Serpell Primary School
NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 10th November 2026

DIARY

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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From the Principal

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – PRINCIPAL WILMA CULTON PSM

Monday, 16th November
2:00 pm
Undercover Basketball Court, Serpell PS

Please join us for a special whole-school assembly as we celebrate Principal Wilma Culton and thank her for her incredible 30 years of leadership and dedication to Serpell Primary School. Students from all year levels will be sharing special performances to recognise Wilma Culton and farewell her.
The assembly will commence at 2.00 p.m. on the undercover basketball court.
Please note, as the assembly will be held on the undercover basketball court, there will be no entry to the school via the Burleigh Drive gate.
We warmly invite families to join us in this special celebration.

2027 PREP STUDENTS BEGIN THEIR SCHOOL JOURNEY

Yesterday, our 2027 Prep students enjoyed their first school session, Step into Prep! The afternoon began with a story in their new classrooms, followed by a fun-filled tabloid sports afternoon in the stadium. It was wonderful to see the children settling in so confidently, and we were very impressed by the level of school readiness already demonstrated by our newest students!

YEAR 4 CAMP: ADVENTURES AND MEMORIES!

Our Year 4 students had a wonderful camp, full of adventure, teamwork and new experiences! Enjoy these photos capturing the fun and special memories they made together.

Kristele Efthimiou
Acting Principal









STATE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Max W and Andre Z who represented Serpell PS with distinction at the State Primary School Athletics held at Lakeside stadium on Thursday 29th October.

Andre finished 9th in the 11 yr boys 1500m. This performance is an outstanding effort to be ranked in the top 10 distance runners in the State.

Max won the bronze medal in the 9/10 yr boys triple jump. A remarkable performance considering Max only started competing in triple jump 2 months ago. He finished close to his personal best with a jump of 9m 10cm.



David Blackburn
PE Teacher

REGIONAL CRICKET

Last Friday, 24 of our Year 5 and 6 students competed in the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Cricket Round Robin Day at Knox Gardens Reserve. Both teams played some outstanding cricket throughout the day, with plenty of highlights across their five matches.

Our girls' team finished 3rd overall, winning three games and narrowly missing out on a place in the regional final by just five runs. Although we were unable to qualify for State, we were extremely proud of how quickly we learned and developed our cricket skills throughout the day. Eleven of our 12 players had never played a cricket match before Friday, making our overall achievement even more special. One of our biggest highlights was staying positive after losing our first game and showing resilience throughout the remainder of the day. We also continued to encourage one another, even when mistakes were made, and maintained a strong focus on our batting, bowling and fielding.

Connie J 6NT and Serena T 6NM

Our boys' team also produced some fantastic performances, winning two of our five matches and finishing 6th overall. We showed incredible spirit and positivity throughout the day, continuing to encourage one another right until the final ball, even when competing against some outstanding opposition. Some of our major highlights included keeping our heads up when the opposition took wickets, supporting each other throughout the day and, most importantly, never giving up.

Jay N 6NM and Hisham S 6RM

Both our boys' and girls' teams should be extremely proud of not only their performances on the day but also their commitment to training hard and executing a selfless game plan across all five matches. They were both outstanding teams to coach and truly demonstrated the Serpell values of doing your best, respecting your opposition and encouraging one another throughout the day.

Both teams would also like to thank Mr McIndoe for assisting with training and doing a fantastic job of coaching on the day, as well as Mr Matthews for sharing his expert advice and generously giving up his time to train the students in the lead-up to Regionals.

Mr Moio





PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Serpell Disco

We are very excited for this year's ***'Crazy Hair'*** themed Disco. Tickets are now on sale from MySchool Connect at $7 per child.

Please see further in the newsletter for details and instructions on how to purchase.

The Disco will take place on Friday 27th November during school time and is only for current Serpell students.

Volunteers

As always, these events can't run without the support of our amazing parent volunteers.
If you are available to help, please sign up on the MySchool Connect Volunteer page. Details are further along in the newsletter.

A reminder that all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check card and have completed the Child Safe Standards briefing with Mr Packett this year.

Setup Session

Thursday 26th November
3:30pm to 5:00pm (decoration and setup)

Disco Sessions

Friday 27th November
Session 1: 9:00am to 11:00am
Session 2: 11:15am to 12:30pm
Session 3: 1:30pm to 3:30pm

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.

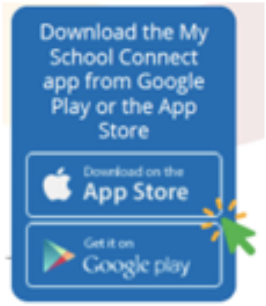
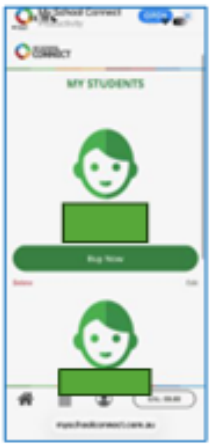
They will also have a note requesting some medication be provided to keep at school.

Nurse Mary


SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
OUR CRAZY HAIR
SCHOOL DISCO
Friday 27th November 2026
$7 per child - Payments to made on the My School App

Serpell Primary School
Parents' Association Fundraising App

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:
https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register?t=parent

Step 1. Download the My School Connect app from your app store or visit		**Step 2.** Create your account & register your Serpell student/s	
Step 3. Select **Serpell Primary School 'My School Event'**		**Step 4.** Select Disco **Step 5.** Select number of tickets @ $7 each	**Step 6.** For each ticket, write your child's full name and class **Step 7.** Pay
The Disco will be held during school time on Friday 27th November in the Stadium			

Serpell Primary School
Parents' Association Fundraising App
EVENT VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:

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Log in to your 'My School Connect' app

Select the 'My School Volunteer' icon at the bottom of the screen</td>
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My Rosters page will appear.
You can now select 'View * sign-up'</td>
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<td>Step 3.
Select the 'Sign up' time you are able to volunteer and complete the details.

Remember to include your Working With Children Check number</td>
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<td>Step 4.
You will receive an automated reminder 7 days prior to the event and another reminder 2 days prior to the event.</td>
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Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club

Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 02 Nov - 05 Nov

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	**Serpell Shimmer**	11	3	THPS HOT SHOTS
	Serpell Swans	1	22	**Mariners - STARS**
1/2 Boys	Serpell Slam Dunk	11	15	**Birralee Bears**
	Serpell Skyhawks	8	10	**Tempy Park The Rookies**
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	10	5	Marwal Magic 5
	Serpell Spartans	21	0	OLOP Hoopsters
	Serpell Super Sonic	2	18	**The Great Panthers**
3/4 Girls	**Serpell Stars**	28	7	Boroondara Park Bears
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens			
	Serpell Samurai			
	Serpell Shooters			
	Serpell Scorpions			
	Serpells Seekers			
5/6 Girls	**Serpell Snipers**	18	15	Saints - Storm
	Serpell Storm	16	14	OLOP Angels
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders			
	Serpell Savages			

Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club

Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 26 Oct - 29 Oct

	SERPELL TEAM	SCORE		OPPONENT
1/2 Girls	Serpell Shimmer	4	6	**Mariners - Tiny Titans**
	Serpell Swans	7	23	**OLOP Shooting Starsf**
1/2 Boys	**Serpell Slam Dunk**	16	8	OLOP Hoopsters
	Serpell Skyhawks	17	6	Tempy Park Lions
	Serpell Super Pikachu Power	5	35	**The Great Panthers**
	Serpell Spartans	16	14	THPS BALLERS
	Serpell Super Sonic	12	8	Tempy Park Bears
3/4 Girls	Serpell Stars	8	11	**Marwal Magic 11**
3/4 Boys	Serpell Sevens	Bye		
	Serpell Samurai	34	16	Tempy Park Hawks
	Serpell Shooters	Bye		
	Serpell Scorpions	Bye		
	Serpells Seekers	Bye		
5/6 Girls	**Serpell Snipers**	18	15	Saints - Storm
	Serpell Storm	16	14	OLOP Angels
5/6 Boys	Serpell Spiders	5	30	**Ivanhoe Grammar - Crusaders**
	Serpell Savages	27	22	OLOP Sonics

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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

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

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Camp Australia

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YOUR SUMMER 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 04 Jan — Operation: Summer Spectacular

Sunshine, smiles, and summer fun are here! Celebrate the start of an amazing season with games, creativity, laughter, and plenty of unforgettable moments.

Full Fee $80.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.06



Base Camp Day

Tue 05 Jan — Project: Rocketeers Space Academy

Report for Space Academy training! Build, create, play and explore through astronaut challenges, cosmic games, drama missions and a space-themed immersive art board. Train like a cadet and discover a universe of fun and imagination!

Full Fee $114.56 | After Max. CCS* $11.46

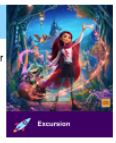


Project

Wed 06 Jan — Adventure: Disney's Hexed

Unlock a world of magic in Disney's Hexed, where an impulsive and unconventional teenager named Billie discovers secret magical abilities which, once unleashed, hurtle her from suburbia into Hexe, a vast and spectacular witch realm.

Full Fee $139.86 | After Max. CCS* $13.99

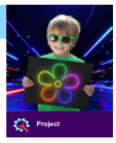


Excursion

Thu 07 Jan — Project: Neon Dreams

Light up your creativity! Design and build your own neon light board, then watch your glowing masterpiece shine bright in a burst of colour.

Full Fee $107.56 | After Max. CCS* $10.76

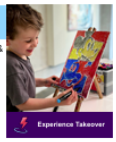


Project

Fri 08 Jan — Experience Takeover: Pop Art Legends

Shine like an artist! A special guest from Sossy & Canvas is coming to help you create a bold pop art masterpiece using colourful designs and dazzling foil effects.

Full Fee $116.56 | After Max. CCS* $11.66



Experience Takeover

Mon 11 Jan — Project: Disc Dash

Aim, throw, and score! Test your disc golf skills, then design your own awesome frisbee to take home and keep the fun flying.

Full Fee $110.56 | After Max. CCS* $11.06



Project

Tue 12 Jan — Special Event: Scrumptious Summer at Grill'd

Step behind the counter, unleash your inner chef and craft your very own delicious burger from bun to bite in this hands-on food experience packed with flavour and fun!

Full Fee $138.06 | After Max. CCS* $13.81

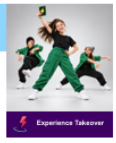


Excursion

Wed 13 Jan — Experience Takeover: K-Pop Power Crew Challenge

Form your crew and own the ring! A special guest from Star Time is coming with K-pop-inspired moves, power challenges and team missions as you prepare for an epic Crew Battle.

Full Fee $117.51 | After Max. CCS* $11.75



Experience Takeover

Thu 14 Jan — Adventure: Arcadia Fest at Timezone

Ready, player one? Let's enjoy ourselves to the max as we play a Smörgåsbord of our favourite arcade games, including the new, the classic and the totally awesome!

Full Fee $140.06 | After Max. CCS* $14.01

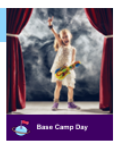


Excursion

Fri 15 Jan — Operation: Centre Stage

The spotlight is waiting! Share your talents, celebrate what makes you unique, and discover new ways to shine from centre stage.

Full Fee $80.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.06



Base Camp Day

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*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, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

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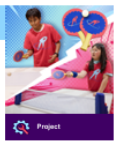
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Phone: 0424 454 961 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:30 pm

Mon 18 Jan — Project: Table Tennis Titans

Serve, spin, and smash your way through exciting table tennis matches, then take home your very own table tennis set to keep the rallies going!

Full Fee $114.84 | After Max. CCS* $11.48

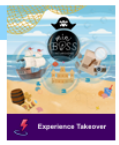


Project

Tue 19 Jan — Adventure: Treasure Tide Quest at Mini Boss

Set sail for an ocean-sized challenge! Explore the Beach Bonanza, tackle the Island Shipwreck and crack the Pirate's Treasure Mystery through teamwork, puzzles and adventure.

Full Fee $146.66 | After Max. CCS* $14.67



Experience Takeover

Wed 20 Jan — Project: Tastes of Summer

Adventure awaits! Choose your own path through fun games, outdoor adventures, and creative activities. Then settle in for a relaxed picnic day, complete with delicious food made right here in your Base Camp.

Full Fee $108.56 | After Max. CCS* $10.86



Project

Thu 21 Jan — Experience Takeover: Heroes & Legends

Choose your destiny! A special guest from Party Higher is bringing wireless headphones, music, dancing, puzzles and epic team missions in an immersive fairy tale adventure.

Full Fee $120.56 | After Max. CCS* $12.06

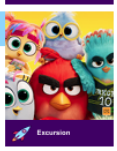


Experience Takeover

Fri 22 Jan — Adventure: The Angry Birds 3

Get ready for feathers flying, laughter soaring and plenty of pig-powered chaos as your favourite flock returns for another hilarious mission packed with action, surprises and fun in The Angry Birds Movie 3.

Full Fee $139.86 | After Max. CCS* $13.99

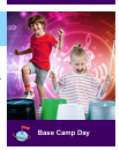


Excursion

Mon 25 Jan — Operation: Beat Brigade

Turn up the volume and join the band! Clap, stomp, shake, and groove your way through a day filled with rhythm, creativity, and musical fun.

Full Fee $80.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.06



Base Camp Day

Wed 27 Jan — Operation: The LEGO® 100 Challenge

Are you up for the LEGO 100 Challenge? Grab your mates and take on all 100 build challenges. From easy through to the legendary expert builder challenges. Do you have what it takes? Plus, go back to school in style with your brand new LEGO pencil!

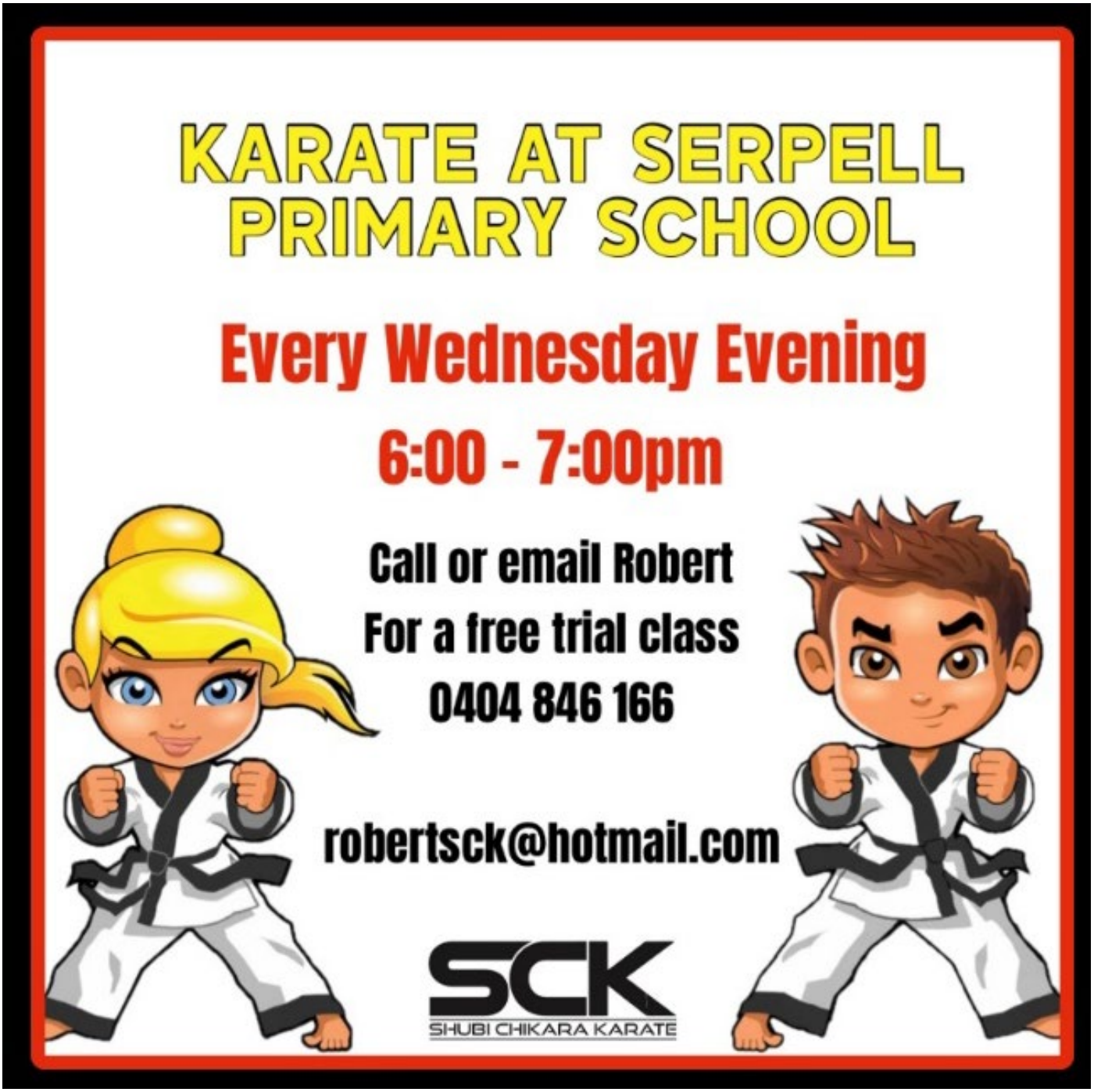
Full Fee $85.56 | After Max. CCS* $8.56



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