



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

From the Principal

Diary

**Monday 25th May –
Wednesday 3rd June**
Years 5 and 6 Swimming Program

Wednesday 3rd June
Fuse Cup Just Dance Excursion

Thursday 4th – Friday 5th June
Curriculum Days
(Student Free Days)

Monday 8th June
King's Birthday (Public Holiday)

Friday 12th June
Second Hand Uniform Shop
(9:00am – 9:30am)

Friday 19th June
Parent Association Meeting
(2:30pm – 3:30pm)

Friday 19th June
Social Action: Ajani Food Pantry

Tuesday 23rd June
Sushi Day

Friday 26th June
Last Day of Term (2:30pm finish)

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS

What a fantastic success our Book Fair was last week! A huge congratulations and thank you to our dedicated library staff, and enthusiastic student shoppers who filled the space each day, eagerly exploring the latest recommended titles.

It was wonderful to witness such excitement and joy around books and reading. Seeing students so engaged in discovering new stories, authors and ideas is truly inspiring. Reading plays a vital role in learning and underpins success across all areas of the curriculum, so it is heartening to see our school community embracing a love of literature so enthusiastically.

CURRICULUM DAYS – THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

A friendly reminder to families that this coming Thursday and Friday are Curriculum Days, and students are not required to attend school.

During these two days, staff will be attending a professional learning conference in Healesville, that will focus on continuing to strengthen excellence in teaching and learning at Serpell. Staff will engage in professional learning centred around Teaching and Learning, Global Competencies, the evolving impact of Artificial Intelligence in Education, and maintaining the high-performance culture that supports strong outcomes for our students.

These Curriculum Days, together with the King's Birthday public holiday on Monday, will provide families with a five-day winter break. We hope this extended weekend offers an opportunity for rest and family connection.

Wishing all our families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable long weekend.

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Newsletter – Cyber Safety

Cyber safety and digital citizenship continue to be an important focus at Serpell Primary School. We encourage families to have regular conversations with children about respectful online behaviour, including treating others with kindness, thinking carefully before posting or messaging, and speaking up if something online does not feel right. Setting clear expectations around device use, monitoring apps and games, and keeping communication open at home can make a significant difference in helping students stay safe online.

If students experience cyberbullying or unsafe behaviour online, they are encouraged to save evidence by taking screenshots, block the user involved, and report the behaviour through the website, game, or app being used. Families can also access further information, advice, and support through the eSafety Commissioner, including resources to help report harmful online behaviour and support young people experiencing cyberbullying.

Nick Thuys
Learning Specialist



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:

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Digital Technologies	3-7 Aug	\$21.95
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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

**Interschool Sports Results
Thursday 28/05/2026**

Round 5	Serpell Blue		OLOP
AFL A	6	Lost	156
AFL B	21	Lost	170
Bat Tennis	52	Def	10
Netball A	19	Lost	21
Netball B	3	Lost	6
Soccer A	1	Lost	2
Soccer B	4	Def	1
Tee Ball	21	Def	2
Round 5	Serpell Gold		OLOP
AFL A	0	Lost	137
Bat Tennis	54	Def	8
Netball A	12	Def	6
Netball B	3	Lost	5
Soccer A	6	Def	1

Parent Helper Course

Congratulations to all the amazing parents who attended and completed the Parent Helpers Course this term. We look forward to seeing you all in the classrooms assisting with our various learning programs.

We are very grateful to all our parent volunteers and your support in the school is valuable and much appreciated. If you are interested in completing the Parent Helpers course, I will be running the program again in term 3.



Daniel Packett
Assistant Principal

Class Representatives

A big thank-you to our amazing Class Representatives for strengthening the Serpell community! But we aren't done yet, the following eight classes still need passionate representatives.

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

Ready to make a difference? Email me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Let's make the Serpell spirit shine! Thanks!

Karen Liu
 Class Representative Coordinator
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Student Achievement

Congratulations to Haylee L in Year 2 who won first prize at the Ringwood Eisteddfod Bowed String competition playing violin. Well done!





Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Autumn 2026)

Results 25 May - 28 May

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	3	26	The Great ThunderCats
	Serpell Swans	18	7	THPS TEMPY GALS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	6	2	Serpell Super Sonic
	Serpell Skyhawks	12	5	OLOP Hawks
	Serpell Sharks	0	15	Serpell Super Pikachu Power
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	Serpell Spartans	6	7	THPS BALLERS
	Serpell Super Sonic	2	6	Serpell Slam Dunk
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	8	6	Marwal Magic 2
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	25	20	Serpell Samurai
	Serpell Samurai	20	25	Serpell Sevens
	Serpell Shooters	12	66	Banyule Hawks
	Serpell Scorpions	15	24	Belle Bue Titans
	Serpell Seekers	27	11	Temp Valley Golden Phoenix
	Serpell Slammers	19	10	DG Supersonics
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	7	34	Saints - Storm
	Serpell Storm (5/6 Girls)	2	22	OLOP Angels
5/6 Boys	Serpell Strikers (5/6 Boys)	30	25	THPS LIONS
	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	9	30	Marwal Magic 1
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	4	23	OLOP Sonics



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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: \(icasassessments.com/products-icas/\)](https://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 \(https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent\)](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:

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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.*
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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 or by contacting 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