# Serpell Primary School
## NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 24th November 2026

## DIARY

***Friday 27th November***
School Disco
Year 6 3D Printing Competition

***Monday 30th November***
Bupa Aged Care Visit

***Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December***
Year 6 Camp Howqua

***Friday 4th December***
Year 5 Orchestra Visit to Arcare

***Tuesday 8th December***
Transition to 2027 Classes (10-11am)

***Monday 14th December***
Awards Presentation Assembly (9:30am)

***Wednesday 16th December***
Christmas Assembly (Time TBC)
Student Reports via XUNO

***Thursday 17th December***
Year 6 Graduation Assembly (Time TBC)
**Last Day of Term 4 (3:30pm Finish)**
Year 6 Graduation

***Thursday 28th January 2027***
Start of Term 1 (Years 1 – 6)

***Thursday 4th February 2027***
First Day of Prep

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# From the Principal

### CELEBRATING DIWALI – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Our assembly was filled with colour, culture and celebration as students shared a wonderful Diwali presentation in honour of the Festival of Lights. We were incredibly proud of our talented public speakers and performers who brought the celebration to life, sharing the traditions and significance of Diwali with our school community. A special thank you to Sue Wuttke for her wonderful organisation of the event, and to our families for the beautiful traditional attire worn by our students, adding such vibrancy and colour to the celebration.









### CRAZY HAIR DISCO – GET READY TO DANCE!

Get ready for a day of fun, music and dancing at our Crazy Hair Disco on Friday 27th November! It's time to get creative to show off your wildest hairdos and hit the dance floor with your friends for some disco fun. Parents, a reminder to jump onto the My School App and purchase a ticket if you haven't already. Serpell students, start planning your crazy hair and get ready to dance! I'll see you on the dance floor!

### END-OF-YEAR EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

As we approach the end of another busy school year, there are several important events and celebrations on our calendar. Please take note of the dates below to help you plan for the final weeks of the school year.

Tuesday 8th December – Transition to 2027 Classes
At 10.00 a.m., students will spend an hour in their 2027 classrooms, meeting their new teacher and classmates and participating in activities designed to help them feel comfortable, confident and prepared for the year ahead. Later that morning, new class lists will be shared with families via Xuno. We encourage parents to support their children in becoming familiar with their new class, including recognising classmates beyond their friendship groups. Providing students with time to adjust, build connections and become comfortable with upcoming changes is an important part of supporting a positive transition into the 2027 school year.

Monday 14th December – Awards Presentation Assembly | 9.30 a.m.
We invite families to join us for our Awards Presentation Assembly in the stadium for Years 2 - 6, where we will recognise and celebrate the academic, sporting and personal achievements of our students. Awards will include ICAS medals, Science Talent Search awards, Australian Maths Competition achievements, sporting awards and a range of certificates. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with our families and grandparents. We have scheduled the assembly for the morning to avoid any warmer temperatures later in the day.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Assembly | (Time TBC)
Our whole-school Christmas Assembly will bring students from Prep to Year 6 together for a festive day of Christmas songs, student performances and celebration. Families are warmly invited to join us as we enjoy this special end-of-year tradition.

Wednesday 16th December – Student Reports
Semester 2 student reports will be distributed electronically via Xuno. We encourage families to take the time to read through their child's report and celebrate their learning, progress and achievements throughout the semester. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's report, please contact their classroom teacher.

Thursday 17th December – Year 6 Graduation Assembly | (Time TBC)
We look forward to coming together to farewell our Year 6 students at a special Graduation Assembly in the stadium. This will be an opportunity for the whole school community to celebrate our graduating students and reflect on their time at Serpell. A selection of items from the formal graduation ceremony, held later that evening, will be shared with the school. All families are welcome to attend.

## YEAR 6 VISIT TO THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

Last Wednesday, our Year 6 students enjoyed a meaningful excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance, extending their classroom learning about Remembrance Day and developing a deeper understanding of Australia's history and connections with countries around the world. The students explored the Shrine's fascinating displays and historical artefacts, as well as taking part in a walking tour of the surrounding grounds. It was a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on the significance of remembrance and the contributions and sacrifices of those who have served.



*Kristele Efthimiou*
*Acting Principal*

## CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

A reminder to existing and new holders of a Commonwealth Government Health Care Card that you will need to complete a new application form for 2027 and provide a copy of your valid Health Care Card to the office before 11th December 2026. Health Care Cards must be valid on the first day of the school year (27th January 2027) to be eligible to receive the CSEF benefit.

The CSEF benefit can only be allocated to Excursions, Incursions, Camps and Swimming. It cannot be used for Books and the Voluntary Parent Contribution. Please see the 2027 CSEF Application Form on XUNO. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

## ORCHESTRA

| **Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule** | |
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| Friday 27th November | Year 5 Only |
| Friday 4th December | No Orchestra |
| Friday 11th December | All Orchestra (Last Rehearsal for 2026) |

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers who support the Orchestra at rehearsals and performances. I couldn't do it without you! See you all next year.

*Miss Wuttke*

## LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to all parents, if uniform items and personal property have a name on them, they will be returned to your child's class.
Any items without a name that cannot be returned will be donated to the second-hand uniform shop.

## 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*

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

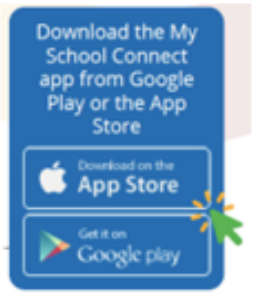
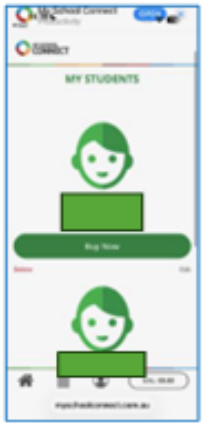
Our School Disco and Crazy Hair Day are taking place this Friday 27th November, and we are looking for a few more volunteers to help ensure the event runs smoothly.

If you are available to assist on the day, even for a short period of time, we would greatly appreciate your support. Your help makes these events possible and helps create a fun and memorable experience for all students.
Please sign up through the My School Connect app or let us know if you can volunteer. Thank you for your support.



## Serpell Primary School
## Parents' Association Fundraising App

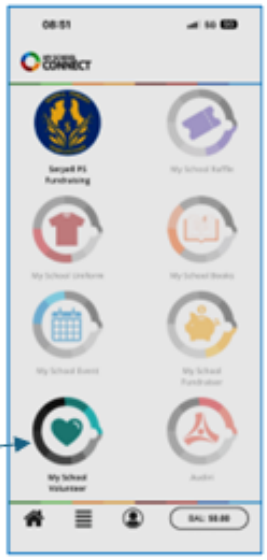
**Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:**
https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register?t=parent

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<td>Step 1.<br>Download the My School Connect app from your app store or visit</td>
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<td>Step 2.<br>Create your account & register your Serpell student/s</td>
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<td>Step 4.<br>Select Disco<br><br>Step 5.<br>Select number of tickets @ $7 each</td>
<td>Step 6.<br>For each ticket, write your child's full name and class<br><br>Step 7.<br>Pay</td>
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<td colspan="4">The Disco will be held during school time on Friday 27th November in the Stadium</td>
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# Serpell Primary School
# Parents' Association Fundraising App
# EVENT VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTIONS

**Follow these quick & easy steps to get started:**

https://myschoolconnect.com.au/register?t=parent

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| **Step 1.**<br>Log in to your 'My School Connect' app<br><br>Select the 'My School Volunteer' icon at the bottom of the screen |  | **Step 2.**<br>My Rosters page will appear.<br>You can now select 'View * sign-up' |  |
| **Step 3.**<br>Select the 'Sign up' time you are able to volunteer and complete the details.<br><br>*Remember to include your Working With Children Check number* |  | **Step 4.**<br>You will receive an automated reminder 7 days prior to the event and another reminder 2 days prior to the event. | |

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# Newsletter

Date: 17/11/2026



**A Message from your Service Leader**

**Dear families,**

We hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Term 4 and are excited as we approach the end of 2026. There is plenty happening at the service as we prepare for the end of the school year.

Our Service Leader, **Farnaz**, is currently on leave and is expected to return in January. In the meantime, **Amy, Hima, and Bonnie** will be available to support families and children during her absence. Please don't hesitate to speak with them if you have any questions or require assistance.

We are also pleased to announce that bookings for our **Rocketeer Program** are now open. We encourage families to secure their bookings early to avoid missing out.
As part of our end-of-year review process, we are currently updating children's medical documentation. If you receive a text message from us regarding your child's medical records, please visit the service as soon as possible to review and sign the required documents.

**A friendly reminder**: Children can only be collected by individuals listed as authorised nominees on their enrolment record. If a family member or friend is not listed as an authorised person, we will be unable to release your child into their care. Please ensure your authorised nominee details are up to date to avoid any inconvenience in the future.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to finishing the year with many more exciting experiences and celebrations with the children.

**Warm regards,**
**Serpell Primary Camp Australia Team**

**Activities Coming Up**

- Relax Like a Jellyfish
- Emotions Painting
- Calming Booklet

**What's on the Menu?**

Jam Sandwiches

Pasta

Avocado Salad

Your OSHC.

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

ROCKETEERS

# Bulleen Templestowe Basketball Club

## Junior Community League (Spring 2026)

Results 16 Nov - 19 Nov

| | SERPELL TEAM | SCORE | | OPPONENT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1/2 Girls | **Serpell Shimmer** | **7** | 0 | Mariners - Sparkling Bears |
| | Serpell Swans | 6 | **25** | **OLOP Shooting Stars** |
| 1/2 Boys | Serpell Slam Dunk | 8 | **15** | **THPS SAINTS** |
| | Serpell Skyhawks | 10 | **11** | **OLOP Hawks** |
| | **Serpell Super Pikachu Power** | **17** | 11 | Serpell Super Sonic |
| | Serpell Spartans | 9 | **10** | **Birralee Bears** |
| | Serpell Super Sonic | 11 | **17** | **Serpell Super Pikachu Power** |
| 3/4 Girls | **Serpell Stars** | **26** | 9 | Marwal Magic 2 |
| 3/4 Boys | Serpell Sevens | 21 | **33** | **Birralee Blazers** |
| | **Serpell Samurai** | **18** | 2 | OLOP Raptors |
| | **Serpell Shooters** | **32** | 18 | Mariners - SC Sonics |
| | **Serpell Scorpions** | **26** | 10 | Birralee Burgers |
| | **Serpells Seekers** | **10** | 0 | THPS PHOENIX |
| 5/6 Girls | **Serpell Snipers** | **41** | 2 | Serpell Storm |
| | **Serpell Storm** | **2** | 41 | Serpell Snipers |
| 5/6 Boys | Serpell Spiders | Bye | | |
| | **Serpell Savages** | **59** | 2 | Temp Valley Dragons |

# VICTORIAN SCHOOLS
## ONLINE ORDERS
## END OF YEAR UNIFORM DELIVERY TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD

**2026/2027 SUMMER BREAK**

**8 DEC**
**FINAL DELIVERY TO SCHOOL ORDERS**
need to be placed by Tuesday 8th December
**LAST DESPATCH TO SCHOOL**
Wednesday 9th December
Uniform items required prior to school returning in January should be ordered by 8th December for free delivery. Alternatively, home delivery service is available during the break. (charges apply)

**11 DEC**
**LAST DELIVERY TO SCHOOL FOR 2026**
Friday 11th December (approx ETA)
There is no uniform delivery to school in the last week of term.

**BREAK**
**HOLIDAY BREAK**
Please refer to our website for Spartan School World Christmas closure dates. spartanschoolworld.com.au
Delivery to School orders placed during the break will be held for despatch when school reopens

**29 JAN**
**FIRST 2027 DESPATCH TO SCHOOL**
Wednesday 27th January
**FIRST 2027 DELIVERY TO SCHOOL**
Friday 29th January (approx ETA)

**During the Holidays**
**SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD STORES**
Trading as normal (except during Christmas Closure period)
Extended January hours available (please refer website)
**HOME DELIVERY / CLICK & COLLECT**
Available as normal (except during Christmas Closure, refer website)
Home Delivery. Your order will be despatched within 48 hrs. Please allow 3 -4 additional days for Australia Post delivery

Need Help? Please contact us at:
onlineorders@spartanss.com.au

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- Years 1 - 6
- Library
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# 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**



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