

26th June 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN

Parents and teachers share the legal responsibility for children. When children are at school, the school takes on the responsibility of parents. In recent times, a focus on Child Safe policies and practices as well as community concern has highlighted this legal issue. We need to know exactly where our children are and who is responsible for them at all times. With this in mind, new policies have been instigated across Victoria.

From the beginning of Term 3 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence.

Save this number! Our school uses SMS/text to contact parents/carers as soon as practical on the day on an unexplained student absence.

Save these numbers 0419 922 576 and 0419 364 597 into your phone so you know it is the school contacting you if you receive a text. You can reply with a return text with a brief reason for your child's absence – **please do not ring these numbers.**

STUDENT REPORTS

All students will receive their mid year reports this coming Thursday. The students are to be congratulated on a strong half year's work and I would also like to thank our wonderful teachers for the time and professional skill spent on the very detailed information included in those documents. If you have any concerns with your child's progress, please make an appointment to see the class teacher.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

School will break for vacation this coming Friday 29th 2.30pm and resume on Monday 16th July at 9am. I wish everyone a very happy and relaxing break.

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

I was very excited to see the amazing Microsoft Word skills from these Year 2 students. Their formatting skills are incredible. In addition to working with text, students showcased their ability to, insert pictures, photos, objects and use of keyboard shortcuts to copy and paste data.

Well done, an outstanding achievement!



Mr Kotsiras

ABSENCE REPORTING



Please ring to report your child's absence before 9:00am on the day of absence.

This will ensure that parents and the school are confident of where the children are at all times.

Ring the school phone number – 9842 8182
Press 1 – Report a Child's Absence

Clearly state your child's first and last name, their class and brief reason for their absence.

Please remember to make sure you ring even if your child is going to be late for school.

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

DISTRICT FINAL - GIRLS' TEEBALL

Well done to the girls' Blue tee ball team for winning the Templestowe District final last Thursday against Warrandyte PS.

The girls went through the season undefeated. They have trained up to 3 times a week and worked hard to improve their glove work, batting skills and team play and strategies. They will now play against the winner of the Doncaster Division early next term in their push towards the regional finals. We all done girls!

Lola Hughes - Coach



EASTERN REGION CROSS COUNTRY

Last Tuesday afternoon, Sienna Rowe, Maisie Henson and Olivia May represented Serpell / Templestowe District / Manningham Division at the Eastern Region Cross Country Finals, at Yarra Glen Racecourse.

Running was considerably harder following the weekend's rain, yet all the girls ran well in a fast field of up to 90 children. Sienna finished 2nd in the U10's, Olivia 31st in the U11's and poor Maisie was unable to finish following a trampling on the course half way around.

Advancing to the State finals in July will be Sienna. We wish her the best of luck!

**Lola Hughes -
Cross Country
Coach**



YEAR 2 & 3 CONCERT

The Year 2 & 3 Concert "HIT'S THROUGH THE AGES" will be held at the Besen Centre, Mt Scopas College on Thursday 2nd August at 7:00pm.

Tickets need to be purchased from our online booking site through 'Try Bookings'.

Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/WGRK>

Ticket sales open on Wednesday 18th July at 9:30am and close Friday 27th July at 7:00pm. The cost of tickets is \$15.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child (2-12).

To enable all families to enjoy the concert, ticket sales are limited to 4 per family.

If there are any remaining tickets after the 27th July, they will be open for everyone to purchase extra.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CHILD PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT DOES NOT REQUIRE A TICKET

PHILOSOTHON

Primary Philosothon at the NGV

What an incredible time we had last Friday at the Ian Potter Centre – National Gallery of Victoria. Nine insightful and courageous Grade 4 philosophers worked alongside 100 students from different Victorian schools to see, think, feel, ask, wonder and inquire into *big ideas* such as inclusivity & exclusivity, perspectives and points of view, story and narrative as told through art, as well as the contested concept of rights and responsibilities. What struck me was the empathic connections and understandings our students made with the different art and messages that we explored. I could not be prouder of this bunch of great young thinkers. The future looks bright.



Mr Stephens

SERPPELL BASKETBALL CLUB

Last week 1/2 BOYS Serpell Super Snipers played in the Preliminary Final, they were defeated by Ivanhoe 14 to 6

This week is Grand-final week for the primary basketball competition.

Congratulations to the teams below who competed in **Grand Finals** last night.

- **5/6 BOYS RUNNERS UP – Division A** - Serpell 76ers (38) vs Temp Park Lindrea (39)



- **5/6 GIRLS RUNNERS UP – Division B** - Serpell Star Shooters (27) vs St Gregs Ireland(50)



5/6 BOYS WINNERS Division B Grade - Serpell Scorchers (36) vs Boroondara Bulls (34)

DIARY

Fri 29 th	Jun	Last Day of Term – 2:30pm Finish
Mon 16 th	Jul	1 st Day of Term 3
Thur 2 nd	Aug	Year 2 & 3 Concert – 7pm 'Hits Through The Ages'
Fri 31 st	Aug	Annual Father's Day Breakfast
Fri 7 th	Sep	40 th Anniversary Movie & Food Truck Celebration
Mon 5 th	Nov	Curriculum Day – No School
Tue 6 th	Nov	Melbourne Cup Day – No School

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

Well, it's nearly a wrap for Term 2, and I'm pleased to report we're on track to meet this year's fundraising target!

Looking back...It's been a full and eventful term which included our inaugural *Mother's Day Breakfast*, annual *Mother's Day stall*, Coles rewards program and commencement of our *Popcorn Fundraiser*.

Our huge team of PA volunteers have also been ensuring that everything has been ticking like clockwork for sushi day, the 2nd hand uniform shop, the class rep program, scholastic books, school banking, laundry, lost property, and walk to school etc. All these responsibilities and fundraising initiatives cannot run without the dedication and hard work of our team leaders and volunteers so a huge **Thank You to you all!**

School banking has alone contributed \$1634 to our fundraising this year – so thanks **Cheri Lam** and your team for doing a fabulous job each Tuesday! Just by mentioning Serpell to **Rebel Sport** when you make a purchase, we have so far received a credit of \$1,172. \$200 of this has gone into purchasing prizes for the *Walk to School* raffle.

Looking beyond...Next term we'll be hosting our annual *Father's Day* breakfast, 40th *Anniversary* celebration and all the other community and ongoing fundraising activities mentioned above!

Raffle Prized needed!!

We're looking to families and friends to contribute prizes to our 40th **Anniversary** celebration to award at the **Outdoor Movie and Food Truck night** to be held on our School oval on 7 September. Sought-after new goods and services include ...

Planning is well under way, so please contact Christine

... beauty/spa therapy treatments, restaurant vouchers, sporting and event tickets, cooking classes, home cleaning services, gym vouchers, car detailing services, jewellery, IT gadgets, bottles of wine, chocolates, hampers, or any gift vouchers you think families would love to win! Also, flowers would be greatly appreciated too!

vp.serpell@gmail.com with your suggestions and donations. We're anticipating the **Food Truck and Movie** night to be a stellar evening to remember...so all your donations will help make it an even more successful and exciting event!

Stay warm & safe, and have a wonderful well-deserved school break!

Entertainment Books

New books are now available! You can purchase them from the school office or order a digital one (or renew your current subscription which has now expired) by visiting:

www.entbook.com.au/187k512

It's \$70 per book and each purchase through the school contributes \$14 to our fundraising efforts!



Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, violin, here at Serpell Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

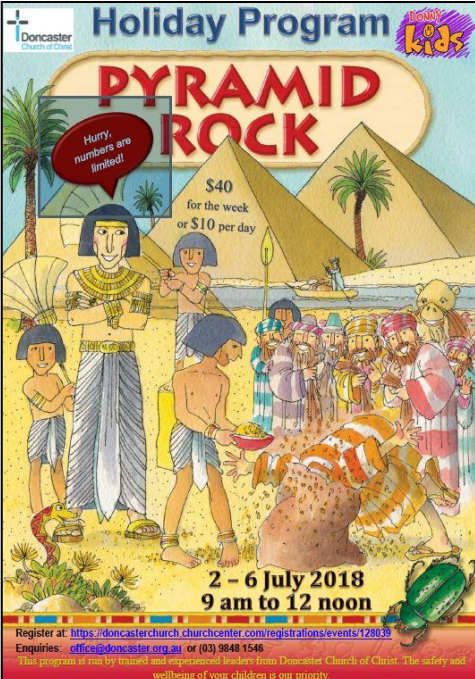
Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from \$17.90 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3, 2018.

Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 or email swee@creativemusic.com.au

 **CreativeMusic**
www.creativemusic.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Doncaster Church of Christ **Holiday Program** **Joey's Kids**

PYRAMID ROCK

Hurry, numbers are limited!

\$40 for the week or \$10 per day

2 - 6 July 2018
9 am to 12 noon

Register at: <https://doncasterchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/12803>
Enquiries: office@doncaster.org.au or (03) 9848 1546

This program is run by trained and experienced leaders from Doncaster Church of Christ. The safety and wellbeing of your children is our priority.

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