

Results 08 Jun - 11 Jun

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	5	6	Tempy Park Cheetahs
	Serpell Swans	22	2	OLOP Firecrackers
1/2 Boys Semi Final	Serpell Slam Dunk	11	12	Mariners - Bulls
	Serpell Skyhawks	7	5	Serpell Spartans
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	7	10	Temp Valley Vipers
	Serpell Spartans	5	7	Serpell Skyhawks
	Serpell Super Sonic	6	28	Tempy Park Lions
3/4 Girls Semi Final	Serpell Stars	0	11	The Great Fiery Blazers
3/4 Boys Semi Final	Serpell Sevens	22	11	Boroondara Park Bulls
	Serpell Samurai	3	33	DG Warriors
	Serpell Shooters	16	60	Mariners - THE ANKLE BREAKERS
	Serpell Scorpions	22	28	Serpell Seekers
	Serpell Seekers	28	22	Serpell Scorpions
	Serpell Slammers	8	15	Marwal Magic 3

# Register for 2026 BASKETBALL TEAMS!



**2026 SPRING SEASON**  
**20 Jul - 11 Dec**



	GRADES 5 / 6 BOYS & GIRLS	GRADE 3 / 4 BOYS	GRADE 1 / 2 BOYS & GIRLS	GRADE 3 / 4 GIRLS	FOUNDATION
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>GAMES</b>	5 Rounds of Grading 11 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals		5 Rounds of Grading 12 Rounds Regular Season 2 Rounds of Finals		18 Rounds Regular Season No Finals
	Game locations change weekly and can be at Bulleen Basketball Stadium / Manningham Templestowe Leisure Centre / Donvale Indoor Sports Complex / Templestowe Heights Primary School (subject to change).				
<b>TRAINING</b>	Teams are allocated one training session per week, either at 8am or 3:30pm weekdays. Training location is at school stadium and outside court.				
<b>VOLUNTEERING</b>	We would greatly appreciate if one parent could kindly volunteer as the team manager and another parent as the team coach. Your support would mean a lot to the your kid's basketball team. Thank you!				
<b>COST</b>	Serpell Registration Fee \$55 (once per year) Basketball Victoria Licence Fees \$30 (once per year) Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Season Fee \$220 (per season)				Serpell Fee \$55 BV Licence Fee \$30 BBC Season Fee \$200



## REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR code or use the link below:

[www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1595250](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1595250)

**Registrations close on 5 July 2026, at 11:59PM**

Once you have completed Serpell Registration, you will be emailed  
team allocations and instructions on how to register/pay with  
Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club in early Term 3, 2026.

Need help? Contact Amanda at [amandagu@gmail.com](mailto:amandagu@gmail.com)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

### What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in **English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies**.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/): (icasassessments.com/products-icas/).

### ICAS results and certificate

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Your child's ICAS certificates will show their results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the **Results Portal** (<https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent>).

### How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to register for your chosen subjects.

### Direct login link

Use this link to log directly into the shop and start registering (DLN351 is the School Code):

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/DLN351>

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 27 July at 11:59pm**.

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

Subject	Sitting Date	Cost (AU\$)
Digital Technologies	3-7 Aug	\$21.95
Writing	3-7 Aug	\$25.95
English	10-14 Aug	\$21.95
Science	17-21 Aug	\$21.95
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Please note, we cannot facilitate refunds or make alterations as all money is paid directly to ICAS Assessments.

Read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/icasa-terms-and-conditions/#icas-parents): (<https://www.icasassessments.com/icasa-terms-and-conditions/#icas-parents>).

### Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

*ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (We, Us, Our).*

*To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not***

- collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.*
- transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.*
- share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).*
- use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.*

*You can view our full privacy policy at <https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>.*

*We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at [privacy@janison.com](mailto:privacy@janison.com) or by contacting [icasassessments@janison.com](mailto:icasassessments@janison.com).*

We are proud to be offering ICAS to our students this year and encourage you to consider entering your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Lachlan Zubevich  
Director of Learning Innovation and Data Strategy

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