



DIARY

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

Years 1 & 2 Swimming Program

Monday 24th – Friday 28th August
Book Week

Monday 24th August
Years 4 and 5 Maths ICAS

Tuesday 25th August
Year 6 Maths ICAS

Wednesday 26th August
Years 2 and 3 Maths ICAS

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

Wednesday 9th September
PAG, PMR, PLA Excursion to
Larnaca Park

Thursday 10th September
PSC, PAR Excursion to Larnaca Park

Friday 11th September
PSB, PSF Excursion to Larnaca Park

Friday 18th September
Last day of Term (2:30pm Finish)

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 25th August 2026

From the Principal

2026 PARENT / CARER OPINION SURVEY

We are inviting all families to complete the 2026 Parent/Carer Opinion Survey, which provides valuable feedback about our school, student engagement and wellbeing. The survey is open from Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026 and takes approximately 20 minutes to complete online.

Your feedback is important and will help inform us about our future planning and school improvement priorities. The survey link and password have been shared with families via Xuno, and we encourage you to take the time to have your voice heard.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE STAFFING UPDATE

We have had staffing changes in our Mandarin language team to share with our school community. We farewell Anika Qian, who is pursuing her passion for Media Studies and will commence teaching at East Doncaster Secondary College. We also thank Feifei Huang for her contribution to our school as she takes up a position at Noble Park Primary School, closer to home. At the end of the term, we will also farewell Xia Meng, who will be joining Melbourne Montessori College following her recent move closer to home. We thank Anika, Feifei and Xia for their commitment and contribution to our students and school community and wish them every success in their new roles.

We are delighted to welcome Leah Chen to our Mandarin teaching team. Leah joins us from East Doncaster Secondary College and brings valuable experience to our Language program. We also warmly welcome Macy Liu, who has joined us from Glenunga International School, also a CIS school, following her move from South Australia to Melbourne. We look forward to both Leah and Macy becoming valued members of our school community.

CLASS OF 2024 ALUMNI REUNION

It was wonderful to welcome back students of our Class of 2024 for an alumni reunion. It was lovely to see former students reconnect, share stories and reflect on their time at Serpell, reminding us that the connections made at school continue well beyond the classroom.



ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Our Orchestra brought a wonderful energy to assembly this week. Congratulations to all the students for showcasing their amazing talents. Thank you to music teacher, Sue Wuttke for continuing to nurture our students' love of music.

Please note that there will not be any assembly next week due to Parent Teacher Interviews.



Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Serpell Families,

As many of you know, the Father's Day Breakfast is one of the highlights of our school year. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to share a special morning with their dads, grandfathers, carers and other important role models in their lives.

What makes this event so special isn't just the coffee, donuts or activities. It's the incredible spirit of our school community. Every smile, every conversation and every happy memory is made possible by volunteers who generously give their time to help.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up, you will receive further details from our coordinator.

Ticket Sales

Ticket sales close this Friday 28th August, everyone attending must have a pre-purchase ticket.

Instructions on how to purchase tickets on my school connect can be found further in the newsletter.

All students attending must be accompanied by an Adult.

An Adult Ticket costs \$15 and includes:

- 1 sausage in bread (vegetarian option available)
- 1 coffee
- 1 hot donut
- 1 piece of fruit
- 1 Danish
- Photo booth access

A Child Ticket costs \$10 (For Serpell Students Only) and includes:

- 1 sausage in bread (vegetarian option available)
- 1 hot donut
- 1 juice
- 1 piece of fruit
- 1 Danish
- Photo booth access

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and our children.

Dawei Li

Serpell Primary School Parent Association

BOOK PARADES

Please see the timetable for our Book Parades this Friday 28th August. Parents and Carers are welcome, all Parades will take place in the Stadium.

9:10 – 10am	10:10 – 11am	11:25 - 12:20pm
Prep, Year 5	Year 1 and 6	Year 2, 3 and 4

SERPELL ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

On Monday 24th August, the Serpell Orchestra performed magnificently at all three assemblies. They were introduced confidently by the Music Captains, Sophie, Harry, Elaine and Jadon. The Orchestra performed 'Hedwig's Theme from 'Harry Potter' and 'Sunset on the Sahara'. We were very pleased to welcome several new members to the Orchestra for their first of many future performances. Thanks, as always, to our wonderful, hard working parent helpers – we couldn't do this without you!



Miss Wuttke
Music teacher

PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

This is a reminder that the Premiers' Reading Challenge **finishes on the 4th of September**. You have ten more days to finalise your book list and place the books on your PRC website logon. You must inform me when you have completed this by printing your booklist and bringing it to the library or you can email it to me. You can also give me your signed booklets provided you have entered the books online. I will then verify you and place your name and sticker on the PRC chart in the library. Your certificates will arrive later in fourth term.

And...just because the Challenge is finishing for the year doesn't mean you have to stop reading. You can still enjoy the fantastic adventures that reading brings in preparation for the Challenge 2027!!!

Ms Gardner, Library

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VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL SNOWSPORTS COMPETITION

We are thrilled to celebrate the achievements of our Serpell Primary School students at the 2026 Victorian Interschool Snowsports Competition.

Congratulations to Lucas P (Grade 6), who qualified for the National Interschool Snowsports Competition at Perisher in both Snowboard Giant Slalom (GS) and Snowboard Cross, and Isaac Z (Grade 4), who qualified for Nationals in Ski Cross. We are incredibly proud that Lucas and Isaac will once again represent Serpell at the national level. We wish Lucas and Isaac all the very best at Nationals!

We also congratulate Elsa L (Grade 5) and Cisco W (Grade 4) on their first Interschool competition. Both demonstrated tremendous determination, resilience and courage, completing their events in challenging conditions, including gale-force winds exceeding 100 km/h. Well done to all our students for their hard work, sportsmanship and commitment.



CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are seeking Class Representatives for the following five classes.

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 details. Thank you!

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We are delighted to celebrate Toby H's achievement at the X-Dance Station Dance Competition, held on 9 August 2026. Toby was awarded Runner-up in the Hip Hop Solo Division. Well done Toby!



MISMATCHED SHOES

We have had two mismatched black Skechers shoes, sizes 3 and 2, handed in after a student appears to have accidentally taken home another child's shoe.

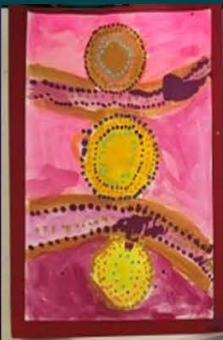
Could parents and carers **please check your child's shoes** to ensure they are wearing matching shoes and that they have not mistakenly brought home a shoe belonging to another student.

If you find a black Skechers shoe that does not belong to your child, please return it to the school office. Thank you for your help.



SERPELL ART GALLERY

Preps have been very busy creating their beautiful Artworks, focusing on the elements of line, shape and colour. The students demonstrated their knowledge of mixed media and responded to their own artworks, and the artworks of others.



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4TH OF SEPTEMBER

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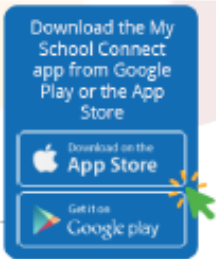
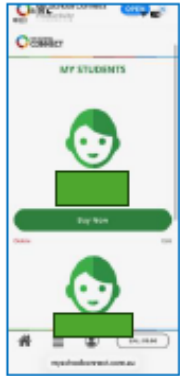
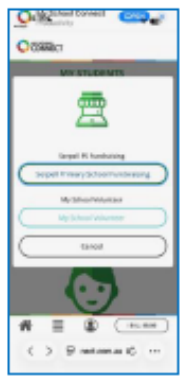
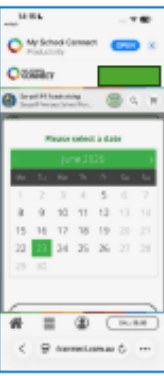
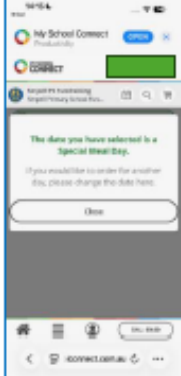
TICKET PURCHASING INFORMATION



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 17 August - 20 August

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	4	9	THPS HOT SHOTS
	Serpell Swans	3	34	THPS HOOP STARS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	7	16	THPS SAINTS
	Serpell Skyhawks	9	6	Temp Valley Thunders
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	5	10	Birralee Bears
	Serpell Spartans	18	8	OLOP Hoopsters
	Serpell Super Sonic	26	8	Boroondara Park Echidnas
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	12	9	The Great Fiery Blazers
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	19	26	OLOP Warriors
	Serpell Samurai	22	3	OLOP Raptors
	Serpell Shooters	16	12	Mariners - SC Sonics
	Serpell Scorpions	41	10	The Strikers
	Serpells Seekers	29	37	Birralee Blazers
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers	19	6	Mariners - SCORCHERS
	Serpell Storm	4	33	Mariners - The Mighty Saints
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	16	14	Temp Valley Dragons
	Serpell Savages	29	5	The Great Sonics



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