



DIARY

Wednesday 9th September

PAG, PMR, PLA Excursion to Larnaca Park

Thursday 10th September

PSC, PAR Excursion to Larnaca Park

Friday 11th September

Values: R U OK Day – Wear a Splash of Yellow

PSB, PSF Excursion to Larnaca Park

Friday 18th September

Year 5 Excursion: EDSC Visit

Last day of Term (2:30pm Finish)

Saturday 19th September

China Exchange Returns

Assembly 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 8th September 2026

From the School Council President

FROM SAUSAGES TO SMILES

What a fantastic day! I honestly cannot wait for the next School Council meeting to properly acknowledge and celebrate the Fathers' Day wonderful event. It was incredibly well organised, the food was delicious, and most importantly, the kids, dads, and families had a fantastic time. There was such a great atmosphere, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the morning together.

Now, for those who saw me lingering around at the end... I have a confession to make! I somehow did not use my ticket during the event but still managed to use it at the end with two sausages, one doughnut, and one coffee afterwards. I'm still full and absolutely not complaining!

A huge well done to everyone involved. Please don't worry about the coffee truck not showing up. Honestly, nobody seemed to notice, and from what I could see, everyone was happily enjoying their coffee and each other's company. What amazes me most is that every year we walk away saying, "That was the most organised event yet!" and then somehow the following year you raise the bar again. The continuous improvements, attention to detail, teamwork, and care that go into these events never go unnoticed.

A heartfelt thank you to the entire Dawei Li and the Parents Association team, our amazing volunteers, and the leadership team for making the day such a success. Events like this don't just happen. They are the result of countless hours of planning, coordinating, setting up, packing up, and doing all the little things behind the scenes that make a big difference.

And a special shout-out to Lin, who made sure I didn't leave hungry by generously providing me with two sausages at the end! You are officially responsible for my continued fullness.

Congratulations and thank you all. You should be incredibly proud of what you achieved today. It was a wonderful celebration of our school community and a perfect reminder of what makes our school so special. **Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful dads and grandfathers!**

Suhaila

From the Principal

SERPELL IN CHINA

Yesterday morning bright and early 60 students and 9 teachers took off for China in our annual two-week program. First stop is Beijing, where the group will be waking at their hotel this morning and taking off for a tour of the Temple of Heaven, a rickshaw ride through the Hutongs and a visit to the Forbidden City. Tomorrow they will travel to the Great Wall of China for a world significant experience. Over the next fortnight they will visit Xi'an and the Terracotta Warriors, experience school in Suzhou and conclude in Disneyland Shanghai. We are so pleased to be able to provide this exchange program since 2011, so that hundreds of students and many staff have been able to experience another culture, language and real school partnerships.



Wilma Culton
Principal

Tuckers Road, Templestowe,
Victoria 3106

Telephone: (03) 9842 8182

OSHC: 0424 454 961

Email:

serpell.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Website:

www.serpellps.vic.edu.au

VALUES: R U OK? DAY



This Friday 11th September our school community will be adding a **splash of yellow** to celebrate R U OK? Day! Students and staff are encouraged to wear a touch of yellow over their school uniform, such as a ribbon, shoelace, hair accessory, or socks as we come together to remind one another of the importance of checking in, starting conversations and supporting each other.

R U OK? Day is a wonderful opportunity to ask a simple question — “**Are you OK?**” — and show our friends, classmates and colleagues that we care.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The Premiers’ Reading Challenge has concluded for 2026. Congratulations to all the students who participated in and completed the Challenge. You have all done an amazing amount of reading...well done!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 5LF WHO WERE THE WINNING CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST COMPLETION RATE.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge certificates will be distributed later in term 4. I hope even more students participate in the PRC in 2027. You have lots of time until then to read, read and read some more in preparation! Happy reading!



*Ms Gardner
Library*

REGIONAL TEEBALL

Last week on Monday the 31st of August, the Serpell girls tee ball team went to the Waverley Softball Centre to compete in the SSV Regional tee ball competition. After three incredibly hard-fought wins, we finished top of our group. In the semi-finals, we played against PLC where it was an absolute nail-biter. In the end, the team came third out of a total of eight schools from all across the region. One key highlight was when someone made a mistake, we encouraged one another to do better next time and to be humble. We would like to thank Mr Matthews for coaching us and Mr Sais for supporting us on the day. We couldn’t have gone this far without them.

Yannie Y 6RM

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Parent Association

On behalf of the Parent Association, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this special community event such a wonderful success.

To our amazing volunteers, thank you for your generosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to give your time. Whether you were part of the Early Birds setting up before sunrise, helping during the event, or staying behind as part of the Clean-Up Crew, your efforts ensured that hundreds of families could enjoy a memorable morning together.

A special thank you to our school leadership team, office staff, and classroom representatives for your ongoing support and partnership. These events are only possible when our entire school community works together.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors, vendors, and community partners for their donations, products, and practical support. Your contributions helped create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for all families.

To the fathers, grandfathers, carers, and special guests who attended, thank you for joining us and sharing this important celebration. Seeing our school community come together in such a positive and joyful way was truly heartwarming.

This year, we introduced several new initiatives, including our lanyard and ticketing system and an expanded volunteer coordination process. The success of these improvements was made possible through the flexibility, patience, and teamwork of everyone involved.

Most importantly, thank you to our students and families. Your participation, smiles, laughter, and community spirit are what make events like these so worthwhile.

The Father's Day Breakfast was a wonderful reminder of what makes Serpell Primary School such a special community. We are incredibly grateful for the kindness, support, and volunteer spirit shown by so many people.

Together, we didn't just serve breakfast, we created memories, strengthened connections, together, we are one!

***With appreciation,
Dawei Li
Serpell Primary School Parent Association***



The countdown



The Pickup



The set up



The final touch



The pack up



Together, we are one!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Lucas T 6JX, who achieved 1st Place in the Leslie Barklamb Scholarship Flute Competition – 13 Years and Under Section, organised by the Victorian Flute Guild.

Lucas performance *Poulenc – Sonata, 3rd Movement: Presto Giocoso*. He has also been selected to perform at the Leslie Barklamb Scholarship Finals Concert. We are very proud of your dedication and musical talent.



SERPELL ART GALLERY

Our Year 6 students showed their skill in selecting, organising and combining arts elements to show an intention of developing arts ideas. They explored a range of art forms including painting, drawing, printmaking and design.





Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 31 August - 03 September

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	Bye		
	Serpell Swans	2	28	OLOP Shooting Stars
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	4	7	Birralee Bears
	Serpell Skyhawks	2	11	Tempy Park The Rookies
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	6	2	Marwal Magic 4
	Serpell Spartans	14	4	OLOP Hoopsters
	Serpell Super Sonic	2	20	The Great Panthers
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	12	7	Marwal Magic 2
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	14	12	THPS Taco Tuesday Slammers
	Serpell Samurai	16	40	Boroondara Park Bulls
	Serpell Shooters	12	20	Birralee Burgers
	Serpell Scorpions	42	10	The Strikers
	Serpells Seekers	22	25	OLOP Warriors
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers	Bye		
	Serpell Storm	2	66	Saints - Storm
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	15	23	The Great Sonics
	Serpell Savages	26	20	BP Ballers



GRAND FINAL GAMES

10 DAYS • 10 CHALLENGES • NON-STOP GAMES

September in After School Care

Ready to play?

BOOK NOW



GRAND FINAL GAMES

10 DAYS • 10 CHALLENGES • NON-STOP GAMES

EARN GAME POINTS
Take on a new challenge every day and earn Game Points along the way.
Plus, there are bonus points up for grabs for getting involved, giving things a go and showing off your skills!

GRAND FINAL STORE
Winners can cash in their Game Points at their service's Grand Final Store! What prizes will your Service Leader have for you to choose from?

CHAMPION TAKEOVER
Will you be our Champion? Our overall Grand Final Games Champion wins the ultimate prize - a chance to take over OSHC! Choose the activities and what's on the menu for your winning session.

SPORT CHALLENGES
Get active, and put your skills to the test.

PROBLEM SOLVING
Think, solve the puzzle, crack the code.

TEAM BUILDING
Work with friends to achieve together.

CREATIVE CHALLENGES
Get imaginative and bring your ideas to life.

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOURS DAY
Rep your favourite team from any sport or league on our Grand Final Day and join in the celebrations.

READY TO PLAY?
Book now to secure your spot

7-18 September
campaustralia.com.au



ROCKETEERS

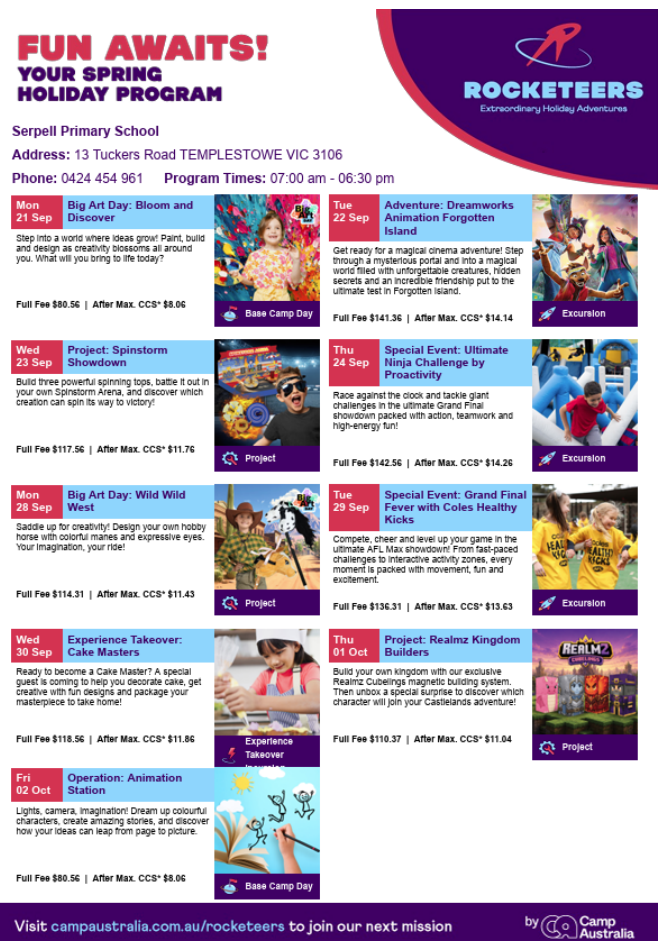
SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, log into MyGov.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) available for eligible families.

www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers



FUN AWAITS! YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Serpell Primary School
Address: 13 Tuckers Road TEMPLESTOWE VIC 3106
Phone: 0424 454 961 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:30 pm

Mon 21 Sep Big Art Day: Bloom and Discover Step into a world where ideas grow! Paint, build and design as creativity blossoms all around you. What will you bring to life today? Full Fee \$80.56 After Max. CCS* \$8.06 Base Camp Day	Tue 22 Sep Adventure: Dreamworks Animation Forgotten Island Get ready for a magical cinema adventure! Step through a mysterious portal and into a magical world filled with unforgettable creatures, hidden secrets and an incredible friendship put to the ultimate test in Forgotten Island. Full Fee \$141.36 After Max. CCS* \$14.14 Excursion
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! Full Fee \$117.56 After Max. CCS* \$11.76 Project	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! Full Fee \$142.56 After Max. CCS* \$14.26 Excursion
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! Full Fee \$114.31 After Max. CCS* \$11.43 Project	Tue 29 Sep Special Event: Grand Final Fever with Coles Healthy Kicks Compete, 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. Full Fee \$136.31 After Max. CCS* \$13.63 Excursion
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! Full Fee \$118.56 After Max. CCS* \$11.86 Experience Takeover	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! Full Fee \$110.37 After Max. CCS* \$11.04 Project
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. Full Fee \$80.56 After Max. CCS* \$8.06 Base Camp Day	

Visit campastralia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission

Kids Unlimited

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT
Serpell PS

Why learn CHESS with us?

Chess is more than just a game — it's a powerful tool for learning!

Our program helps kids:

- ✓ Build problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- ✓ Improve focus, patience, and decision-making
- ✓ Learn sportsmanship and strategic thinking
- ✓ Boost confidence in a fun and supportive environment

Whether your child is a beginner or already knows the basics, our sessions are designed to be interactive, exciting, and age-appropriate.

HURRY! Spaces are limited.



Book A Trial

How? Call or Email us!

Chess

Day: FRIDAYS

Time: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Cost: \$195 for 8 weeks

Starts on: 16 Oct

For Years: Years 1 - 6

Location: Library

ENROL ONLINE NOW!

Scan or click the QR code to enrol online!



1300 424 377

info@kidsunlimited.com.au



CODING

It's after-school fun at your school!



Get creative using design, code and logic to build your own games!



Wednesday 14 Oct - 9 Dec
3:45PM - 5:00PM



Serpell Primary School



Years 2 - 6

www.codecamp.com.au/serpell

FIRST TIME TO CODE CAMP?

SAVE \$15

Use coupon code **SCHOOL15** at checkout

PRODUCT REVIEW

with over 1000+ ★★★★★ reviews

Get in touch at hello@codecamp.com.au

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.

HOME | ABOUT | REGISTER | HELP

LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?



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



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