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GR 3-6 GYM PROGRAM STARTS THURSDAY

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to school and the final term of the year. It is always a busy one with lots happening. Gym begins for senior students this week and runs for five weeks. Preparations for Grade 6 graduation have begun and Miss Williams will be the organiser this year. The swimming program commences in early December followed up with a fun day at the pool. A lot to look forward to.

Chinese Immersion Program

Once again we will be hosting two Chinese students in our school for a period of eight weeks. These students will arrive on Monday the 22nd of October. Thank you to the Fitzgerald and Lee families for hosting these students.

Chinese Overseas Learning Experience (OLE)

Applications for students wishing to travel to China in 2019 close on Friday the 19th of October. Students need to put in an expression of interest and then will be involved in an interview process. Next year all students participating in the OLE will be required to do one overnight stay with a Chinese family.



Gastro

Please be aware that there appears to be a bout of this around at the moment. Students need to stay away from school for 48 hours if they have had gastro.



Hats

Terrific to see the number of students wearing hats. Nearly everyone had a hat on their head on Monday which was fantastic to see. Hats are available to purchase from the office for \$12.00. Hats need to have a wide brim and be navy in colour.

Baby Tanner

Congratulations to Adam and his wife Jacqui on the arrival of their son over the school holidays. Wonderful news.

Grounds Work

Over the holidays we had irrigation installed on the oval. We previously had an underground watering system that has never functioned effectively. Hopefully we will be able to upgrade the surface of the oval to make it a fabulous space for students to play on. In addition to this, we have had some of the fitness stations reinstalled and rubber matting placed under them so they are compliant with requirements.

Organisation for 2019

A reminder that if you have a child that is coming to school next year to complete the enrolment form as soon as possible. Orientation sessions for 2019 Preps begin in week four of the term. If your child is moving schools in 2019 could you also let me know please. It really assists with planning and staffing for next year.

Dance Mob

Next week Mr Broadbent has arranged for Dance Mob to run dance sessions with all classes. The cost is \$8.00 per child. This should be a fun and engaging activity for all students and we should see the results at the end of year concert.

Read to Succeed

Please keep those home reading routines going throughout this term. The best way you can support your child's education is through encouraging a love of reading and also having expectations around homework and home reading.

Breakfast/Canteen

Canteen will be operating from this Friday and also the Breakfast program will commence from next Wednesday morning.

Enjoy your week,

Wendy Jackson , Principal



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PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



NOTES TO RETURN

PREP
ASSESSMENT
FORMS
Gr 3-6
Gym Program
Dance Mob
Senior Choir

FUNDRAISER

Elmore
Bakery
Pie Drive
ORDERS
ARRIVE
THURS
3:00pm



BREAKFAST
PROGRAM
8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS



SPECI HILL
PLAYGROUP
THURSDAY S
9:00 - 11:00 AM
MULTI PURPOSE
ROOM
@ SPECI HILL
COST = \$1:00 PER CHILD
Please bring along a healthy
snack and hat for your child

CLASS NEWS

SENIOR CLASSES

Welcome to term 4, we hope everyone has had a fantastic break over the holidays. As we count down to the end of the year the seniors are gearing up for a very exciting and busy term.

A couple of reminders for everyone – As it is term four, the temperature is on the rise, therefore students are required to wear their sun smart hats each and every day when playing outside. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play in the under covered areas. It is also a great idea for students to bring a drink bottle to school to ensure that they are staying hydrated throughout the day.

Starting this Friday students will be attending JETS gym program. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately to take an active role in all activities and either please remove or tape earrings for those children who have pierced ears.

A reminder about upcoming events such as the Senior Choir performance, Dance Mob and swimming later this term, please ensure all of these notes have been signed and returned to school as soon as possible, if they haven't already been done so.

Hayden Polglase, Adam Tanner, Sophie Williams & Bridey Welton

MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to Term 4!

We are set for a busy but exciting term to finish off the year. We start our gym program with Jets Gym this Friday. It is important for families to make sure they have returned permission notes and payment before Friday please. 3/4K and 3/4P will be attending over lunchtime, however they can still place lunch orders because the canteen will hold back their orders until we arrive back to school.

A reminder that all students MUST be wearing hats. If they do not have their broad brimmed Speci hat then they will need to play under the covered veranda or in the library.

It was fabulous to see so many students reading over the holidays, it shows that Speci kids have a love for reading and that it is valued by our families, so thank you!

Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B.

JUNIOR CLASSES

Welcome back to term 4!! We have many exciting things coming up this term, so we hope you are all ready to enjoy this busy time.

Some important reminders:

Hats must be worn every day until the end of the year. If you don't have a hat, they can be purchased from the office for \$12. Please ensure these are clearly named.

Home reading should continue each day, with diaries being brought to school every day. Please ensure you are supporting your child with this important task.

Spelling practise should also be occurring each day during the week.

Drink bottles should be coming to school now the weather is warming up. Please write your child's name clearly on these.

This month is 'Walk to School' month. We encourage kids to walk from home or from the school crossing on Specimen Hill or Marong Road.

Courtney Lawrence, Joseph Hartney, Sharon Malberg, Jacqui O'Shea &

Emily Jacobs

PREP CLASSES

Welcome back to what will be our busiest term of the year! It is great to see all the Prep faces and see how much they have grown and matured over the holidays. They seem almost ready for Grade One! Here are some reminders to get you organized for the start of Term 4.

Walking to School

This term is walk, ride or scoot to school month. Each day, your child's teacher will mark whether they walked, rode or scooted to or from school. At the end of the month these will be tallied. The student who did the most in each class will receive a Rebel Sports gift voucher. The class with the highest total combined will be awarded a free Gecko Sports session!

If you live too far away from school to do any of the above, feel free to drop your child at the end of the street and let them walk, ride or scoot from there. We have a bike shed at the oval that you are most welcome to store bikes or scooters in.

We also encourage you to participate in The Walking School Bus on a Thursday morning. A teacher will be waiting at 3 points to walk students to school. The points are:

1. The corner of Chum and Maple Streets
2. The corner of Inglewood and Marong Road
3. The school crossing on Specimen Hill Road.

Hats & Drink Bottles

Students must have a hat to play outside at lunch and recess. Can you please ensure a water bottle (with student's name) is brought to school daily as the weather becomes warmer.

Dance Mob

Next Tuesday the Preps will be participating in the incursion Dance Mob. If notes have not yet been returned, they need to be ASAP.

Library Books

Please return all overdue library books. If these are not returned, there may be a charge to cover the replacement cost.

Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion

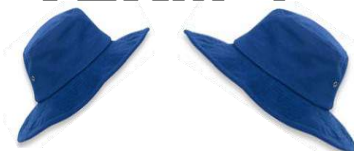
In Week 3, The Preps will participate in this incursion. They will learn about how to care for pets, and how to be safe around unknown animals.

Have a lovely first week!

Tania Whyte, Zoe Light, Codie Price, Jacqui O'Shea & Emily Jacobs

NUDE FOOD DAY WEDNESDAYS

HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERM 4





DELIVERY OF ORDERS IS THURSDAY 11TH - 3:00PM



Walk to School has officially begun!

October is Walk to School month! Walk to School helps build healthy habits for life.

Get creative with the photo / short video competition!

Students are encouraged to get creative on their walk to school! Decorate your shoes, bikes or scooters, dance your way to school, create a walking song, or get your crossing supervisor involved – the possibilities are endless!

Post your photos or short videos to Facebook and tag @walktoschool, #walktoschool #walktoschoolgreaterbendigo, or email to activetravelhealthykids@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

There will be heaps of spot prizes on offer each week, plus the overall winner will win a season pass to any of the outdoor pools across City of Greater Bendigo!

Plus, any entries featuring decorated shoes/bikes/scooters received via Facebook will also go into the draw to win an AFL jumper signed by your favourite team thanks to VicHealth.

School participation competition

Schools with the highest participation levels will be in the running to win local and state prizes, including an AFL/AFLW player clinic, so every time a student walks, rides or scoots to and from school during October, our chance of winning is increased!

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value
Room 4	Blaize McM	
Room 4A	Blake McC.	
Room 5	Zac B.	
Room 6	Aaliyah J.	
Room 13	Tyler S.	
Nude Food		

NOTES TO BE RETURNED:

GR 3-6 GYM PROGRAM

DANCE MOB



WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAY'S 8:30 AM STARTS NEXT WEEK

Come and join our walking school bus on Thursday mornings! The bus will leave at 8.30am from three locations

1. School crossing on Specimen Hill Road.
2. School crossing at Schweppes Centre
3. The corner of Maple and Chum streets, continue along Chum and up Henderson Street. We also pick up along the way!

IF IT IS RAINING....???
WALKING SCHOOL BUS WILL BE CANCELLED



PARENTS & FRIENDS PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES



SCHOOL HATS COMPULSORY ALL TERM 4



	See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR
<i>Date</i>	<i>CALENDAR 2018</i>
<i>Oct 12</i>	<i>Gr 3-6 Gym Program Commences</i>
<i>Oct 16 & 17</i>	<i>Dance Mob Incursion</i>
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>BENDIGO CUP—PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i>
<i>Dec 18th</i>	<i>Grade 6 Graduation Dinner</i>

PLEASE!! NOTE

PARENTS IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN YOUR OCCUPATION, FAMILY ADDRESS, MOBILE NO. Please advise the school office



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL
SOME DAYS ARE FULL IN
Before & After School Care
A REMINDER THAT PICK UP IS
BEFORE 6:00PM**

PLEASE MAKE REGULAR
PAYMENTS - PREFERRED
METHOD IS VIA QKR



Please do not assume a vacancy exists for casual bookings.

Phone office for bookings: 5443 5353

OSHC FEE INCREASE

As communicated previously in the Speci, our fees for OSHC will be increasing from the start of Term 4.

After School Care
\$15.00 per session


Before School Care
\$12.00 per session

Late Finish — End of Term days
\$17.00

Curriculum Days
\$40.00

The fee increase is necessary to cover the costs in ensuring the program can be run effectively and we are able to meet the National Quality Standards. The new charges are in line with similar services run across Bendigo.

All families should now be registered with MyGov to ensure the correct Child Care Subsidy is being applied to your account.






COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

**Saturday 20 October 2018
8am-2pm
Golden Square Pool carpark**

- Second-hand, cake, plant stalls
- Market stalls
- Season 2018/2019 info



PLUS COON CHEESE TOASTIE TRUCK!

Sites available - \$20 each, and you get to keep all profits.
Book online at www.goldensquarepool.com.au
For more information, visit us on    #GSPool

FUNLOONG FUN DAY!

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday October 20, 11am to 2pm
Hargreaves Mall & Williamson Street



SCHOOL VALUES: Resilience, Excellence, Persistence, Honesty & Respect