



DIARY

Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October

Year 4 Camp CYC The Island

Thursday 29th October

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

State Track and Field
Championships

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 6th November

Regional Cricket Round Robin

Friday 13th November

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

Monday 16th November

Wilma's Farewell Assembly
2:00pm

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

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Serpell Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 27th October 2026

From the School Council President

SAVE THE DATE – CELEBRATING WILMA CULTON'S EXTRAORDINARY SERPELL JOURNEY



Monday, 16th November



2:00 pm

After an incredible 50 years in education, including 30 years dedicated to Serpell, our school community will come together for a very special celebration to farewell Wilma Culton.

For three decades, Wilma has been at the heart of Serpell's journey. Her leadership, vision and commitment have helped shape the wonderful and successful school community we know today. This is our opportunity to celebrate not only her retirement, but the lasting legacy she leaves for generations of Serpell students and families.

The school will officially announce the celebration and further details, but I wanted to share the date early so everyone has the opportunity to plan to attend.

We would love to welcome our whole Serpell community — current and former students, parents, grandparents, families, current and former teachers and staff, and everyone who has been part of Serpell's journey.

Please save Monday, 16th November at 2:00 pm and join us in giving Wilma the wonderful farewell and heartfelt thank-you she deserves. More details will be shared by the school soon.

Suhaila Abdel Qader
School Council President

From the Principal

CUP DAY LONG WEEKEND

A friendly reminder that Monday 2nd November is a Curriculum Day, followed by the Melbourne Cup Day public holiday on Tuesday 3rd November, providing families with a four-day break before the busy end-of-year period.

Staff will use the Curriculum Day to focus on end-of-year assessments and student reporting, and students are not required to attend school on Monday 2nd November.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 4th November, when our Year 5 students will be setting off on their exciting Camp Rumbug adventure.

2027 STUDENT REQUISITES

On Friday 6th November, documentation for the voluntary parent contributions 2027 will be distributed for your child. School Council has determined the cost of \$250 per child to cover all requisites for school use, to enhance our school's range of programs, resources and environment. Book bags will be delivered to your home prior to the commencement of the 2027 school year. We are very proud of our financial planning where we can deliver a first-class education.

GOOD LUCK AT STATE ATHLETICS!

We wish Andre Z (5CZ) and Max Z (4SM) every success as they represent Serpell Primary School at the State Athletics Championships on Thursday 29th October in the 1500m and Triple Jump. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to hearing how they go!

2027 PREP INFORMATION EVENING

We look forward to welcoming our 2027 Prep families to our Information Evening on Wednesday 4th November at 6.00 pm. This will be a valuable opportunity to learn more about the Prep program, discover what to expect as your child begins their learning journey at Serpell Primary School, and help families feel confident and prepared for this exciting milestone.

PREP EXPLORE MELBOURNE ZOO!

Last Thursday Prep students had a wonderful day of learning and adventure on their excursion to Melbourne Zoo! It was a fantastic opportunity for students to bring their classroom learning to life as they explored the zoo and observed a wide variety of animals and their habitats. Throughout the day, our Preps showed great curiosity and enthusiasm, asking thoughtful questions and making connections to their learning. A big thank you to our parent helpers for helping make the day such a wonderful learning experience!



YEAR 3 CAMP: ADVENTURES AND MEMORIES!

Our Year 3 students had a wonderful first camp, full of adventure, teamwork and new experiences! Enjoy these photos capturing the fun and special memories they made together.



*Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal*

REGIONAL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to the eight Serpell students who represented the school with distinction at the Eastern Region Athletics held at Knox Athletics track on Thursday 22nd October. The students did the school proud with their application and achievements on the day.

Highlights of the day were Max Z winning Gold in the 9/10 boys triple jump, Andre Z winning silver in the 11 yr boys 1500m and Archie Z winning bronze in the 9/10 yr boys 1500m. Both Max and Andre qualify for the State Athletics to be held at Lakeside stadium next Thursday. Congratulations to 12/13 boys relay team of Daniel W, Chris T, Ayden Z and Owen Z and Areesha B in 12/13 girls hurdles who represented the school with aplomb in their respective events.



*David Blackburn
PE Teacher*

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.

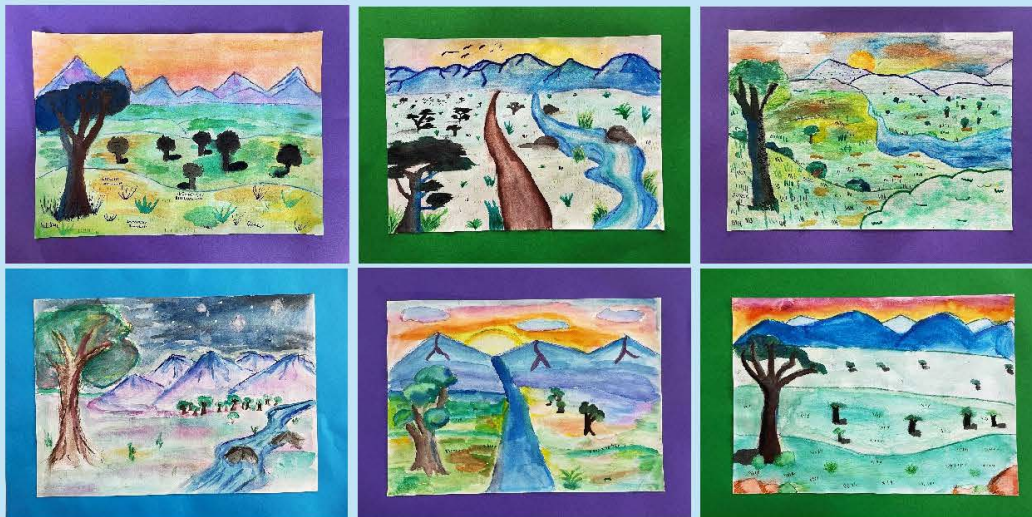
Nurse Mary

SERPELL ART GALLERY

Our Year 5 students have engaged in a variety of creative practices, exploring new and familiar techniques, including sculpture, watercolour and collage. They demonstrated their knowledge of the element of form with clay building, extended their understanding of the principle of scale through perspective drawing, and combined the principles of contrast and balance to create Notan designs.



Clay creatures inspired by Shaun Tan.



Australian watercolour landscapes inspired by First Nations Artist, Albert Namatjira.



Japanese inspired Notan collage. Exploring the relationship between positive and negative space.



Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 19 Oct - 22 Oct

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	Bye		
	Serpell Swans	12	13	THPS HOOP STARS
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	5	16	THPS BALLERS
	Serpell Skyhawks	15	0	Temp Valley Thunders
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	12	12	Tempy Park Bears
	Serpell Spartans	18	10	Mariners - The Slam Clam
	Serpell Super Sonic	15	2	Temp Valley Vipers
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	17	10	The Great Fiery Blazers
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	20	32	THPS Taco Tuesday Slammers
	Serpell Samurai	2	25	Boroondara Park Bulls
	Serpell Shooters	3	32	Birralee Burgers
	Serpell Scorpions	33	16	The Strikers
	Serpells Seekers	Bye		
5/6 Girls	Serpell Snipers	43	6	OLOP Angels
	Serpell Storm	2	32	Mariners - SCORCHERS
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	14	16	Serpell Savages
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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

Get ready for 2027

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



Scan to register
pp.campaustalia.com.au



KARATE AT SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every Wednesday Evening

6:00 - 7:00pm

**Call or email Robert
For a free trial class
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SHUBI CHIKARA KARATE

