



DIARY

Friday 18th September

Year 5 Excursion: EDSC Visit
PA Meeting 1:30pm
Last day of Term 3 (2:30pm Finish)

Saturday 19th September

China Exchange Returns

Monday 5th October

Start of Term 4

Friday 9th October

District Basketball
District Volleyball

Tuesday 13th October

Year 3 Excursion: Healesville

Wednesday 14th October

Year 1 Excursion: Museum

Wednesday 14th October

Year 5 Excursion: Werribee Zoo
(5KT, 5ZH, 5LS)

Thursday 15th October

Year 5 Excursion: Werribee Zoo
(5CZ, 5LF, 5BD)

Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th October

Year 3 Camp

Thursday 22nd October

Prep Excursion: Zoo

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October

Year 4 Camp

Thursday 29th October

Year 2 Excursion: Edendale Farm
(2SD, 2MR, 2MF, 2JA)

Friday 30th October

Year 2 Excursion: Edendale Farm
(2TL, 2TH, 2KJ)

Monday 2nd November

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3rd November

Public Holiday: Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th November

Year 5 Camp

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 15th September 2026

From the Principal

END OF AN ERA

After 50 years of teaching and the past 30 years at Serpell, I have decided to take the extended leave that has been accumulating over all those years to relax with family and friends.

My last working day at Serpell will be this coming Friday, 18th September.

Kristele Efthimiou will be Acting Principal from the commencement of Term 4.

The Department allows me to take my extended leave, remain employed, but relinquish my Serpell position, so that the school can move forward.

Over coming weeks, the Department of Education will advertise the position of Principal statewide and a formal process of selection, which includes the School Council and Regional staff, will take place.

Next term we will have a special assembly for the students, staff and parents on Monday 16th November to say good-bye and for me to express my sincere gratitude. I look forward to hearing the orchestra one last time and sharing the occasion with all of the children, staff and community.

My time at Serpell has been an extraordinary experience and I am so grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the life and futures of this community. Thank you for giving me rich educational experiences such as studying at Harvard University and attendance at international conferences, meetings and forums.

I am proud of every student who has graduated from this school and taken chances and life opportunities that have been made available.

I am so proud of the high standard of education that we provide and the wide range of options available to extend all the students.

I am proud of the staff who are not only highly skilled their craft, but kind and dedicated to moving their students forward in learning and life.

I am proud of the inroads we have made into international education as a member school of the Council of International Schools as well as our student exchange program with China which has seen hundreds of students and staff experience the history and heritage of that country as well as schooling in China today.

Most of all I am humble but proud to have served this innovative and modern community and its School Councils and hopefully given everyone a chance for future success.

Wilma Culton
PSM

SCHOOL IN SUZHOU

Our travelling group of students and teachers in China this week are at school in Suzhou where after their morning exercises they are learning about the Chinese language, calligraphy, traditional arts, Tai Chi and normal lessons in Maths, Chinese, Music and STEM. Tomorrow they will depart by train to Shanghai where they will visit Nanjing Rd, The Bund, Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, the Shanghai Zoo Panda Zone and finally Shanghai Disneyland. The itinerary this year has been exceptional, detailed with a mix of heritage, cultural, artistic and sightseeing experiences.

We will welcome them home on Saturday afternoon where they will have many stories to share.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear All,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all our volunteers for helping make Term 3 such a memorable one for our school community.

As we wrap up a busy and successful term, we would love for you to join us at our next PA meeting on **Friday, 18 September, at 1:30 pm**, where we will reflect on Term 3 activities, celebrate our achievements, and look ahead to Term 4.

Thank you once again for your time, effort, and ongoing support. We hope to see you there!

Dawei Li

President, Parent Association

SUNSMART SEASON

All students are required to wear their Serpell hats at school during break times and all outside activities. We also kindly ask all parents attending school activities outside, including excursions to bring a hat along. We recommend that sunscreen is applied at home before students come to school. Let's safely have fun in the sun at school.

FROM THE NURSE

Dear Families,

The health centre is in need of some clothing donations. If you can donate the following, it would be greatly appreciated: School pants sizes 14 and 8, bomber jackets sizes 4 and 6, and boys underwear sizes 8 and above.

*Thanks,
Nurse Melanie*

EARLY FINISH THIS FRIDAY

A reminder that this Friday 18th September is the last day of Term 3, with an **early finish at 2:30pm**. Please make arrangements to collect your child at 2:30pm.



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 01 Sep - 10 Sep

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	14	0	Mariners - Tiny Titans
	Serpell Swans	0	18	Mariners - STARS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	9	19	Serpell Spartans
	Serpell Skyhawks	8	10	Mariners - Bulls
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	4	3	Boroondara Park Echidnas
	Serpell Spartans	19	9	Serpell Slam Dunk
	Serpell Super Sonic	5	2	Marwal Magic 4
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	26	6	Boroondara Park Bears
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	32	29	OLOP Warriors
	Serpell Samurai	22	10	Tempy Park Hawks
	Serpell Shooters	17	16	The Strikers
	Serpell Scorpions	43	4	DGPS Supersonics
	Serpells Seekers	27	31	Birraless Blazers
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers	59	2	Serpell Storm
	Serpell Storm	2	59	Serpell Snipers
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	Bye		
	Serpell Savages	33	13	Temp Valley Dragons



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Wed 23 Sep Project: Spinstorm Showdown Build three powerful spinning tops, battle it out in your own Spinstorm Arena, and discover which creation can spin its way to victory!	Thu 24 Sep Special Event: Ultimate Ninja Challenge by Proactivity Race against the clock and tackle giant challenges in the ultimate Grand Final showdown packed with action, teamwork and high-energy fun!
Mon 28 Sep Big Art Day: Wild Wild West Saddle up for creativity! Design your own hobby horse with colorful manes and expressive eyes. Your imagination, your ride!	Tue 29 Sep Special Event: Grand Final Fever with Coles Healthy Kicks Complete, cheer and level up your game in the ultimate AFL Max showdown! From fast-paced challenges to interactive activity zones, every moment is packed with movement, fun and excitement.
Wed 30 Sep Experience Takeover: Cake Masters Ready to become a Cake Master? A special guest is coming to help you decorate cake, get creative with fun designs and package your masterpiece to take home!	Thu 01 Oct Project: Realmz Kingdom Builders Build your own kingdom with our exclusive Realmz Cubelings magnetic building system. Then unbox a special surprise to discover which character will join your Castlelands adventure!
Fri 02 Oct Operation: Animation Station Lights, camera, imagination! Dream up colourful characters, create amazing stories, and discover how your ideas can leap from page to picture.	

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