



DIARY

Thursday 22nd October

Prep Excursion: Melbourne Zoo

Second Hand Uniform Shop
9:00am – 9:30am

Regional Athletics

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

Friday 13th November

Parent Association Meeting
2:30pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday 18th November

Year 6 Excursion: Shrine of
Remembrance

Friday 27th November

School Disco

Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

Year 6 Camp Howqua

Thursday 17th December

Last Day of Term 4
Year 6 Graduation

Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 20th October 2026

From the Principal

YEAR 3 CAMP

We look forward to welcoming our Year 3 students back this afternoon following their first school camp! They have enjoyed an exciting overnight experience filled with adventure, new challenges and opportunities to build independence. We look forward to hearing all about their wonderful experiences and favourite memories!

SCIENCE COMES TO LIFE THROUGH EXCURSIONS

Our students have enjoyed some wonderful learning experiences beyond the classroom as part of our Term 4 Science focus on Biological Sciences. Year 1 visited Melbourne Museum and IMAX to watch T. rex 3D, bringing their learning about living things and the natural world to life. Year 3 travelled to Healesville Sanctuary as part of their inquiry unit, Feathers, Fur or Leaves. A highlight was the spectacular Spirits of the Sky bird show. Meanwhile, Year 5 students enjoyed an exciting visit to Werribee Open Range Zoo, providing further opportunities to observe animals and deepen their understandings. Be sure to turn to page 2 of this newsletter to see photos capturing some of the highlights from these exciting learning experiences!

2027 PLANNING

If you will be leaving the school at the end of the year, please notify the school office. This will assist us with our planning for classes for 2027.

CUP DAY LONG WEEKEND

Monday 2 November will be a Curriculum Day, followed by the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday on Tuesday 3 November, providing families with a four-day break before the busy end-of-year period. Staff will use the day to focus on end-of-year assessments and student reporting. Students will not be required to attend school on Monday 2 November.

PHOTOS – SPORTS, CLUBS AND GROUPS

Last term the photographs for the Serpell sports, clubs, groups, and student leaders were taken. They will be on display opposite the health centre in the coming weeks but are available to order online now! Please see Xuno for details on how to order, and access codes.

Pricing and Details:

Prices start at \$15 per photograph.

Photos will be mailed directly to your home, please note there is a postage and handling fee.

You can place orders until the end of the 2026 school year.

ASSEMBLY

Please come along to our assemblies on Monday, 26 October to celebrate the wonderful performances and achievements of our students. There will be no assembly for Year 4 due to Camp.

Assemblies will be held at the following times:

Years 2 – 3: 2.00 – 2.30 p.m.

Years 5 – 6: 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

Prep – Year 1: 3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

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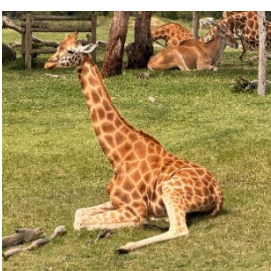
YEAR 1 EXCURSION MELBOURNE MUSEUM AND IMAX



YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY



YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO



SERPELL SPORT

Over the past two weeks, several of our Interschool Sport teams have had the opportunity to compete in a range of high-level sporting competitions, showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

District Volleyball Round Robin

On the 9th of October, our Year 6 boys' and girls' volleyball teams competed in the District Round Robin tournament at Milgate Primary School.

The boys' team performed extremely well, finishing second overall after winning two games and placing behind Warrandyte. A major highlight was how we responded after losing our second match. We didn't drop our heads and continued to compete right until the very end of our final game.

Branev K 6RM and Arthur S 6RM

Our girls' team competed against three other schools, winning two of our three games to finish second overall and bring home the red flag. In our deciding match against Warrandyte, we fought back in the second set before narrowly losing the third set by just two points. The highlight of the day was that we never lost hope, even when we were behind, and continued to cheer each other on. We also demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Both teams would like to thank Mr Blackburn for his outstanding coaching and training, Mr Torres for supporting us on the day, and the school for giving us the opportunity to compete in another fantastic sporting event.

Yannie Y 6RM and Chloe Y 6RM

Boys Division Cricket

Last Thursday, our Cricket team competed in the Division final against Templestowe Valley demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. This led to us winning 119 to 61. It was an all-round team effort which saw us bat extremely well and deliver an outstanding performance with the ball. We are proud of our efforts and can't wait for our next game!

Musa S 6NM

Division Rounders

On Thursday, our Girls' Rounders team competed in the Division final against Templestowe Heights on our school oval. We won the match 14 to 5, playing a fair game and giving our best effort as a group. The highlight of the

afternoon was how we cheered on each other whether we were winning or losing.

Thea P 6NM and Scarlett T 6NM

Division Hot Shots

Last Friday, our Hot Shots team competed in the Division final against Doncaster Gardens. The team secured an impressive victory, winning 12-1, with some excellent hitting throughout the match. A major highlight of the afternoon was being able to play very consistently and always being able to hit it back to the opponent with very little forced errors.

Austin G 6SS

Our Cricket and Hot Shots teams will now progress to the regional finals in the coming weeks, continuing what has been an outstanding year of sport for the school. Additionally, eight students from Years 4–6 will compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Primary Regional Athletics Day this Thursday, with their hard work and dedication to training paying off.

Good luck to all of our students involved!



SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

Results from this year's Science Talent Search Competition have finally been released, and 2026 has proven to be another exceptional year, with the majority of entries receiving a bursary!

All students are to be congratulated on the high standard of their projects!

Major Bursary Winners

Elina V – Y4
Matthew J – Y3
Harriet J – Y3
Kevin H – Y5
Elaine H – Y6
Hiroshi T – Y5
Miranda Y – Y5
Matteo T – Y6
Athena W – Y6

Minor Bursary Winners

David K – Y2
Ethan H – Y4
Heidi J – Y3
Maxwell L – Y5
Caylie H – Y5

Distinctions

Evan C – Y1
Jayden W – Y1
Mia W – Y3
Liam Z – Y4
Advait A – Y4
Sama H – Y6
Aila M – Y5
Branev K – Y6

Merit

Akira W – Y2
Liliana F – Y5

Certificates and Bursary Gifts will be handed out during an Awards Assembly towards the end of the year.

Congratulations to all the students at Serpell for their outstanding engagement with Science, and the parents and teachers who support them!

*Mr Nick Thuys
Learning Specialist*

PARENT ASSOCIATION

Dear Families,

As we head towards the final weeks of another wonderful school year, the Parent Association would like to thank all families for your ongoing support and involvement throughout 2026. Your contributions have helped make our events, fundraising activities, and community initiatives a great success.

Second-Hand Uniform Shop Opening

Our Second-Hand Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursday, 22nd October 2026 from 9:00am to 9:30am**. This is a great opportunity to purchase quality pre-loved school uniforms at affordable prices while supporting sustainability within our school community.

School Disco Volunteer Registration

Planning is underway for our upcoming School Disco, and **volunteer registration will be opening soon**. We are grateful for the support of our parent volunteers who help make these events possible. Please **stay tuned for further information and registration details** in the coming weeks.

Final PA Meeting for 2026

Our final Parent Association meeting for the year will be held on **Friday, 13th November 2026, from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**. This meeting will be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the year, reflect on our successful events and initiatives, and discuss ideas for the future.

*Dawei Li
PA Serpell Primary School*

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

SHOE SAFETY

A reminder to parents/carer's that in alignment with our Uniform Policy students must wear a closed toe shoe with socks to school. No open toe sandals, thongs, crocs etc. This is for our student's safety to avoid nasty injuries if they fall.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Ethan X (3TT) on his outstanding achievements at the CHANG'S CUP Annual Championship on 18 October. Representing the Australian/Korean Taekwondo Centre, Ethan delivered an exceptional performance across multiple events, demonstrating both skill and determination.

Competing as a Blue II Belt, Ethan achieved an outstanding result, earning four bronze medals with 3rd-place finishes

in Poomsae (Forms), Kyorugi (Sparring), Speed Kicking, and High Jump Front Kicking.

Ethan has been actively participating in inter-club and regional competitions, steadily building his experience, confidence, and competitive skills. His dedication to training and commitment to excellence have contributed significantly to his continued success. We congratulate Ethan on these impressive achievements and look forward to following his continued growth as an athlete. We wish him all the best in the next State Competition.



Rian C (4RP) was crowned Level 4 Victorian Champion in Gymnastics over the weekend. He has competed in 6 competitions this season and was first overall in all competitions. He continued to score well and be a great competitor for his gym mates. Rian has continued to maintain a national sore and the highest score on his pommel horse which is his favourite apparatus. Congratulations Rian!





Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 12 Oct - 15 Oct

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	9	2	Mariners - Sparkling Bears
	Serpell Swans	4	7	Mariners - STARS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	6	5	Mariners - The Slam Clam
	Serpell Skyhawks	8	10	Marwal Magic 5
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	16	3	Temp Valley Vipers
	Serpell Spartans	7	8	Birrlee Broncos
	Serpell Super Sonic	8	10	THPS G1 BOYS
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	11	2	Boroondara Park Bears
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	4	36	THPS PHOENIX
	Serpell Samurai	13	33	OLOP Rebels
	Serpell Shooters	8	19	Serpell Scorpions
	Serpell Scorpions	19	8	Serpell Shooters
	Serpells Seekers	19	12	THPS Taco Tuesday Slammers
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers	30	10	Mariners - SCORCHERS
	Serpell Storm	10	40	Mariners - The Mighty Saints
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	22	13	Temp Valley Dragons
	Serpell Savages	24	20	The Great Sonics

What's on in Term 4



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

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
campaustalia.com.au/childcaresubsidy



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AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



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Is this your daughter?

Girls thrive and have fun while learning to sing, dance and perform. The AGC inspires excellence and develops future-ready young women.

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NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



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- Locations in Berwick, Box Hill, Caulfield North, Essendon, Glen Waverley, Greensborough, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe, Kew, Mentone, Ringwood and Yarraville.



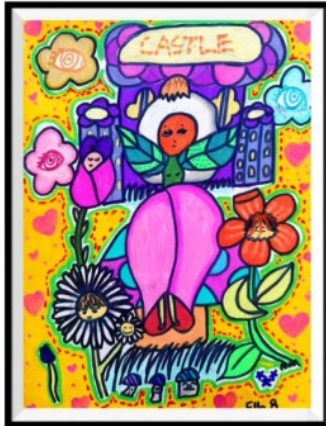
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Chess



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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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