

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2024



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 Nov Swimming lessons (Rooms 4, 7, 12, 13)	21 Nov School Board Meeting (1pm) Court Grammar Transition Day	22 Nov Assembly - run by room 1 (2.20pm) P&C second hand book sale (2.30pm)	23 Nov Boost Parent Workshop (9am) Byford Secondary Transition Day	24 Nov
27 Nov Swimming lessons (Rooms 1, 8, 10)	28 Nov	29 Nov P&C Meeting (1pm)	30 Nov Boost Parent Workshop (9am)	1 Dec Serpy Colour Chaos
4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec Christmas Concert (9am) P&C second hand book sale (10am)
11 Dec	12 Dec Awards Assembly (9am) Year 6 Graduation Disco (5.30 - 8pm)	13 Dec Year 6 Big Day Out	14 Dec Last Day of School	15 Dec

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Serpentine Families,

We can hardly believe it, but here we are, over halfway through Term 4! Time has flown, and we're amazed at how much our students have accomplished. With under five weeks left until the end of the year, we're gearing up for an exciting conclusion to 2023.



For our Year 6 students, these final weeks hold special significance as they prepare to bid farewell to Serpentine Primary School and embark on their high school journey. It's an exciting yet bittersweet time for them, and we are confident they'll carry the skills and knowledge gained here into their new adventures.

Congratulations to our Year 5 students:

A big congratulations to our Year 5 students who gave terrific leadership speeches in Week 4. The maturity shown was fantastic and we look forward to announcing the 2024 student leaders at the Awards Assembly on Tuesday 12th December.

Road Safety Alert:

We want to take a moment to address an important concern regarding road safety. We've noticed some unsafe bike riding behaviours among our students traveling to and from school. To address this issue, our dedicated teachers are conducting road and bike safety lessons in class during Health lessons. Additionally, in Week 9, we've arranged for the RAC to visit and provide further education on this crucial topic. We hope that these efforts will equip our students with essential knowledge before the school holidays, ensuring their safety on the roads.

Warm Welcome to Our 2024 Kindergarten Parents:

We recently had the pleasure of officially welcoming our 2024 Kindergarten parents to Serpentine PS. For some, this marks the beginning of their journey with us. Many of the children have participated in our fantastic pre-kindergarten program over the past 6 months. Rest assured, our little ones will be well-prepared and ready to dive into learning from day one next year.

Celebrating Achievements:

I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr Travis Nurse and Miss Lauren Van Dongen for their outstanding achievement in completing their TeachWell certification. TeachWell is a teacher mastery program that demands significant time and effort, and we commend them for their dedication. Well done on this remarkable accomplishment!

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New Deputy Principal Appointment 2024:

I would also like to introduce Zoei Nixon, who will be the Deputy Principal for Serpentine Primary School starting from 2024. Zoei has successfully secured the permanent position. She and her family, including her husband, three beautiful children, two dogs, and a pony, made the move from Geraldton to Perth at the beginning of 2022 to be closer to family. Zoei comes to us with over 10 years of experience as a Deputy Principal in a variety of complex schools. Her expertise spans instructional coaching, curriculum development and fostering Positive Behaviour Schools. Zoei's passion lies in creating a brighter future for our children, and she is dedicated to working collaboratively with our staff, students and families to provide the highest quality education for every child at Serpentine. We eagerly anticipate the positive impact she will make on our school community.



I extend my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to Mr Rod Turnor and Miss Ebony Dowson for their commitment to the role of Deputy Principal this year.

As always, the support and involvement of parents and caregivers make our school community stronger. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make these last few weeks of the term memorable and successful for our students.

Warm regards,

Stephanie Le Lievre
Principal, Serpentine Primary School

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to these students who earned merit certificates at the last assembly!



TOP 5 RRAP Reward Point earners since last assembly



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BOTTLE TOP MURAL

Thank you to everyone who brought in bottle tops for our Art project which is a bottle top mural. Students have been busy designing and painting prior to gluing on the bottle tops. We can't wait to see the finished product!



PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to two of our past students, Sophie Scott and Emily Watts. Sophie and Emily both graduated from Byford Secondary College this year picking up some very impressive awards. Sophie was School Captain of Byford SC in 2023. She received two Top Student awards in ATAR Health and Modern History and was also awarded the 2023 Long Tan Youth Leadership Award. Emily received the Top Student award for Dance (The Arts). We are so proud of you both and wish you all the best for your future endeavours!



BOOK AWARD DONATIONS

Thank you to the following families, staff and community members for their generous donation to our end of year book awards:

Beckett Family

Bendigo Bank

Mr Laurie Byatt (Burkelly Holdings)

Darling Range Settlements

Di Lena Family

Hon Donna Faragher MLC

Miss Ebony Dowson

Elst Family

Gough Family

Hon Andrew Hastie MP

Ikenushi Family

Mr Hugh Jones MLC

Kennedy Family

Leaps & Bounds Preschool

Leaps & Bounds OSHC

LM & PS Danzi Fabrication

Ms M

Mrs Wendy Meyers

Riverside Mechanical

Serpentine Badminton Club

Serpentine Church of Christ

Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire

Serpentine Play Group

Serpentine Primary School P&C

Serpentine Rural Supplies

Serpentine Volunteer Fire Brigade

Settlers Transport

SJ Lions Club

Sparkman Family

Hon Matthew Swinborn MLC

The Rotary Club of Byford

Mr Trevor and Mrs Pam Senior

Water Force WA

Vassallo Family

2024 STUDENT REQUIREMENTS (BOOK LISTS)

A reminder that book list orders need to be placed with Champion by 1st December to avoid a late fee. Please order the required work books (on the book list) through Champion to ensure the correct books are purchased and they are delivered in time for school next year.

NOTICES

Serpentine Primary School P&C

2nd-hand Book Sale

Piles of books for sale across genre's and age group's.

Book donations are welcome

Wednesday
22/11/2022
2.30-4.00pm
and
Friday
8/12/2023
after the concert*
*if stock available

Look for our tables outside the Library!



Byford Carols

Saturday 2nd December 2023
BRIGGS PARK RESERVE
Pre-Show: 6:00pm Carols: 7:00pm

MYTH OR FACT

ABOUT SERPENTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

Joining the committee is just for mums.



The committee is for anyone who has an interest in what happens at our school.

There are lots of volunteers and P&C members.



We have 10 members representing over 200 students.

The committee is full of cliques who know each other.



Our friendships have formed by working closely together and we welcome anyone who wants to join.

I don't have any ideas so I can't contribute.



We need people who are happy to roll up their sleeves and offer their help.

If I join I will be hounded to help at lots of events.



You can choose to help at as many events as you want.

I work full-time so I can't attend meetings



Not everyone can attend meetings. We send out minutes and have an online chat group

I am often busy so I can't help at school events.



Help can be done online or at home. We appreciate that all member's time is precious.

The P&C would love to have some new members! If you are interested in joining the P&C please reach out to a P&C member or send an email to sps.pcfundraising@gmail.com.