

9th October 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STRONG PARENT OPINION SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the 124 families who responded to the 2018 Department of Education Parent Opinion Survey.

This survey helps us to monitor our school performance and plan for improvement.

We are very pleased to share with community that the parent perceptions of our school were very high and indicated improvement from 2017 in parent participation, teacher communication, school improvement and promoting positive behaviours.

The results for the positive responses are as follows:

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| General Satisfaction | 93% |
| Parent Participation | 86% |
| School Support | 83% |
| Teacher Communication | 73% |
| Physical Environment | 77% |
| School Improvement | 88% |
| School Pride | 90% |
| High Expectations | 93% |
| Student Motivation | 77% |
| Stimulating Environment | 83% |
| Effective Teaching | 83% |
| Student Voice | 79% |
| Confidence and Resilience | 86% |

AMAZING CHINA VISIT



The twelve students and three teachers involved in our China exchange program over the past three weeks have returned safely and full of confidence with amazing stories of their experiences in Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou and Shanghai. We are most grateful to the governments of Victoria and the Jiangsu province for their substantial support and to our sister school, the Jin Chang Foreign language Experimental School, Suzhou, for their hospitality, kindness, care and educational sharing.

WILMA CULTON

SUN SMART

Sun Smart Time

The Spring sunshine has arrived and we are reminding all families that it is a requirement from September that all students wear their school hats outside during school times. Our school Sun Smart policy extends to the 30th April 2019. Applying sunscreen protection in the morning prior to coming to school is highly recommended. Thank you for your support and let's have safe fun in the sun.

Mara Rawlings

ABSENCE REPORTING



Please ring to report your child's absence or late arrival before 9:00am on each 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 or Late Arrival

Clearly state your child's first and last name, their class and brief reason for their 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 via return text with a brief reason for your child's absence – **please do not ring these numbers.**

If your child arrives late to school, please check in at the office before proceeding to class.

SCHOOL BANKING

Hi School Bankers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you all had an enjoyable School Holiday break and maybe spent *some* of your saved money over the Holidays (eg. Melbourne Show or at the Movies!).

Just a reminder to those who haven't banked in a little while, it's a great habit to get back into and helps with fundraising for our School as well. So please come back to School Banking in Term 4.

Happy Banking everyone!

BOOK CLUB



A gentle reminder that Book Club orders can only be done **ONLINE** not through the office.

ENVIRO SQUAD



On the final Thursday of last term the Enviro Squad spent their lunch collecting all the wonderful vegetables and herbs that grew over the winter months. We collected 2 large boxes for Doncare, who then pass them on to people in need in our community. What a fantastic contribution from the Enviro Squad made possible by the passion and voice from our student representatives. A big thanks to all involved including Bunnings Nunawading, Mr Thuys, Miss Laidlaw, Miss Simmonds and the all the Enviro Squad representatives!

Lastly, a reminder that this Wednesday is the first WasteWise Wednesday for term 4. Remember to pack your lunchbox in a WasteWise manner. Prep-2 have been doing an amazing job being WasteWise! In particular, PNA has consistently had no rubbish on Wednesdays! If one class can do it, we can all do it! Go for Zero!

From Mr Stephens

BASKETBALL CLUB

BASKETBALL RESULTS WEEK ENDING 23rd September

MID WEEK COMPETITION

| | | |
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| 1/2 Girls | Serpell Sonics 22 | THPS 2 |
| 1/2 Boys | Serpell Swords 25 | Milgate Magic 8 |
| 1/2 Girls | Serpell Sparkles 14 | Doncaster Gardens 14 |
| 1/2 Boys | Serpell Super Snipers 10 | St Clements Pealsall 9 |

2018 CAMP INSTALMENT DATES

YEAR 4

3rd Instalment Thurs 11 October \$110

YEAR 5

2nd Instalment Fri 19 October \$120

YEAR 6

2nd Instalment Wed 10 October \$100

3rd Instalment Thurs 8 November \$100

If you have elected to pay your instalments by credit card your card will be automatically processed on the date stated.

Cash instalments can be made at the school office on the dates stated above.

HEALTH CENTRE

VIRAL INFECTIONS

Viral infections are easily spread between children and staff members. Therefore it is very important that if your child has any of the symptoms described below, they stay home until they are free from any symptoms for 24 hours. Your child is still considered infectious for 24 hours, even if they are feeling better.

Please keep your child home if they have had the following in the past 24 hours:

Vomiting

Diarrhoea

Temperature above 37.4C

If you are concerned for your child or they are not improving, please consult your GP.

Thank you
Nurse Mary

The incidence of hay fever has increased over the past 2 weeks. In particular children are suffering from itchy, red eyes.

If your child is prone to hay fever you may want to ask your child to avoid the oval at this time of year. If you would like me to administer eye drops or antihistamine, could you complete a medication authority form (available on the school website and from the office) and provide a bottle or pack of the medication. If your child presents with hay fever and they do not have medication provided, I will provide them with a wet face washer to take back to class. They will also have a note requesting some medication be provided to keep at school.

NURSE MARY

DIARY

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| Wed 10 | Oct | Yr 5 Excursion to Werribee Zoo |
| Thur 11 | Oct | Divisional Athletics |
| Frid 12 | Oct | Yr 6 Incursion: Resilience |
| Tue 16 | Oct | Yr 6 Incursion: CPR first aid |
| Tue 16 | Oct | Yrs 5/6 Basketball round robin |
| Thur 18 | Oct | Regional Athletics |
| Mon 5th | Nov | Curriculum Day – No School |
| Tue 6th | Nov | Melbourne Cup Day – No School |

OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

This term our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will be attending Camp! The aim of our outdoor education program is to promote a sense of independence and self-confidence in all students. Through a range of challenging and fun activities students will be building cooperation, problem solving skills and teamwork.

Here are a few reminders to ensure a fantastic time is had by all:

- All bags need to be less than 12kg in weight and all sleeping bags kept separate from luggage. No Suitcases or hard frames.
- Please remember to label EVERYTHING, including clothing, sleeping bags and any personal items.
- All students will need to bring their playlunch, lunch and drinks on the first day in disposable packaging.
- Students must have a broad brimmed hat in their backpack ready to be worn at all stops on the way to and from camp. Remember Sun Smart!
- Classroom teachers must be informed of alternative pick-up arrangements in writing prior to camp.
- If your child has symptoms of gastro intestinal illness (such as vomiting/diarrhoea) within 48 hours of attending camp, do not attend, as the health and welfare of all campers is our highest priority. Please inform the school on 9842 8182 as soon as possible.
- Departure for camp will be from The Pines Shopping Centre. We have been allocated the area at the corner of Reynolds and Blackburn Roads directly opposite the Shell Service Station (see map).



We wish our campers a fantastic time and can't wait to hear all about their exciting adventures!

Kristele Kluge
Assistant Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

EUROPEAN SOCCER ACADEMY
Our Passion is football

Registrations now open

Our Soccer Academy has qualified International Coaching staff ready to improve your soccer skills

Please contact us for a free trial

For more information contact:
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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 \$18.80 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 4, 2018.

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


www.creativemusic.com.au



 **Paul Baldwin Tennis Coaching**

Serpell Tennis Club
Burleigh Drive, Templestowe

New enrollments currently being taken
Term 4 commences Monday 8 Oct 2018

Phone Paul 0414632703

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