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SWIMMING NOTES ARE DUE BACK

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

This week all students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge are participating in a celebration. There were so many students who completed the challenge this year so we have had to stagger the celebrations. We had an amazing 284 students receive certificates. I am proud to say that we truly are a reading school.

2019

Please submit parent requests for next year in writing, to me, by the 23rd of November. At this stage teachers are not assigned to classes. We will be once again having 14 classrooms.

Circus Oz

A wonderful time was had by the Junior School on Monday. Students returned excited and with lots of stories to tell. Thank you to the junior team and Miss Lawrence for the planning and organisation of the day. Students have been reflecting on their experiences in writing "I loved the circus hoops. I did it!" Kaylee B and from Issy C.

"Yes! For once we did not have to do work! Sam and Rhys were so dramatic. They did a school act. Hannah threw two paper balls at Sam. Sam sought revenge. He threw a very, very big paper ball at Sam." Lots of laughs and lots of fun on the day.

Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey. Overall the results were pleasing, however it has also provided the school with information on areas that need addressing. We did receive comments about supervision before school, saying that there was no supervision during this time. There is always a teacher on duty in the playground from 8.45am in the morning. All classroom teachers are in their classrooms from this time so that students can enter their classrooms to ensure they are ready to start the day at 9.00am. Specialist teachers do the before school supervision at this time and there is only one teacher on duty. This teacher roams between the front of the school and the oval. Teachers do not technically commence duty until this time in the morning and cannot be required to do duty before this time. This is why we strongly discourage students from being dropped off early in the morning. Mornings are also busy times for myself and Mr Warne with parent concerns often being brought to our attention at this time and also, dealing with staff and organisational matters along with the focus of our work, our students.

Working Bee

Thank you to the families who assisted with this on Tuesday afternoon and Zoe Light for her organisation. The school is looking much better with the removal of weeds etc and fresh mulch on some of the garden beds.

Cyber Safety

Once again issues of inappropriate online behaviour by some of our senior students have been brought to our attention. We strongly encourage all parents to monitor their child's online behaviour. Unfortunately, some of the posts that we have heard about are highly damaging to others and in some cases, are matters that could be taken to the Police. Yes, these things are happening out of school hours, but unfortunately the repercussions play out in the school environment and when they do, they become a school matter. Bullying never stops without intervention and ignoring the behaviour does not stop the bully.

Gym Program

The gym program was once again highly successful with students and staff enjoying the program. We are now preparing for the swimming program which is fast approaching. Please make sure notes and monies have been returned to the school.

Parking

Please do not park on the verge of neighbouring houses. This is not legal and after the junior excursions I received several complaints from our neighbours about cars parking in driveways and on nature strips. One neighbour rang the council to complain, which can lead to a fine. *Please be respectful of our neighbours property and rights.*

Wishing you all a great week ahead,

Wendy Jackson, Principal



CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



NOTES TO RETURN

Swimming
Grade 6 Grad Night



Adults \$35
Students \$23



BREAKFAST
PROGRAM
8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS

WALKING
SCHOOL BUS
THURSDAYS
8:30AM



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

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR GRADUATION RSVP?

In just two weeks time we will be beginning this years swimming program and we are still needing permission notes for a lot of our students. Please make sure that when you're completing the form you also complete the permission for Pool Party day as well, to indicate whether or not your child/ren will be attending.

Payments for the **Grade 6 Graduation** on 18th December can be made at the office or via the QKR app. If your child did not attend Speci during their Prep year (or perhaps they missed photo day), a Prep photo needs to be supplied to Miss Williams as soon as possible! Finer details such as dietary requirements will be made closer to the date.

For families interested in camp next year, further details will be provided in next year's newsletters.

Hayden Polglase, Adam Tanner, Sophie Williams & Bridey Welton

MIDDLE CLASSES

Our Gym sessions have finished and we are so proud of the way students managed themselves and exhibited the School Values. Each week they tried hard to improve their skills and fitness.

In Writing this week students are enjoying putting their narrative skills to the test to publish their best work. Keep an eye out in the coming newsletters for some great stories. Our spelling sound may make the "A" sound but is easily misspelt. We are working on the "iegh" and a_e as in sleigh and gate. Please ensure your students are bringing home their homework and returning it each Friday.

In Reading we are digging deeper into "searching for and making meaning" of fiction stories. We will be thinking about what the Author want's you to know, discussing wether the main character is the narrator? And asking many questions .about how and why the story was written.

We continue to pull apart large numbers and fractions in Numeracy and explore fun games to use our excellent grid referencing skill. As its heading towards the end of Semester Two, students will be undergoing testing for assessment. Please ensure students are well rested and ready to learn each day so they can do their best.

Our classes still require many swimming notices to be returned as this will be our next program to keep our students moving and skilled in the water. Have a great week

Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B.

JUNIOR CLASSES

What better way to start the week than with an excursion! On Monday, we all ventured to Melbourne to Circus Oz. It was such an enjoyable day with students being able to try some circus tricks of their own and then watch a circus performance. The students demonstrated some of our core values in resilience and persistence. We thank Miss Lawrence for organising such a great experience.

As always, some reminders:

- Please make sure clothing items are named clearly. A simple thing that can make sure a difference. Many students will come to school with a jumper on and as the day warms up decide to take it off. By ensuring everything is named, it makes returning items much easier.

- Please send your child to school with a drink bottle
- Swimming - starting in Week 8. Now is a good time to make sure those togs fit and write their name on various items. If your child has any concerns about the swimming program please speak to your classroom teacher.

- We have seen a decrease in Spelling and Reading being completed each night. This is still an expectation and should be done each night.

- Junior Sports Day on Friday 23rd November

Have a great week everybody.

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

PREP CLASSES

The Preps, 1's and 2's had a fantastic time at the Circus Oz Excursion. They learnt many amazing tricks, including juggling, balancing, human pyramids, sticks and hula hoops. They enjoyed a play, lunch at a park and watched an incredible Circus performance from the SKILLZ crew. Even Mr. Price 'Susan' got to be a part of the show.

CFA - visit

The children in grade Prep – 2 will be having a visit from the CFA this **Thursday 15th of November**. The children will be learning about fire safety.

Library - Overdue books

Children with overdue library books have been sent a reminder to return these. Please have a look at home to find these and return to our school library for others to borrows. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Clothing - Named clothing

Although the mornings may be chilly – we are having some very warm days lately. Please ensure your child's jumpers and named and remind them to put them in their school bags when they take them off.

JUNIOR SPORT DAY

Just a reminder that the junior sports day is now on **Friday 23rd of November** due to bad weather on the previously planned day. Students are to wear runners, shorts (*sports clothing*) and a hat and bring a drink bottle for the morning.



Working Bee

Big Thank you to all students and families that helped at the working bee last week. The school is looking fantastic after weeding and fresh mulch was spread throughout the gardens and we had a general tidy up of all areas.

Swimming

Swimming will be starting in the next few weeks so please ensure all notes are returned. All students are very excited for this to start.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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

Coffee Van
Friday 16th Nov
8:00 - 8:45am



A coffee van will be available in the front staff carpark this Friday morning if you wish to purchase a cuppa and share some time with others in the school community.

Men's and Kids Night

Thursday 22nd November 6:00 – 7:30pm

Multi – purpose room

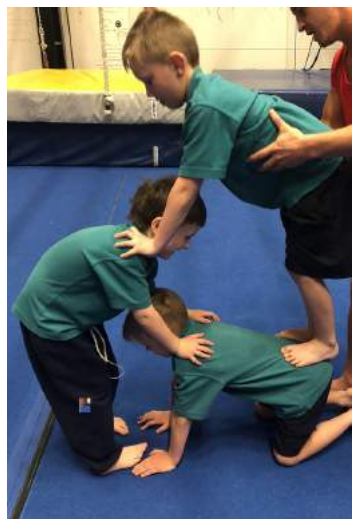
Guest speaker presentation, a variety of games and activities are planned for this evening. Pizza as a snack will be provided.

Come along and enjoy a night of laughter, fun and games with your children.



SCHOOL FEES

Family statements have been sent home to those who still have outstanding school fees. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible. School fee funds are used to purchase books, pencils & classroom materials.



GRADE 6 2019 POLO ORDERS



Cotton/Micro-fibre
Polos Shirt



Senior Students have requested a lighter style shirt.

Orders close Fri 23rd Nov

RECYCLED UNIFORMS STALL TUES NOV 27TH

The Recycled Uniform Stall will be conducted on Tues Nov 27th during a Prep transition morning. If you know of new families to the school that this may assist, please advise them to attend the stall to obtain some free items. There will be limits on the number of items allocated to each family as we need to share them around. There is no cost for recycled items.



	See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR
<i>Date</i>	<i>CALENDAR 2018</i>
<i>Nov 26–Dec 7</i>	<i>Swimming Program</i>
<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Mens & Kids Night</i> <i>6:00–7:30pm</i>
<i>Nov 27</i>	<i>PREP 2019–Transition Day</i> <i>Recycled Uniform Stall</i>
<i>Dec 18th</i>	<i>Grade 6 Graduation Dinner</i>

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

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED



There are numerous entry & exit points
around the school.

**Students & families are required to
enter & exit via the side gates,**

**NOT through the office please, unless
you have specific office business.**

Please advise your child to abide by this rule.

Please seek alternative collection points for your child.

Utilise the rear entrances of the school, accessible from

Hasker Street and from Henderson Street via Chum

Street. Older children are more than capable of walking

the few extra metres.

WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAY'S 8:30 AM

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**



Hello School Holidays

Summer 2019



Bendigo
Castlemaine
Echuca Moama
Kangaroo Flat



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Open 8am - 6pm

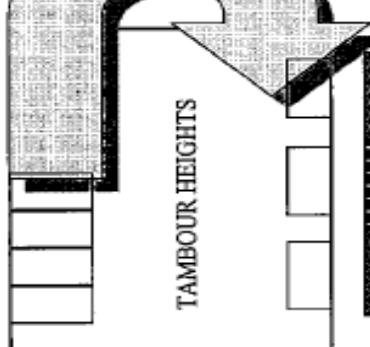
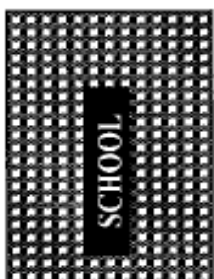


ENROL ONLINE NOW

03 5444 6666 www.bendigo.ymca.org.au



**TURNING ONLY
NO STOPPING**



PLEASE RETURN YOUR SWIMMING NOTE

Our children's future in the very best of hands.....