

5th September, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ICAS SCIENCE MEDAL WINNERS

We are very excited to announce that three Serpell students were successful in securing International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Science Medals for 2017. In each case the student achieved a perfect score – which is a very admirable achievement. The students will receive their medals at a special ceremony later in the year. Since two of the winners came from 4MM, it would seem that Mrs Masik has not lost her touch! I did ask the boys what special hints they had and they told me that Mrs Masik said that in Science, the importance of analysing the diagrams carefully for information is essential.

Congratulations to:

Tommy Chu 4MM
Joshua Loh 4MM
Charan Sukumar 6SS

BRILLIANT FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you to the Parents Association for their outstanding Fathers' Day breakfast last Friday. Catering for more than 1000 people is a challenge that not many people would take on – but our PA certainly did and what a brilliant job they did of it! It was wonderful to see multiple generations of families enjoying chatting to friends



and meeting their children's friends and teachers. I personally enjoy catching up with the Dads and Grandfathers each year and getting footy tips for the finals. Primary school days are so special and we all appreciate the PA for making an opportunity for us to celebrate together.

WILMA CULTON

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday the 18th September and Tuesday 19th September.

Interview bookings will open at 5:00pm today, Tuesday 5th September.

Instructions for logging on and booking your child's parent teacher interview will be sent home today with the newsletter. This is a really important opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers (both classroom and specialists) to discuss learning progress and goals for term 4. Interviews will be limited to ten minutes per child. If this time is insufficient a further appointment should be organised with your child's teacher.

If you require assistance with the booking procedure please come into the office for assistance. Please note bookings close **Wednesday 13th September at 2 pm.**

If you require an interpreter for your Parent Teacher Interview please contact the office and we can organise one for your time.



[Book School Interviews Online](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book)

To create a booking visit:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book>

Enter the school event code: **rsu9x** then enter your details at the prompts, choose your child's teacher and then the time that suits you best.

Costa Kotsiras

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Social Action Fundraiser- RSPCA



The RSPCA is an independent, non-government community-based charity providing animal care and protection services

Next **Wednesday, the 13th of September**, Serpell students and staff will participate in two activities to support the RSPCA. RSPCA Cupcake Day gathers bakers from across the nation to make a stand for animal welfare. Absolutely 100 per cent of funds raised through baking efforts will help rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome the 135,000 animals that come through RSPCA shelters every year. The staff here at Serpell will participate through Cupcake Day at recess time.

However, to coincide with this special fundraiser all students are invited to come to **school dressed up as an animal**. Please forward a **\$2.00 donation**.

Social Action Members have suggested the following:

- dress up
- wear an animal mask
- dress in the colour of an animal eg. all in brown, like a brown dog
- wear an animal onesie
- wear a headband that can have animal ears attached to it
- a nose attachment
- face painted eg. whiskers can be drawn on
- a beanie that has animal ears attached
- wear a furry scarf

Please join in and help us make a difference! It will be a great day!

The Social Action Committee



**SIGN UP FOR FLEXIBUZZ
TODAY**

Over **698** people have signed up to the free Flexibuzz app and have already started receiving communications from the school.

As soon as you sign up, choose the Year Level/s relevant to your family. You can then immediately access the latest newsletter and have quick access to your year level blog. You will receive timely reminders for whole school events and activities relevant to your year level.

If you need another sign-up flyer, please see the office. There is also a flyer available in Mandarin.

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT

5/6 Hooptime Basketball

5 teams represented Serpell at the 5/6 Hooptime Basketball Round Robin held at the Maroondah Basketball Stadium on Monday 4th September.

The All Star boys (1) team went through the tournament undefeated but had many close finishes and both finals went to extra time. In a thrilling Grand Final Serpell won in extra time when Ming Zhou threw a 3 pointer with Serpell hanging on in the last minute to win. An excellent effort with all the boys displaying great teamwork in pressure situations. ***This team will go to divisional finals; Jaykob White, Jeffery Hann, Ming Zhou, Andre Pauli, Cohen Tenson, Greg Sardelis, Sam Niemes, Adam Halabi and Isaac Ma.***

The Serpell (2) team played in the top division and won 1 game. The All Star girl's team impressed during the tournament but missed out playing finals.

The Future Stars Steelers had an excellent tournament losing one preliminary game and narrowly missing out on the final four. Their consolation game was one convincingly. Highlight of the day was a late goal by Bijan in the dying seconds to snatch a victory in their fourth match.

The Future Starts Suns won 2 matches in the tournament and were competitive.

Thank you to Mr Kinder for his coaching and assistance leading up to the tournament and Ben Cox who helped coach the Serpell (2) team and the many parents who assisted and scored during the day.

Everyone had a most enjoyable and exciting day.

Graham Matthews

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Just a reminder that if your child is absence from school for any reason, it is a Department of Education requirement that the school receives notification in writing.

Please make sure you include the child's full name, class, dates absent and a brief reason why.

The note must be signed by a parent/guardian.

e.g. Jack Smith
4JO
1/9/17 – 5/9/17
Absent from school with a cold



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

By all accounts, I've heard that the Father's Day breakfast was a real success and the breakfast spread and barista coffee was enjoyed by many dads and granddads. I was overseas and sad to miss it this year.

A **BIG** thank you to Lillian King and Juvan Lee and all those volunteers who gave up their time and precious hours of sleep to make it very special for those who attended, including the kids! Too many mums and dads to list here, but you know who you are and we are grateful to you!

Our special thanks also go to:

PappaRich and **Blackball Chinatown** for providing gift vouchers

Bakers Delight for supplying the bread

Gus Cantone & family for the cakes

Beverly Hills JFC Club for the handball comp.

Natalie Lauder for the muesli mix and help on both days

Stephen Hull for photography

Mr Costa Kotsiras & our office staff

Congratulations to those who managed to snag a prize! We hope all you dads had a great Father's Day.

Yvette Kwei

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WOOLWORTHS 'EARN & LEARN' PROGRAM

We have had a steady collection to stickers thanks to our Serpell community! This program will end on the **19th September**. So please continue to collect stickers and pop them in at Serpell labelled Woolworths box provided at the Pines or at the School Office.

NEXT PA MEETING

A few people ask us if we could hold the PA meeting on a day other than Friday. We've taken note of this feedback and it will be held tomorrow (**Wednesday, 6 Sept**) from **2.30pm**. Please feel free to join us at the staffroom if you're available.



DIARY

Wed 6 th	Sept	Parent Association meeting – 2pm in the Staff Centre
Wed 6 th	Sept	Year 3/4 Hooptime Tournament Maroondah Basketball Stadium, Ringwood
Tues 12 th	Sept	Badminton Tournament
Wed 13 th	Sept	RPSCA fundraiser – \$2 coin donations
Mon 18 th	Sept	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tues 19 th	Sept	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 22nd	Sept	Last Day of Term – 2:30 Finish
Thur 21 st	Dec	Year 6 Graduation – 7pm
Fri 22 nd	Dec	Last Day of School Year – 1:30pm finish

2017 CAMP INSTALMENT DATES

YEAR 3

Balance: \$ 120 Tuesday 11th September

YEAR 4

1st \$ 95 Wednesday 13th September

2nd \$ 100 Wednesday 11th October

YEAR 5

1st \$ 100 Friday 15th September

2nd \$ 100 Friday 20th October

YEAR 6

1st \$ 95 Thursday 21st September

2nd \$ 100 Thursday 19th October

3rd \$ 100 Thursday 9th November

CAMP DATES

Year 3 Mon 23/10 – Tue 24/10 (or)
Tue 24/10 – Wed 25/10

Year 4 Mon 30/10 – Wed 1/11

Year 5 Wed 8/11 – Fri 10/11

Year 6 Tue 21/11 – Fri 24/11

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This week the weather is sounding cool and rainy, but rain will not impact on our fun. Indoor games, art, cooking, science and dancing is all part of our coping with the rain. We are hoping the weather will hold off for some outdoor fun and adventures. The children will be having a good time engaging with the start of Spring.

On Friday, 15th September, we will be having a fun footy day at after school care. Please watch this space to find out more about this special day.

School holidays will be here before we know if. Our booking for holiday club is now open online. The movies excursion is always a big hit for the children, this time we are heading off to see Captain Underpants first movie. We will be heading back in time having lots of fun with fossils and dinosaurs. Log on to the Camp Australia to see what fun awaits us at Serpell Holiday Club. Any questions please come and ask.

A special thank you to all the parents who are getting in touch with us to let us know that their child is not attending on a day that they have been booked in. It makes it easier for all of our staff to commence activities without having to locate those who have not arrived. **It is extremely important to notify us if your child is booked into our program but, for whatever reason, will not be attending.** We take full responsibility for your child when their name appears on our booking roll, therefore we must know where your child is. Failure to attend without notification results in our staff being taken away from the care of others in order to locate your child. We follow a very strict procedure in doing this, which can result in us contacting the Police in the event that we are unable to contact a parent, guardian or nominated collection person to verify a child's whereabouts.

If a 'last minute' decision is made for your child to attend our service, please be sure to contact us by phone or text so that we can expect their arrival. This assists us in providing the appropriate number of staff to ensure child / staff ratio is maintained. This is essential for the care and safety of all who attend our program. Thank you.

For a booking needs or changes please log on to www.campastralia.com.au to use your parent portal or to create a parent portal account.

**Have a great week,
Christine and educators
0424454961**

SERPELL NETBALL



Serpell Netball Club

Comets defeated Warrandyte 7 - 1
Meteors lost to Warrandyte 5 - 11
Jets lost to Eltham 18 - 22

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MISSING

IN TEMPLESTOWE AREA ANSWERS TO
THE NAME PRINCESS



Grey and White medium hair domes>c cat
Microchipped

Reward if found
Please contact Natalie 0416155267

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