



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Diary

Tuesday 23rd June

AMC Registration Closes

Thursday 25th June

Reports Sent Home

Friday 26th June

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

Monday 13th July

Start of Term 3

Thursday 16th July

Year 4 Excursion: Zoo (4JB, 4SM, 4AT, 4RA)

Friday 17th July

Year 4 Excursion: Zoo (4RP, 4CM, 4NH, 4CB)

Wednesday 22nd July

Prep Excursion: Bundoora Park (PMR, PSB, PLA, PAG)

Thursday 23rd July

Prep Excursion: Bundoora Park (PSC, PAR, PSF)

Friday 24th July

Year 6 Excursion: Sports Museum and MCG

Monday 27th July

ICAS Registration Closes

Thursday 30th July

Year 2 and 3 Concert (7pm)

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th August

Prep Swimming Program

Monday 17th – Thursday 27th August

Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program

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Tuesday 23rd June 2026

From the Principal

REPORTS THURSDAY

Student reports will be sent electronically to all parents via Xuno on Thursday. The reports reflect a very high standard of achievement across the school. It is helpful to go over the report with your child to celebrate learning and plan for improvement. Preliminary NAPLAN results have been available to teachers so that there is a strong alignment between the reports and the NAPLAN. However, unfortunately the published NAPLAN parent reports will not be made available by the VCAA until next term.

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

At the start of next term, I will be taking some accumulated leave. Kristele Efthimiou will be Acting Principal in my place.

SUSHI DAY

A huge thank you to our wonderful parents' association volunteers who successfully packed and delivered over 1000 packs of sushi for the children today. We appreciate the time and effort that went into organising and distributing the orders. Thank you for supporting our students and helping make the day a success.



HAPPY HOLIDAY

School will break on Friday at 2.30pm and recommence on Monday 13th July at 9am. We wish everyone a warm winter vacation time. Thank you teachers, students and parents for an outstanding school term. In addition to the regular program, we have completed a Department of Education School Review, a Council of International School Review and elected a very proactive and energetic School Council to represent our school. These things will speed us into the new term.

WILMA CULTON PSM

Year 2 and 3 Theatre Concert Term 3

Dear Year 2 and 3 Parents and Carers,
Please join us for the Year 2 and 3 Concert - *Stage Spectacular* on Thursday 30th July 7pm at the Besen Centre.

To ensure all families have the opportunity to attend, tickets are limited to three per family.
Ticket prices are \$20 each.

Please note:

- Performing students do not require a ticket.
- Children over the age of 2 must have their own ticket and seat.
- When selecting your seats, please avoid leaving single-seat gaps between bookings. This will help maximise seating availability and allow more families to attend the event together.
- You must bring your ticket on the night for entry.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating our students' performances.

Tickets are available for purchase today **from 3pm** via the link or QR code below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNEOO>



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

Australian Mathematics Competition- Due Today

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 TODAY, Tuesday 23rd 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.

Girls Footy and Soccer

Last Friday, Year 6 girls participated in the Manningham Division AFL and Soccer Round Robin tournaments. Our AFL team participated in eight games across the day, showing amazing improvement with every game we played. This resulted in us winning a total of 4 games and displaying an inspiring attitude during the day. Our best moments and highlights included when we scored multiple goals and tackled the opposition fiercely every game. Overall, we all enjoyed the experience and had lots of fun taking part in the tournament. We would like to thank Mr Blackburn and Mr Moio for training us over the last month and coaching us on the day.

Millie Chen – 6NT



Our Soccer team had some outstanding results throughout the day with two ties and two wins, resulting in us making it into the grand final that ended in penalty shootout. Although we didn't win the final game, our team showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. Our best moments and highlights included when we scored a winning goal in the last three minutes in a very close game. Overall, we all enjoyed the fun experience to try out and play in this Round Robin. We would like to thank Mr Sais for coaching us and Miss Nixon for supporting us on the day!

Eugenie Chen- 6LN



Social Action: Ajani Food Pantry

A big thank you to our school community for your generous support of our food drive for the Ajani Neighbourhood House. We were very overwhelmed with the large amount of donations which will go a long way in helping support local families in need.



Year 6 Cyber Safety Visit

Our Year 6 students recently welcomed a member of Victoria Police for an informative session focused on cyber safety and making positive choices online.

Students explored important topics including cyber bullying, protecting personal information, managing online interactions and knowing what steps to take when something goes wrong. The session highlighted the importance of seeking support from trusted adults, reporting concerns and using digital technologies safely and responsibly.

This visit supported our ongoing commitment to helping students build the skills and confidence needed to navigate the online world in a safe, respectful and responsible way.



Class Representatives

As we draw Semester 1 to a close, our participation rate has reached a remarkable 89.36%, reflecting the strong commitment of the Serpell community.

A small number of classes remain without representation. Should your child be in one of these five classes, we warmly invite you to consider stepping into this meaningful role. With the support of our established network, you will never walk alone, we guide, assist, and uplift one another as we serve our school.

Y2	2TL	
Y4	4CM	4JB
Y5	5BD	5KT

Ready to make a difference? Please email me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Let's keep the Serpell spirit shining brightly. Thank you!

Karen Liu
 Class Representative Coordinator
serpellclassrep@gmail.com



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Autumn 2026)

Results 15 Jun - 18 Jun

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls Grand Final	Serpell Swans	16	11	THPS TEMPY GALS
1/2 Boys Grand Final	Serpell Skyhawks	2	8	OLOP Hawks
3/4 Girls Semi Final	Serpell Stars	0	11	The Great Fiery Blazers
3/4 Boys Grand Final	Serpell Sevens	18	13	DG Warriors
	Serpell Seekers	19	30	THPS PHOENIX
5/6 Boys Grand Final	Serpell Strikers	33	14	DG Gators
5/6 Girls Grand Final	Serpell Snipers	11	25	Saints - Storm

As Season 1 comes to a close, thank you to our coaches, managers, parents, volunteers, and committee for making it such a successful season. From championships and runner-up finishes to outstanding growth in skill, confidence, teamwork, and sportsmanship, our players have achieved so much.

A special shout-out to our Prep Miniball players on completing their first season, we can't wait to see you back for Season 2!

Registrations are now open for returning and new players. Thanks for being part of our community, see you on court soon!

SEASON 1 HIGHLIGHTS



Serpell Slam Dunk
Coach: Michael



Serpell Savages
Coach: Eva



Serpell Scorpions
Coach: Sy Tran and Kiran Verma



Serpell Samurai
Coach:



Serpell Seekers
Coach: Mao



Serpell Super Pikachu Power
Coach: Sinh



SEASON 1 HIGHLIGHTS



Serpell Sevens
Coach: Sinh

Champion



Semi finalists

Serpell Slammers
Coach: Chris Zhang



Serpell Snipers
Coach: Sy Tran and Joe Lettieri

Runner Up



Serpell Spiders
Coach: Chris Gravina



Serpell Stars
Coach: Tashi

Runner Up



Serpell Strikers
Coach: Dave and Ivan

Champion

SEASON 1 HIGHLIGHTS



Serpell Swan
Coach: Nikki

Champion



Runner Up

Serpell Skyhawks
Coach: Eva



Semi finalists

Serpell Shimmer
Coach: Tim Wang



Serpell Super Sonic
Coach: Declan



Serpell Seahawks
Coach: Clem and Olivia



Serpell Shadow Ninjas
Coach: Ed



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
GAMES	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).				
TRAINING	Teams are allocated one training session per week, either at 8am or 3:30pm weekdays. Training location is at school stadium and outside court.				
VOLUNTEERING	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!				
COST	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

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



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.*
- 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 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



ES RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian Government Schools with Trained Relief Administration & Finance Staff

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✔ Introduction to CASES21, Finance & Student Insight
- ✔ School Administration & Finance Processes
- ✔ Managing Receipts, Creditor & Debtor Payments
- ✔ Student Administration Skills
- ✔ Tax Insights
- ✔ Student First Aid Training & Certification



ELIGIBILITY

- ✔ Individuals interested in working in Education Support administration and finance roles
- ✔ Have **not previously worked** in a school office
- ✔ Are **not currently employed** by a school
- ✔ Are **interested in casual relief work** within a school office environment. The program is specifically for individuals interested in working **casual relief roles** within a school office
- ✔ Ideally have a referral from a current Victorian school employee

MORE INFO

<https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/> businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com



EDUCATION SUPPORT FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION RELIEF PROGRAM 2026

Supporting Victorian State Schools with Qualified Relief Staff

The Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program is an initiative run through the Department of Education and Business Managers Victoria, aimed at providing assistance and support within the education sector, particularly for office staff in administration and finance roles. This program offers opportunities for individuals to receive training and gain practical experience in educational office settings.

By the program's conclusion, participants will have the training required to provide relief support in school administrative systems, enabling them to assist at short notice in schools.

The program trains participants for school office relief roles, equipping them with essential skills to assist schools on a short-term, flexible basis.

Program Requirements

- Attend all compulsory program components, including face-to-face training, online sessions, at-home learning modules, graduation day and volunteer work experience
- Complete 40 hours of volunteer work experience within Victorian government schools
- Undergo an interview and complete a PC competency test prior to acceptance into the program
- Gain experience across various areas of school administration and finance
- Be available for short-term relief work at short notice
- Commit to 12 months of relief work following program completion

Program Details

- Program commencement: Week beginning 27 July 2026
- Program duration: Term 3 2026 through to Term 4 2026
- Program Orientation Session: Week beginning 15 July 2026
- 12 hub training days delivered through a combination of face-to-face training, online sessions and at-home learning modules, plus first aid training day
- Training centres will be offered across Victoria (locations to be confirmed)
- Each training centre will accommodate a maximum of 10 participants
- Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed between 22-26 June 2026

APPLY NOW

To apply for the 2026 Education Support Finance & Administration Relief Program, please complete the online application form and upload a current resume (maximum two pages). Applicants may nominate two preferred training centre locations. Successful applicants will be allocated (if possible) to one of their selected training centres and must ensure they are able to travel to and attend their allocated location.

APPLICATION FORM LINK - APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026

<https://bmv.org.au/es-relief-program/> businessmanagersvictoria@gmail.com



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