



DIARY

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

Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st August
Prime Minister's Spelling Bee (see
newsletter for year level dates)

Monday 24th August
Assembly Orchestra Performance

Monday 24th – Friday 28th August
Book Week

Friday 28th August
Book Parade

Monday 31st August
Parent Teacher Interviews
(Students not required to attend)

Tuesday 1st September
Year 2 Excursion: Melbourne
Museum and IMAX (2TL, 2TH,
2SD)

Wednesday 2nd September
Year 2 Excursion: Melbourne
Museum and IMAX (2MR, 2MF,
2KJ, 2JA)

Thursday 3rd September
District Athletics

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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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 11th August 2026

From the Principal

SENIOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE

We were delighted to enjoy a wonderful performance from our Senior Choir at assembly this week. Students captivated the audience with two beautiful pieces, Dayu (大鱼) and Psaropoula (Ψαροπούλα), showcasing the choir's impressive confidence and talent. A special congratulations to Carol Zhong and Bella de Castella for their outstanding work in preparing and conducting the choir.

We were particularly proud to see three students demonstrate their exceptional instrumental talents, with Caylie and Alice accompanying on piano and Lawrence on clarinet. Their performances added a special dimension to the choir's presentation and highlighted the wonderful range of musical talent within our school.

We look forward to continuing to celebrate our students' musical achievements, with the Junior Choir performing at assembly next week. We encourage families to join us and enjoy another wonderful showcase of our students' talents.

Assemblies will be held at the following times:

Years 2 – 3: 2.00 – 2.30 p.m.

Years 4 – 6: 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

Prep – Year 1: 3.00 – 3.30 p.m.



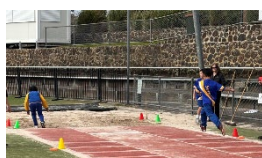
CELEBRATING SPORT

It has been an exciting week of sport at Serpell, with students across the school getting active, developing new skills and enjoying the many opportunities that sport provides for teamwork and fun!

Our Prep students have commenced their swimming program, and it has been wonderful to see them having fun splashing in the pool while developing important swimming skills and learning valuable water-safety practices.

Our Years 4, 5 and 6 students have also been showcasing their athletic talents at our Athletics Trials. Students competed across a range of events, including sprints, middle- and long-distance running, hurdles, shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump and high jump. Students selected from the trials will go on to represent our school at the District Athletics Finals on 3 September.

The excitement has continued with the commencement of House Sport, with our Years 5 and 6 students proudly representing their houses: Anderson, Blackburn, King and Reynolds. Students participate in a range of sports, including bat tennis, tennis, soccer, cricket, basketball, netball, tee ball and downball. House Sport is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop leadership and resilience. It has certainly been a fantastic week of movement, competition and learning!



Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Volunteers

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help at our upcoming Father's Day Breakfast on 4th September.

We still have quite a number of spots needing to be filled, so if you are able to help, please sign up on the MySchool Connect App Volunteer page.

- **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 register is further down the newsletter.

Ticket Sales

Tickets for the Father's Day Breakfast will go **on sale this Friday, 14th August** via the My School Connect App.

Adult Ticket: \$15 (includes Coffee Cart Coffee, a hot donut, a sausage in bread (vegetarian option available), a piece of fruit, a Danish and Photo Booth access).

*Child Ticket: \$10 (includes a juice box, a hot donut, a sausage in bread (vegetarian option available), a piece of fruit, a Danish and Photo Booth access).

*Please note that only current Serpell students are permitted to attend. All students attending must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

The breakfast will begin at 7:00am and conclude at 8:45am, you will then have the opportunity to visit their class.

PRIME MINISTER'S SPELLING BEE

Next week, children will participate in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee in their classrooms. (You must approve on XUNO by this Friday for your child to participate). Students must bring headphones.

Year Level	Date
3	Friday 21 st August
4	Thursday 20 th August
5	Tuesday 18 th August
6	Wednesday 19 th August

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester 2, 2026

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held online via **Webex** on **Monday 31st August**, from **9:00am to 3:30pm**.

Booking Details

- **Bookings open:** Monday 10th August at 10:00am via Xuno.
- **Bookings close:** Friday 21st August at 4:00pm.
- **Webex links:** Your child's teacher will email you their Meeting Room Webex link on Friday 28th August.

Important Information

- **Each interview is limited to 10 minutes per child.** If you need more time, please arrange a follow-up appointment with your child's teacher.
- **Interpreter services:** If you require an interpreter, please select this option when booking through Xuno.
- **Specialist teachers:** If you would like to meet with your child's Specialist teachers, please email Mrs Nicolaides Hellene.Nicolaides@education.vic.gov.au with your child's name, grade, and preferred time. She will then confirm your booking by replying to your email.

We look forward to connecting with you.

ICAS ASSESMENT DATES

Year	English	Science	Spelling	Maths
2	Tues 11 th August	Mon 17 th August	Wed 19 th August	Wed 26 th August
3	Tues 11 th August	Tues 18 th August	Mon 17 th August	Wed 26 th August
4	Mon 10 th August	Mon 17 th August	Wed 19 th August	Mon 24 th August
5	Mon 10 th August	Mon 17 th August	Thurs 20 th August	Mon 24 th August
6	Tues 11 th August	Tues 18 th August	Thurs 20 th August	Tues 25 th August

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Well done to the students who have already completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge for 2026. If you are participating in the Challenge, you have until the 4th September to finalise your book lists. Keep up the good work and read, read and read some more. Certificates will be delivered in Term 4.

Of course, you don't need to stop reading once you've finished the Challenge. Why not immerse yourself in the wonderful world of books in preparation for the PRC 2027.

*Ms Gardner
Library*

BOOK WEEK



Symphony Of Stories

Each year, the *Children's Book Council of Australia* brings children and books together by celebrating Book Week. During this time Serpell P.S will celebrate with visiting authors, and our students will enjoy fantastic Australian children's literature. We will be engaging in fun activities and reflecting on our love of reading. We will have a **Book Parade** on **Friday 28th August**.

We encourage all students to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character** or embrace this year's theme **'Symphony of Stories'**. Students are also encouraged to bring along the book their character is from to share with others.

We are looking forward to a great Book Week!

*Library staff
Hellene Nicolaides and Sam Pratt*

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Father's Day Breakfast Volunteers Needed! 🍳

Our **Father's Day Breakfast** is fast approaching, and we need volunteers to help make this special event run smoothly. Whether you can assist with set-up, serving, welcoming families, or pack-up, your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please register your availability and preferred time slot to volunteer. Every helping hand makes a difference, and we would love to have as many volunteers as possible involved in this wonderful community event.



Parent Association Meeting

Date: Friday, 14th August 2026

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

All parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend. Come along to hear about upcoming events, share your ideas, and help support our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Serpell Primary School Parent Association

BIG GROUP HUG FUNDRAISING DAY

A very big thank you to the Serpell Primary School community for their generosity and heartfelt donation of **\$2,108.50** to Big Group Hug. Their contribution again will help ensure that vulnerable children and families in need receive essential support now and into the future.

Every year, Big Group Hug provides 120,000+ items to thousands of children in Victoria. These are items they may otherwise go without - cots, prams, formula, clothing, shoes, books, toys - the list goes on. We could not do this without the support of wonderful people in our community; we are a small organisation, and we truly appreciate your support. Please help spread the word. Tell a friend about Big Group Hug or follow us on social media and share our posts (check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#)).

Together, we can make a real difference for children living in poverty in Australia. On behalf of our recipients, welfare partners, volunteers and everyone at Big Group Hug, thank you kindly for your support.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

A big thank-you to our dedicated Class Representatives for strengthening Serpell's community. We still have five classes needing a parent to step in.

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

If your child is in one of these classes, this is a great chance to support our school and help families stay connected. To volunteer, email me at serpellclassrep@gmail.com with your name, phone number and your child's details. Thank you!

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Henry C 4SM on his outstanding achievement of being promoted to 'Senior Singer' with the Australian Boys Choir. Senior Singer is the highest training rank within the choir's program, and it forms the Performing Squad.

This significant milestone recognises Henry's ongoing hard work and commitment to the program. We are incredibly proud of his achievement and wish him success as he continues his musical journey.

EDCC
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Girls and Boys Cricket

JUNIOR CRICKET
East Doncaster Cricket Club
www.edcc.com.au

New Players Welcome
EDCC provides a safe and fun environment for boys and girls of all ages and levels. We have specialist coaches who train our juniors on a Tuesday and Thursday night. Our approach is to be fun, active and social for all involved.

Training at Zerbes Reserve
293 Blackburn Road Doncaster East

More Information
juniors@edcc.com.au

Friday Night Games

- Under 12, 14 and 16 Mixed

Saturday/Sunday Games

- Super 7's Girls
- Super 7's Mixed
- Fast 9's Mixed

Thursday Night

- Woolworths Cricket Blast

WE ARE A GOLD MEDAL ACCREDITED CLUB.

KARATE AT SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Wednesday Evening
6:00 - 7:00pm

Call or email Robert
For a free trial class
0404 846 166

robertsck@hotmail.com

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SHUBI CHIKARA KARATE



Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Date: 06/08/2026



A Message from your Service Leader

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 3! We hope you and your children are enjoying a great start to the term so far. We are excited to continue sharing a fun and engaging program with everyone at Camp Australia. Thank you for your continued support. Your partnership helps us provide a safe, engaging, and enjoyable environment where children can learn, play, and create wonderful memories.

This term, we have planned many exciting activities, creative experiences, outdoor games, STEM challenges, and special events for the children to enjoy. We look forward to sharing these experiences with everyone.

Special Event – Coles MiniRoos Soccer Program

We are excited to invite children to join our one-hour Coles MiniRoos Soccer Program on Monday, 24 August at 4:00 pm.

The session will include fun games, movement activities, and confidence-building experiences that support teamwork, coordination, and active play.

Important Reminder – Bookings, Medication & Family Information

To ensure children have the best possible experience, please make sure your child's bookings are completed in advance. This allows us to plan appropriate staffing, activities, and resources to provide a safe and enjoyable program for all children.

We also kindly ask families to keep their Camp Australia profile, medications, and medical action plans accurate and up to date.

Please check that your profile includes:

- Current emergency contacts and authorised nominees.
- Updated medical conditions and action plans.
- Accurate medication details, including medication name, dosage, administration instructions, and expiry dates.

Our team will contact families if updates are required. Please complete any requested updates as soon as possible, as missing or incorrect medical information may result in bookings being restricted until requirements are met.

If you need help updating your bookings or information in the Camp Australia app, please contact our service team or Customer Care.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to a wonderful term filled with fun, learning, and memorable experiences.

Warm regards,

Farnaz and Team

Activities Coming Up

- Bubble Art
- Rainbow Snake
- Paint Scrape
- Penguins
- World Elephant Day

What's on the Menu?

Sandwiches

Pasta

Salad and Fruit

Your
OSHC.

To register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au


ROCKETEERS

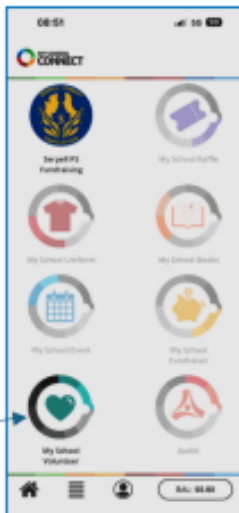
VOLUNTEER SIGN UP INFORMATION



Serpell Primary School Parents' Association Fundraising App EVENT VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register?t=parent>

Step 1. Log in to your 'My School Connect' app Select the 'My School Volunteer' icon at the bottom of the screen		Step 2. My Rosters page will appear. You can now select 'View * sign-up'	
Step 3. Select the 'Sign up' time you are able to volunteer and complete the details. <i>Remember to include your Working With Children Check number</i>		Step 4. You will receive an automated reminder 7 days prior to the event and another reminder 2 days prior to the event.	

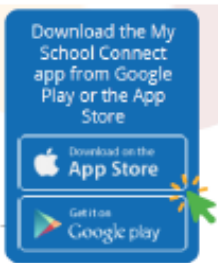
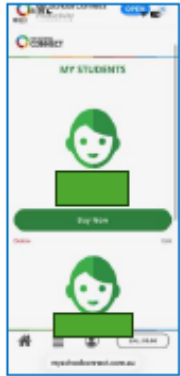
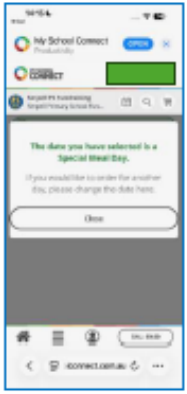
TICKET INFORMATION



Serpell Primary School Parents' Association Fundraising App

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register?t=parent>

Step 1. Download the My School Connect app from your app store or visit		Step 2. Create your account & register your Serpell student/s	
Step 3. Select Serpell Primary School Fundraising		Step 4. Select date from Calendar (Friday 4th September)	
Step 5. Ticket Sales MUST close Friday 28th August.		Step 6. Select Menu, Father's Day Breakfast Order for each Adult and each Student attending	



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 03 August – 06 August

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	2	2	Marwal Magic 6
	Serpell Swans	21	4	THPS TEMPY GALS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	20	4	Serpell Super Pikachu Power
	Serpell Skyhawks	7	12	OLOP Hawks
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	4	20	Serpell Slam Dunk
	Serpell Spartans	6	11	Temp Valley Thunders
	Serpell Super Sonic	15	4	THPS G1 BOYS
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	5	34	THPS CHARGERS
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	17	38	Birrlee Blazers
	Serpell Samurai	6	21	Marwal Magic 3
	Serpell Shooters	16	11	Birrlee Burgers
	Serpell Scorpions	11	56	Mariners - Rebound Warriors
	Serpells Seekers	14	24	THPS PHOENIX
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers	20	6	Mariners - The Mighty Saints
	Serpell Storm	2	22	Serpell Storm
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	18	26	The Great Scoics
	Serpell Savages	14	46	Ivanhoe Grammar - Crusaders

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**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

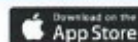
- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

- 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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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

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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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