

13th February 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS TODAY

Today we are holding the elections for the 2018 School Captains. At Serpell, we take civic responsibility and learning about democracy very seriously. Students are nominated by their peers, make election speeches and then go through a formal secret ballot, preferential voting system. This year we have 20 boys and 17 girls nominated for the positions. This is a wonderful tribute to each of these students and they are to be congratulated on their nominations. Next week we will use the same process to elect our House Captains and then our Junior School Council.

PREP 2019 ENROLMENT OPEN

Enrolment for Prep 2019 is now open. Enrolment preference is given to families for whom we are the closest school, families of present or past students and residents of the City of Manningham (limited vacancies in this final category.). So that we can determine how many places we can support beyond the first two categories, we would ask that current families with Preps for next year collect a form at their convenience and return it to school. The following school tour dates are available for parents to tour the school:

Wednesday 14 th February	10am
Friday 23 rd February	10am
Thursday 1 st March	10am
Thursday 8 th March	10am
Friday 16 th March	10am
Friday 23 rd March	10am
Wednesday 28 th March	10am
Saturday 12 th May	9am – 11am

INVITATION TO OUR ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are held each Monday afternoon in order for the students to pay respect to the traditional owners of the land, sing the National Anthem, receive certificates and

awards for excellence, share information about school events and perform musical items. Please come along and join us. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us in the stadium as follows:

Years 2 and 3	2pm
Years Prep and 1	2.30pm
Years 4, 5 & 6	3pm

We also conduct whole school assemblies regularly. The first whole school assembly will be held on **Monday 26th February at 2.30pm**. This will be a special Luna New Year assembly, so please come along for the fun.

PREP & YEAR 1 CONCERT – 11th MAY 7pm

This Friday the Prep and Year 1 students will commence a weekly music and movement program with a company called Footsteps. The program involves movement and dance, choreography, response to rhythm, and enjoyment of music. The ten weekly lessons will culminate on **Friday 11th May** at the Prep/Year 1 school concert, to be held at the Besen Centre, Station St Burwood from 7pm – 9pm. Details about tickets will be sent later, but please mark the date in your diary. **The concert dates for Year 2 and 3 are Thursday 2nd August and Year 4 and 5 Friday 14th September.**



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- Select the 'Search' icon and type in Serpell Primary.
- Click on the 'Add' icon on the communication groups that apply to you.

You will find the latest issue of the newsletter, canteen price list, uniform price list, absence note pro forma, information and reminders about upcoming sporting or excursion events.

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK FOR VOLUNTEERS

Working with Children Checks are required for all of our school volunteers. We ask all parents who are assisting in the school with students to provide documentation to the General Office of their suitability to **volunteer** in our school. This includes if you would like to attend excursions, assist in the classroom, and assist with sporting events or swimming.

A Working with Children Check is easily obtained by going to: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

You can also go to your local post office, collect a form and lodge your application there. **There is no fee for Volunteers.** Please note that a volunteer can commence work in a school when they provide a receipt as proof they have applied for a WWC Check with the Department of Justice.

Kristele Kluge
Assistant Principal

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Parent Helpers - If you would like to assist me in the Uniform Shop from 8:30am – 10am on Tuesday mornings, your help would be much appreciated.

Duties include – serving parents at the counter and taking payment.

Depending on the number of helpers I get, you may only need to help out once a month or hopefully only once a term.

Please ring the Office on 9842 8182 and leave your name and number so I can put together a Roster for Term 1.

Year 6 Rugby Jumpers

A note to parents who ordered a size 14 or 16 Rugby Jumper for their child, we are still waiting on another delivery of more stock.

Thank you
Wendy Mansell - Uniform Shop Manager

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Please note: Book club orders are due this Friday, 16th February.

Sorry, but no orders can be accepted after this day.

From next term, no cash or cheque orders will be accepted – you can only order online using a credit card.

PARENT CLASSROOM HELPER PROGRAM

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CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN EARLY YEARS LITERACY LEARNING: Morning sessions Term 1

Parent training sessions for the Classroom Helpers program will be offered on a Wednesday morning this term. These sessions are designed around the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. If you are interested in assisting in the Prep, Year One or Year Two classrooms, attendance at the four training sessions is essential. If you would like to learn more about the way your child learns literacy skills, you are most welcome to attend. **There are four sessions each of approximately 90 minutes duration. You must commit to the whole four sessions.**

The following sessions will be held this term:

Wednesday 21st of February

Wednesday 28th of February

Wednesday 7th of March

Wednesday 14th of March

Time: 9:15 – 10:45am

Location: Staff Centre Administration building

No pre-school children please.

Please fill out the return slip below if you are interested in attending this Literacy Education Program and return it to the school office. We will be in contact with you before the workshops begin to confirm that we have sufficient numbers to run these classes.

Mia REID
Literacy Support Teacher

Please return slip below to office

Parent Classroom Helper Program Sessions

I would like to attend the Parent Classroom Helper Program sessions this term.

Please print:

Name:

Child's name:.....

Child's teacher:.....

email address:

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

We had a very successful AGM last week. One parent wrote afterwards and said, "I would have encouraged more parents to attend had known how informative it would be!"

I've decide to continue in my role as President and I'm delighted to report that the following Committee positions for 2018 have been filled:

Vice-President: Christine Shihata
Secretary: Yvonne Cham
Treasurer: Juvan Lee

We are very fortunate that most of our co-ordinators for this year's events and activities have also been filled!

The only major position to fill is our **Walk to School** co-ordinator. It's an important program for our kids to learn about road/traffic safety. Please apply if you are interested.

Thanks for all those volunteers who have generously agreed to help the PA to make it an even more successful and engaging year!



Serpell Primary has registered to be involved with Coles Sport for Schools Fundraiser. For every \$10 spent in Coles, you receive one ticket and these tickets will go towards new sporting equipment for our school. It is a great opportunity to help enrich the sports program our children are involved with. We will be getting a collection box to be put in the front of Coles at The Pines and Donvale (Tunstall Square). However, these will not be delivered for another fortnight so we request those who collect tickets to please pass them onto the office. There will also be a collection box located in the front foyer within the next week. We appreciate all your support and patience.

Yvette Kwei
President, Parents' Association
president.serpell@gmail.com

DIARY

Thur 15 th	Feb	2nd Hand Uniform Sales 9:00am in the canteen foyer
Fri 16 th	Feb	Scholastic Book Club Orders Due today
Wed 21 st	Feb	Parent Helper Course - Session 1 9:30 – 11:00am Staffroom
Fri 23 rd	Feb	Yr 4/5/6 District Swimming Carnival
Mon 26 th	Feb	Whole School Assembly – 2:30pm Chinese Cultural Celebration
Wed 28 th	Feb	Parent Helper Course - Session 2 9:30 – 11:00am Staffroom

2018 Class Representatives Still Needed

Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered to be Class Rep this year for your child's class, however, we still need more Class Reps. If you have a child in any of the following classes, please consider being a class rep as it is a very easy role that hardly takes up any time.

PAA, PDR, PNA, POA, PSD, PTH;
 1BW, 1CK, 1KK, 1LK;
 2JT, 2LF, 2MP, 2MR, 2SK, 2VP;
 3CL, 3DB, 3KB, 3LZ, 3RC, 3RM;
 4CP, 4CS, 4JD, 4JR, 4MM;
 5JH, 5KD, 5JS, 5NT, 5RK, 5SC; and
 6JK, 6KS, 6SS.

If you would like to volunteer, please e-mail Melissa Tung our Class Rep Coordinator at mhmchan@gmail.com with your name & phone number as well as your child's name & class.

Kind Regards,
Melissa Tung - Class Rep Coordinator

2nd HAND UNIFORM SALES

The Secondhand Uniform Sales will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 15th February in the canteen foyer.

Please bring small demoninations of cash (eg. \$2 \$5 \$10 or \$20).

Sales are cash only.

Thank you

SERPELL BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 10th February 2018

U11 Boys	Coyotes 55	Storm 5
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U9 Boys	Stars 10	Birralee Bulls 8



COMMUNITY NOTICES

1st Templestowe Scout Group

Templestowe Reserve, Porter Street, Templestowe



We have fun developing young people into strong, capable and independent individuals.

New friends and fun



Interested?

Contact Mignon Hogan
Mob 0448 552 173
Email: g1.templestowe1st@vicscouts.asn.au

Joey Scouts: Boys and Girls aged 5 – 7.

Cub Scouts: Boys and Girls aged 8 – 11.
Monday nights: 7.00 – 8.30 p.m.

Scouts: Boys and Girls aged 10 ½ - 14.
Tuesday nights: 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.



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