



DIARY

Wednesday 14th October

Year 1 Excursion: Melbourne Museum

Thursday 15th October

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

Friday 16th October

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

Monday 19th – Tuesday 20th October

Year 3 Camp Weekaway

Thursday 22nd October

Prep Excursion: Melbourne Zoo
Second Hand Uniform Shop
9:00am – 9:30am

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October

Year 4 Camp CYC The Island

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 Rumbug

Wednesday 18th November

Year 6 Excursion: Shrine of Remembrance

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 13th October 2026

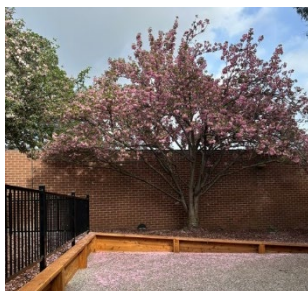
From the Principal

ENHANCING OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Over the school holidays, a range of improvement works took place across Serpell to enhance our outdoor learning areas, create inviting spaces that support student wellbeing and strengthen safety around our school. These improvements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, welcoming and engaging environment where every student can learn, grow and thrive.

Alongside our beautiful landscaping, we have also installed an updated school sign, creating a fresh and welcoming feature at the entrance to our school. We hope it will become a special backdrop for many treasured memories, from our new Preps taking their first school photo to our Year 6 students celebrating their graduation.

Thank you to our Assistant Principal, Costa Kotsiras, for facilitating the works over the holidays. We look forward to seeing our students enjoy these improved spaces throughout the term and in the years to come.



BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES COME TO LIFE

Last week, our Year 4 students enjoyed an exciting wildlife excursion with Wildlife Xposure! Students met fascinating animals including a squirrel glider, barn owl, green tree frog, long-necked turtle, freshwater crocodile and even a 20 kg olive python! They learnt about the animals' habitats, diets and adaptations, building on their Biological Sciences knowledge of living things, food chains and ecosystems. The hands-on experience brought our Science learning to life, allowing students to observe these incredible creatures up close and discover more about their unique features.



ASSEMBLY

Please come along to our assemblies on Monday, 19 October to celebrate the wonderful performances and achievements of our students.

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.

Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal

PARENT/CARER CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder to parents/carer's that your personal contact details must be kept up to date with the school office. This will ensure that if the occasion arises that we need to contact you urgently there will be no delay. Details that must be kept up to date in accordance with the Department of Education requirements are;

Contact phone number

Contact email address

Home address

Changes can be made via your XUNO app which then will notify us of a change request, or you can email the school, remembering to include your child's full name and class and we will then update your family records from that information.

HAY FEVER

Dear Parents,

Hay fever season is upon us. In particular children are suffering from itchy, red, swollen eyes.

Can I suggest that if your child is prone to hay fever you could:

- Check the pollen count in the morning and if high or moderate, give an antihistamine at home. There are many pollen count sites. This is the one recommended by Asthma Australia: <https://www.melbournepollen.com.au/>
- Ask your child to avoid the oval or playing around plants.
- If your child is prone to itchy eyes, please provide me with eye drops. A Medication Authority form can be found on the school website and also the school office. The medication needs to be in the original box. Single use eye drops seem to be the most popular one as they come in small containers, resulting in less waste. Purchase the box with the longest expiry date please.
- If your child has symptoms other than itchy eyes, e.g., sneezing, you could provide an antihistamine. A Medication Authority and the medication in the original box is required.

If your child presents with hay fever and they do not have medication provided, I will provide them with a wet face cloth to take back to class.

They will also have a note requesting some medication be provided to keep at school.

Nurse Mary

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The PA is running the Second-hand uniform shop on Thursday 22nd October 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.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Serpell PS was well represented at the Maroondah/Manningham Division Athletics held on Thursday 8th October. Twenty-two students represented the school on the day, with 8 students qualifying for the Regional Athletics. All students are to be commended upon their exemplary behaviour and team spirit on the day. Their dedication to training shone through with many students achieving personal best results.

The following students have qualified for the Regional Athletics to be held at Knox Athletics track on Thursday 22nd October.

Archie Z – 1st 9/10 yr boys 1500m

Andre Z- 1st 11yr boys 1500m, 2nd 800m

Areesha B – 2nd 12/13 yr girls hurdles

Max Z – 1st 9/10 yr boys triple jump

Chris T, Ayden Z, Owen Z and Daniel W – 1st 12/13 yr boys relay

*David Blackburn
PE Teacher*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Heidi J in Year 3 has achieved a wonderful milestone at this year's Melbourne Royal Show, placing in the Art Competition for the third consecutive year. Heidi received ribbons across three different categories in the Grade 3-4 division, 1st place for drawing and photography and 2nd place for painting. Placing three years in a row shows the wonderful dedication Heidi puts into her craft. We are very proud of her steady effort, and you can view her artworks in the photos below. Congratulations, Heidi!



Congratulations to Toby H on receiving an Outstanding Performance Award in the Sauter Piano Competition at Piano Australia World. We are very proud of this wonderful achievement and commend his dedication and hard work in music.



SERPELL ART GALLERY

Our Year 3 students have been exploring new visual arts practices, such as printing techniques, papier mâché, and foil embossing. They have also demonstrated their knowledge of the principles of balance and unity using symmetry, and pattern and repetition.





Guiding children's growth

Newsletter

Date: 12/10/2026

A Message from your Service Leader

Dear families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for an exciting Term 4 filled with fun, learning and special celebrations.

This term, we look forward to celebrating **Halloween**, **Diwali**, **Grandparents' Day**, **Remembrance Day**, **World Teachers' Day** and many more exciting events as we approach the end of the year!

Booking Reminder: Please remember to make a booking before your child attends Before and After School Care. We also ask that you let your child know when they are booked to attend.

Warmer Weather: As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child brings a **hat** to help them stay sun-safe during outdoor play.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions. Thank you for your ongoing support! We look forward to a wonderful Term 4 with all our families!

Warm regards,
Farnaz and Team

Activities Coming Up

- Life Size Skeleton
- Musical statues and bobs
- Human body tracing

What's on the Menu?

Sandwiches
Pasta
Salad and Fruit

What's on in Term 4



Find out more and book
campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-4

Your
OSHC.

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



Welcome to school!

Need care before or after the school day?

Camp Australia is here to help.
We provide care for children at Serpell Primary School before school, after school and during the school holidays.



Before School Care

Start the day ready for school. Enjoy a healthy breakfast, enriching activities and time to connect with friends before the school day begins.



After School Care

More to explore after the bell. From creative activities and active play to science, construction and snack time, children can follow their interests, connect with friends and learn through experience.



School Holiday Programs

Make school holidays extraordinary. Rocketeers brings a new adventure every day, with creative projects, active challenges and exciting experiences to explore.



Child Care Subsidy

Our programs are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which may help reduce your out-of-pocket care costs.



Find out more about CCS

campaustralia.com.au/childcaresubsidy

Get ready for 2027

Register with Camp Australia now so you're ready to make bookings when you need care.



Scan to register
pp.campaustralia.com.au





New Star Art

Art Will Foster Your Child's Growth



With almost 30 years experience we have inspired young children to reach for creative heights and instil confidence and self belief!

Now available at
**Serpell
Primary School**

Tuesday
3:50pm - 5:20pm

**NOW TAKING 2026
ENROLMENTS**

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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

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KARATE AT SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Wednesday Evening

6:00 - 7:00pm

Call or email Robert
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