



Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

DIARY

Wednesday 29th July

Yr 1 Excursion Royal Gardens

Thursday 30th July

Year 2 & 3 Concert Rehearsal

Year 2 & 3 Concert (7pm)

Aeroschools Victorian Gymnastics

Primary Competition

Friday 31st July

Social Action: Big Group Hug Free Dress Day

Monday 3rd August

Years 5 and 6 Athletics Carnival

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th August

Prep Swimming Program

Thursday 6th August

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Canteen Foyer (9am – 9:30am)

Monday 10th August

Assembly Senior Choir

Performance

Wednesday 12th August

Year 5 Excursion: IMAX

Friday 14th August

Parents Association Meeting
(2:30pm - 3:30pm)

Monday 17th August

Assembly Junior Choir
Performance

**Monday 17th – Thursday 27th
August**

Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program

Monday 24th August

Assembly Orchestra Performance

Wednesday 29th August

Child Safe Standards Briefing

Monday 31st August

Parent Teacher Interviews
(Students not required to attend)

Friday 4th September

Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 7th September

Year 6 China Exchange Departs

Friday 18th September

Last day of Term (2:30pm Finish)

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Tuesday 28th July 2026

From the Principal

CONGRATULATIONS ROBOCUP JUNIOR SOCCER SUCCESS

Congratulations to our RoboCup Junior Soccer teams on their outstanding performance at the Melbourne Regional Competition last Saturday. We are incredibly proud to celebrate an exceptional achievement, with our teams taking home first and third place against strong competition. This wonderful success reflects the students' creativity, teamwork, problem-solving skills and dedication throughout their preparation. A special congratulations and thank you to our STEM teacher, John Zheng, whose expertise and commitment has supported our students to achieve such an outstanding result.



CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF PREP

Our Prep students celebrated the exciting milestone of 100 Days of School last Friday, marking one hundred days of learning, growth and achievement. The day was filled with engaging activities that celebrated all things '100' while highlighting just how much our youngest learners have accomplished since beginning their school journey. It was wonderful to see the confidence, independence and enthusiasm our Prep students now demonstrate each day. We congratulate our students, teachers and families on this special milestone and look forward to seeing our Prep learners continue to thrive throughout the remainder of the year. A big thank you to all the parents for their support.



GEOGRAPHY IMMERSION

Our Geography learning has continued to come to life through a range of engaging, hands-on experiences across the school. Last week, our Prep students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Bundoora Park Farm, where they experienced life on a farm. A highlight of the day was making their own afternoon tea by churning butter and grinding wheat into flour before enjoying freshly baked scones together. Meanwhile, our Year 6 students visited the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), one of Melbourne's most significant landmarks. Through a guided tour, students explored the history of this world-renowned venue while considering its place within the geography of Melbourne and the ways in which landmarks contribute to the identity, culture and liveability of a city. These authentic learning experiences continue to deepen students' understanding of Geography by connecting classroom learning with the people, places and environments that shape our world.



Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

Social Action Committee is excited to host a fundraiser in support of Big Group Hug, a local charity dedicated to helping families and children in need.

This Friday, the 31st of July, students are invited to wear free dress in exchange for a \$2 donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support in making a difference in our community!



ROBOCUP

Congratulations to our LEGO Robotics Soccer teams, **Orange Cheeseburger** and **More Sushi**, on their outstanding results at the Melbourne Region RoboCup Soccer Championships on **Saturday, 25 July**. **Orange Cheeseburger** won **1st place**, while **More Sushi** secured an impressive **3rd place**. Both teams progressed through the round robin stage to the semi-finals, showcasing outstanding teamwork, skill, and determination throughout the competition. Congratulations to all the students on this fantastic achievement—we are incredibly proud of you!

John Zheng
Specialist Teacher

YEAR 2 & 3 CONCERT THIS WEEK

Dear Year 2 and 3 Parents and Carers,

We look forward to the **Year 2 and 3 Concert – Stage Spectacular** this **Thursday at 7:00 pm** at the **Besen Centre**.

There are still a limited number of tickets available. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, please book as soon as possible via the link or QR code to avoid missing out.



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

This concert will be professionally recorded. Families will have the opportunity to purchase a digital video file or DVD of the performance. Further details, including the ordering form, are available on XUNO and at the end of the newsletter.

If you are unable to collect your child after the performance and have arranged for another adult (such as a friend or family member) to do so on your behalf, please provide written notification to your child's class teacher **before** the day of the concert. This will help us ensure all students are safely dismissed.

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



AUTHOR VISITS

The library has organised three author visits for Book Week (Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th August 2026). Any student wanting to buy a book that is signed by the author beforehand can do so by the QR codes displayed in the library.

Be advised that if you do not order a book by the due dates below you will receive your books after the author visit and they **WILL NOT** be signed.

DATE	AUTHOR	YEAR LEVEL	ORDER BOOKS BY:
Monday 24th August	Coral Vass	Years Prep, 1 & 2	10th August
Tuesday 25th August	R.A. Spratt	Years 3 & 4	11th August
Wednesday 26th August	Damian Callinan	Years 5 & 6	12th August

Ms Gardner
Library

ORCHESTRA

Orchestra rehearsals will start this week on Friday July 31st from 2:30 – 3:30. Rehearsals take place in the Hall. Please bring your instrument and folder to rehearsals. If you would like to join Orchestra, please speak to Miss Wuttke.

Miss Sue Wuttke
Music Teacher

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PA is running a Second-hand uniform shop on Thursday 6th August at the Canteen foyer, 9:00am to 9:30am. Only EFTPOS will be accepted.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

 **Volunteers Needed: Father's Day Extravaganza!**

Event Date: Friday, 4th September 2026

Our absolute biggest event of the term—and the entire school year—is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it a massive success! Father's Day is a beautiful community celebration, and as the old saying goes: the more the merrier!

To pull off an event this big, we are looking for a fantastic team of volunteers to help across a variety of roles:

- **Early Birds:** Helping with stock transfers and setting up our food stations before the event kicks off.
- **Event Stars:** Running the service stations and keeping things flowing smoothly during the event.
- **The Clean-Up Crew:** Helping us pack down and tidy up after the festivities wrap up.

How to sign up: We are moving to a brand-new registration system! Volunteer sign-ups will officially open **next week** directly through the **My School Connect** App. Keep a close lookout for the registration link in next week's update so you can lock in your preferred time slot.

Thank you in advance for supporting our school community—we genuinely cannot do it without you!

 **Date for the Diary: Next PA Meeting**

Want to hear more about what we have planned, voice your ideas, or see how you can get involved? Come along to our next meeting!

- **When:** Friday, 14th August 2026
- **Time:** 2:30pm -3:30pm
- **Location:** School Confrence Room

We hope to see many new and familiar faces there!

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

A huge thank-you to our incredible Class Representatives for helping make Serpell's community stronger than ever! We still have five classes waiting for a passionate parent to step forward. If your child is in one of these classes, this is a wonderful chance to contribute, connect, and make a meaningful impact.

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

Your voice, your energy, and your care truly matter. Ready to make a difference? Email me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and your child's name and class. Serpell thrives when families get involved. Thank you!

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator



Serpell PS
School Concert
Website Code: SERS



This event will be professionally recorded by Video Essentials using a two camera live mix. If you would like to order a DVD of the recording, please fill in the bottom half of this sheet, place it in an envelope and return it to the school office with the required cash. You can also download a video file from our website, there is no need to place an order for this. You can download the video **ONE WEEK** after the event has been recorded. The online videos will be HD MP4 files and are superior quality to DVD.

MP4 Video File Download (\$26) (available **ONE WEEK** after the recording)

1. Go to www.videoessentials.com.au and select the **SCHOOL LOGIN** tab at the top of the home page.
2. Enter the **SCHOOL WEBSITE CODE** found at the top of this form, this will take you to the school's store page. Enter the code in **ALL CAPITALS**.
3. Select the video you wish to purchase, there may be multiple nights or previous years also available, so make sure you select the correct recording.
4. **Download to a computer only.** You cannot download to a phone or iPad as the files are too big.

DVD Orders (\$30) (return this form to the school)

1. Fill in the information below and place it into an envelope with the required amount of cash.
2. Write your name on the face of the envelope, as well as the amount of cash you put inside, so the school can identify who has made orders.
3. Return the envelope to the office by the due date.
4. DVDs will be available for pick-up three weeks after the recording.

DVD Order Form - \$30 per DVD - Return by 7th of August

Student's name: _____ Amount of DVDs you'd like to order: _____

Class: _____ Amount of cash included: _____

The files are quite large, and sometimes there are issues with the download. If you experience any trouble with the video file, please email:

ryan@videoessentials.com.au

Please include your name, the download you purchased, and your receipt, and we'll organise a replacement link for you straight away.



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 20 Jul - 23 July

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	2	2	Tempy Park Cheetahs
	Serpell Swans	4	24	THPS HOOP STARS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	15	2	OLOP Hoopsters
	Serpell Skyhawks	6	0	Mariners - Bulls
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	8	22	Tempy Park Lions
	Serpell Spartans	14	16	THPS BALLERS
	Serpell Super Sonic	12	6	Marwal Magic 4
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	13	6	Marwal Magic 2
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	21	32	DG Warriors
	Serpell Samurai	9	18	Marwal Magic 3
	Serpell Shooters	6	49	THPS PHOENIX
	Serpell Scorpions	25	44	Birrlee Blazers
	Serpells Seekers	5	44	Mariners - THE ANKLE BREAKERS
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	10	7	Saints - Storm
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	6	33	THPS LIONS
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	15	24	Ivanhoe Grammar - Crusaders



PARENT CLASSROOM HELPER PROGRAM

CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING Morning Sessions Term 3

Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers Program will be offered on a **Wednesday morning** during Term 3 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 3 at 9.15 - 10:30 am:

Wednesday 5th August

Wednesday 12th August

Wednesday 19th August

Wednesday 26th August

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 4th of August**. 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 3.
Please print clearly-

Name:

Child's name:

Child's teacher:

Email address:

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**

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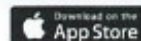
- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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Item No.

FIND

- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

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Chess

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Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Cost: \$195 for 8 weeks
Starts on: 24 July
For Years: Years 1 - 6
Location: Library

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