



DIARY

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

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)

*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.

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 4th August 2026

From the Principal

SERPPELL STAGE SPECTACULAR

What a spectacular evening it was as our Year 2 and 3 students took to the stage for the Serpell Stage Spectacular! Families, friends and staff were treated to an outstanding performance that showcased our students' confidence, creativity and enthusiasm. Over many weeks, students dedicated themselves to learning songs, dances and performances, and their hard work certainly shone through on the night. Events like these are only possible through the dedication of many people. A sincere thank you to Mara Rawlings for the exceptional organisation of the concert and managing the production, to Sue Wuttke for the musical direction of our Year 3 students, and Shona Stanford for expertly managing the lighting and music. We also extend our gratitude to our Year 2 and 3 teachers for their encouragement and countless rehearsal hours. Finally, thank you to all families for your support. From assisting with costumes to encouraging rehearsals at home and joining us on the evening, your partnership helped make this event such a memorable celebration. Congratulations to all our students on a truly outstanding performance. We are incredibly proud of you all!



OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT THE STATE AEROSCHOOLS COMPETITION

Congratulations to our talented students on their outstanding achievements at the State AeroSchools Competition. We are incredibly proud to celebrate first place in the Division B Team event, second place in the Division B Pair event, and second place in the Division C Team event. These exceptional results are a reflection of our students' dedication and teamwork, as well as the support from Shona Stanford, Jamie Xu and Rebecca Chandler. We congratulate all students involved on representing our school with pride, they were exceptional!



GEOGRAPHY AT THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

As part of their Geography learning this term, our Year 1 students enjoyed a memorable excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens, where they explored the rich connections between people, places and the natural environment. A highlight of the day was learning about a culturally significant tree and the important role it played in Aboriginal traditions. The excursion provided a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of Geography while developing a greater appreciation for the history, culture and environment of our community.



ASSEMBLY

A reminder that the Senior Choir will be performing at Assembly next Monday and we are looking forward to PSF showcasing their week with Nellie Bear at the Prep- Year 1 Assembly!

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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 Jessica Jones Jessica.Jones2@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.

AEROBICS

On Thursday 30th July, the Serpell aerobics team competed in the State Aeroschools Competition. The Division C team (Caylie Ho 5LS, Claire Lim 4RP, Grace Lu 6SS, Zoe Zuo 4CM) placed second. The Division B pair (Elise Huang 6RM and Chloe Yu 6RM) also placed second and the Division B team (Zoe Cheong 6SS, Elise Huang 6RM, Chloe Gao 6SS, Chloe Yu 6RM, Amaya Zachos 6SS) placed first.

Each team trained diligently over the last term and a half and we are incredibly proud of our effort. It was amazing to have all teams make the podium. We would like to thank Mrs Stanford, Mrs Chandler and Miss Xu for their coaching and support and Mrs Culton for this opportunity.

Chloe G 6SS and Grace L 6SS

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PA is running the Second-hand uniform shop on Thursday 6th August at the Canteen foyer, 9:00am to 9:30am. This is a great opportunity to purchase quality pre-loved uniform items at very affordable prices. No cash purchase only EFTPOS purchase please.

ICAS ASSESMENT DATES

Year Level	Digital Tech	Writing	English	Science	Spelling	Maths
2	Thurs 6 th August	Thurs 6 th August	Tues 11 th August	Mon 17 th August	Wed 19 th August	Wed 26 th August
3	Mon 3 rd August	Thurs 6 th August	Tues 11 th August	Tues 18 th August	Mon 17 th August	Wed 26 th August
4	Mon 3 rd August	Thurs 6 th August	Mon 10 th August	Mon 17 th August	Wed 19 th August	Mon 24 th August
5	Tues 4 th August	Fri 7 th August	Mon 10 th August	Mon 17 th August	Thurs 20 th August	Mon 24 th August
6	Wed 5 th August	Fri 7 th August	Tues 11 th August	Tues 18 th August	Thurs 20 th August	Tues 25 th August

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**

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Father's Day Breakfast Volunteers Needed

Our much-anticipated Father's Day Breakfast is fast approaching, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this special event a success for our school community.

Volunteer registration opens today, see further in the newsletter for the how to **volunteer sign-up** notice. Whether you can assist with setup, serving food and drinks, welcoming families, or packing up afterwards, every helping hand makes a difference. This event would not be possible without the support of our wonderful parent volunteers, and we sincerely appreciate any time you can contribute.

Upcoming Parent Association Meeting

Our next Parent Association Meeting will be held on:

Date: Friday, 14 August 2026

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: School Staff Room

We warmly welcome all parents and carers to attend. It's a great opportunity to hear about upcoming events, share ideas, and contribute to the school community. Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, we'd love to see you there.

Together, we can continue to create positive experiences and opportunities for our students, families, and school community.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

A warm 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 for helping Serpell thrive!

Karen Liu
Class Representative Coordinator

NATIONAL CHAMPION

A huge congratulations to Yenji (Class of 2025), who recently represented Victoria at the U13 Ice Hockey National Championships! Yenji and his Victorian teammates competed in a number of tough matches throughout the championships, demonstrating fantastic skill, teamwork and determination. Their hard work paid off, with Victoria defeating Western Australia to claim the National Championship.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to Yenji's dedication to his sport and the many early mornings spent training and developing his skills. We are incredibly proud to see a former student achieving at such a high level. Congratulations to Yenji and Team Victoria on this fantastic achievement!



SCIENCE SUCCESS

Congratulations to Harriet and Heidi Jung from Year 3, who have been Highly Commended for their science video about Fractals. Harriet and Heidi created this video during their own time, entering the Australian Museum Eureka Prize for School Science. Both students did a fantastic job researching their topic and finding a creative way to communicate the idea to an audience - well done!

You can learn about the prize they entered here:
<https://australian.museum/get-involved/eureka-prizes/2026-eureka-prizes-finalists/>

And watch their Highly Commended video on youtube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8NVG-qW8aA>

Congratulations again!

Lachlan Zubevich

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Kallen who competed in the recent Victorian Metro Short Course Championships.

He represented his swim club and achieved some exciting milestones:

- Gold Medal – 100m Freestyle (Set a NEW championship record, breaking the previous record set in 2022)
- Silver Medal – 100m Individual Medley (Achieved a personal best time that also surpassed the current Victorian record)
- Bronze Medals 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle

Congratulations Kallen!



KARATE

**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

SCK
SHUBI CHIKARA KARATE



FIRE SAFETY



As the school year continues, many students are using devices such as laptops, tablets, phones, e-bikes and e-scooters. Most of these devices contain lithium-ion batteries, which have become part of everyday life, but need to be used safely. Fire services are responding to an increasing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, often caused by incorrect charging or leaving devices unattended. That's why fire safety at home is especially important during the school year.

You can help reduce the risk by:

- Only using the charger and battery designed for each device
- Unplugging devices once fully charged Never charging devices on soft surfaces like beds or couches
- Not charging devices overnight, or when no one is home
- Charging larger devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters away from living spaces and keeping them clear of exits
- Regularly checking devices and stopping use if a battery looks damaged, swollen or overheats

You can watch Fire Rescue Victoria's safety video [here](https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/battery-safety)

It's also important to make sure smoke alarms are working and tested every month. Fire Rescue Victoria recommends installing smoke alarms in bedrooms, living rooms and near areas where devices are charged—because working smoke alarms save lives. For more tips on lithium-ion battery safety, visit: <https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/battery-safety>

A few simple habits can help protect your home and your loved ones.



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 27 Jul - 30 July

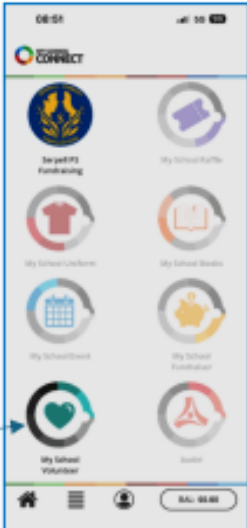
	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	28	2	Mariners - Tiny Titans
	Serpell Swans	5	14	Mariners - STARS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	7	11	Temp Park Lions
	Serpell Skyhawks	6	6	THPS BALLERS
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	6	7	OLOP Hoopsters
	Serpell Spartans	14	16	Marwal Magic 5
	Serpell Super Sonic	11	4	Boroondara Park Echidnas
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	5	20	OLOP Legends
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	21	28	Serpell Scorpions
	Serpell Samurai	23	13	Tempy Park Hawks
	Serpell Shooters	1	65	Mariners - THE ANKLE BREAKERS
	Serpell Scorpions	28	21	Serpell Sevens
	Serpells Seekers	22	39	Belle Vue Titans
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers (5/6 Girls)	17	3	DG Eucalyptus
	Serpell Storm	2	16	OLOP Stars
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders (5/6 Boys)	50	6	BP Ballers
	Serpell Savages (5/6 Boys)	18	16	Temp Vally Dragons



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.	



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.

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.

SCHOLASTIC



Join Donvale Netball Club



Attend a "Come and Try" training session for FREE!

Age Divisions - NetSetGo (5-9 years), Under 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s, 17s, 21s, Opens.

Training - Tuesday afternoons. 5-6pm: NSG - U13s. 6-7pm: U15 - U21s.

Games - Saturday, excluding NetSetGo.

Location (games & training) - Templestowe Netball Courts.

2025/26 Dates -

- Autumn Season: February 14th - June 20th
- Spring Season: July 18th - November 21st



Stay Connected:

✉ info@donvalenc.com.au

🌐 www.donvalenc.com.au

📷 @DonvaleNetballClub

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A 6-week art therapy group for Primary School aged kids who have experienced or witnessed Family Violence

Get creative, express self, have fun,
increase self-confidence & self-esteem.

Learn to manage emotions and make new friends

Participation is free - Limited places
Refreshments and art materials provided
No artistic skills necessary!!

BOOK NOW!

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Wednesdays
4:00pm to 6:00pm
Call for details

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TOMORROW