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CANTEEN OPENS FRIDAY - QKR ORDERS CLOSE 8:30am

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,
Welcome back to Term 2.

I hope all students and families have had the opportunity to spend some quality time together and enjoy the glorious weather that we had in the holidays. On Monday I visited all classrooms and it was great to see that most classes had 100% of their students in attendance. A great start to a busy term ahead.

Staffing

Julian Regan has resigned from the department to pursue opportunities in Melbourne. We wish him well in his new endeavours. He will not be required to be replaced. Kylie Gould is on long service leave for the term. Unfortunately we were unable to find a teacher who was music trained and who felt comfortable taking the music. This will mean that choir will not run this term, however Jacqui O'Shea will take Prep classes for music and also run a music program for Gr 1/2 rotations. Ginny Grills-Marsili will be teaching in the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the term. Felicity Burman will be taking 3/4 B on Fridays for the rest of the term.

Values

The value that we are currently focusing on for the next month is Respect. Such an important value in making the school a place for all to feel safe and secure. It really is as simple as people treating others in the way that they would like to be treated. Unkind words, lack of manners, bullying actions all leave their mark on people. As a school, we strongly promote that all interactions between all members of the school community be carried out in a respectful manner. Also we respect ourselves by ensuring that others treat us in a respectful manner. Staff also insist that students treat property and the school environment in a respectful manner. Throughout the next month, students demonstrating this value will be rewarded with a certificate presented at assembly. Please reinforce this value with your child.

Canteen Orders

Due to the growing number of orders, the closure time for QKR orders will now be 8:30am on Canteen days. This ensures orders are made up in time for delivery to classrooms at 11:00am

Junior Gym Program

I hope all junior students have their permission notes and money returned for this program which begins tomorrow. It can cause a great deal of stress to young students if they miss exciting programs such as these.

NAPLAN

On the 15th, 16th and 17th of May students in Years 3 and 5 will undertake tests in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. Classes are busy preparing students for these tests by familiarising students with the test formats and the in Writing, the text types they may be required to produce. If you have any questions or concerns, could you please contact your child's teacher, Corey Warne or myself. Students can only do their best on the day. Students cannot be prepared in a few short weeks, but rather their whole schooling prepares them to do the best.

ANZAC Day Assembly

This will be held on **Tuesday afternoon beginning at 2.15 pm**, not first thing in the morning as announced at assembly. A World War Two veteran, Mr Ron Berry, will attend the ceremony if his health is good. Mr Berry was involved in the D-Day landing as a 19 year old Scottish soldier. Parents welcome to attend this special event in the school calendar. Of course, the following day is a public holiday.

Wendy Jackson, Principal



**CANTEEN
QKR ORDERS
CLOSE 8:30am**

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



NOTES TO RETURN

Melbourne Museum
Premiers Reading
Challenge
Gym Program
School Photos
**RUNNING
CLUB
TUESDAYS
8:00AM**



**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

Welcome back everyone, we trust you had a restful and enjoyable break. We are straight back into the swing of things in the classrooms with some awesome learning happening. We have a strong focus on Narratives at the moment with our writing, and in Numeracy we are doing some revision as well as looking at some new concepts as well. We are also about to start a new Integrated topic "Exploring our backyard" which should be lots of fun. Well done to the students for a great start to the term, and let's keep that happening for the entire term!

Reading- Reading amongst the senior grades has been excellent so far this year and it was fabulous to see so many students read every night of the holidays! A quick reminder the minimum time for reading each night is 20 minutes, well done so far and keep it up!

Homework – Students did receive homework this week which will be due Friday. Can parents please continue to support their children through the homework process. Homework is an important part of senior schooling, as it helps to reinforce some key learnings from the classroom, while also helping to develop strong routines in preparation for secondary school.

Excursion – Notes will be sent home for the Melbourne Museum & IMAX excursion to be held on Thursday 24th May.

School Bags - Mornings are very busy and quite messy with school bags everywhere. Can we please ask that students think carefully about where they put their bags to ensure they are not in the middle of walk ways etc

Hayden Polglase, Adam Tanner, Sophie Williams & Bridey Welton

MIDDLE CLASSES

Greetings and a big welcome back to term 2.

Students have enjoyed developing their knowledge of Anzac Day and what it means to us as a nation. They've had a number of great picture story books about the ANZAC Spirit read to them and they've been able to articulate their thoughts and understanding beautifully. Students are also developing their skills as a persuasive writer this week and are strongly being encouraged to "voice" their opinions and points of view about a variety of topics.

Some Grade 3 / 4 's will also take an active role in our school's ANZAC Day assembly which is scheduled to occur in the Multi Purpose Room at 2:15pm next Tuesday. Parents are welcome to attend.

Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Felicity Burman and Jo Ryan

JUNIOR CLASSES

Welcome back for Term 2! It is great to see that so many children have continued with their regular home reading routines over the school holidays.

All students have been enrolled in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Student's log in details will be sent home at the end of this week so that books can be added at home as well.

We will be looking at what makes us healthy as part of our Healthy Lifestyle Integrated studies topic this term. Physical activity is a large part of being healthy and the junior classes start their gym program this Thursday. This will continue for 5 weeks. Please ensure that students wear appropriate clothing and bring their drink bottles to school each day. We will also continue to have a brain food each morning, please cut up fruit and vegetables into pieces so that they are easy to eat.

Students are focusing on improving their reading fluency, (how their reading sounds) including the rate, expression, accuracy and phrasing. They are enjoying using reader's theatre to demonstrate their reading fluency to their peers. Students are learning about the text structure and language features of recounts this week and will practise writing their own personal recounts this week.

In Numeracy, we are working on understanding the place value of two and three digit numbers, developing fluency and confidence with numbers and calculations, and identifying the features of common two and three

dimensional shapes.

Students are not required to wear hats this term. As we are still having some very warm days, students are removing their jackets and jumpers through the day; please ensure that they are clearly named so that they don't end up in lost property.

Courtney Lawrence, Joseph Hartney, Sharon Malberg

PREP CLASSES

Welcome back to term 2! We hope you have all had an enjoyable break and are ready for all the learning and fun to come this term.

Brain Food – A reminder we continue to have a 'brain food' break each day. Healthy food suggestions include grapes, strawberries, mandarins, apples, bananas, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes and cucumber.

It would be helpful for brain food to be sent along in a container separate from your child's lunch box. This way your child can quickly grab it from their bag without looking through their whole lunch box. This also helps the students as they won't eat ALL the fruit packed for them at this time.

Portfolios : At the end of last term each child was given a portfolio of their work to take home and share with their families. Inside the portfolio was a comment page for you to write a note about the portfolio. **Could we please ask that these are returned to school so we can continue to add to these by the end of Week 2.**

Home readers, Magic Words & SMART Spelling : Please bring these to school daily for the teacher to check and mark them off. **It is an expectation at Specimen Hill Primary School that each student reads for 5 nights a week.**

Running Club : Running Club will continue for Term 2, each Tuesday morning from 8:00am.

Home Readers : It was wonderful to see a great amount of home reading recording in the reading journals during the holidays. Please ensure these are returned to school each day to be changed.

Gym Term 2: Gym start this Thursday. Children should wear comfortable sport clothing (eg, trackpants, shorts) and ensure all long hair is tied up.

If you have not returned the permission note please do so ASAP.

Tissues : With the cooler weather coming - children may start to get runny noses and colds! If each child could please donate a box of tissues to their classroom that would be great.



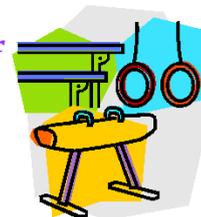
Labelling Clothing : Please ensure all jumpers, jackets, LUNCHBOXES, WATER BOTTLES etc... are clearly labelled with your child's name. This way we are able to ensure they are returned to the rightful owner.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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

PREP GR1 & GR2 GYM NOTES

Gym for Prep, Gr 1/2 classes will be commencing THIS WEEK. Please return your notes. CSEF credits have been processed, so please tick this box for payment if you are eligible for the funding.



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**ALL CASUAL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE VIA PHONING THE OFFICE
PH: 5443 5353**

MOST DAYS ARE FULL TO CAPACITY WITH PERMANENT PLACINGS AND CAN ONLY TAKE A CASUAL BOOKINGS IF THERE HAS BEEN A CANCELLATION.

We apologise for the unavailability of places, we hope to apply for further licenced places.
Leah Johns, Co-ordinator



Get your smiles ready it's...

School Photo Day

Wednesday 9th May



STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value
Room 6	Tyler R.	
Room 7	Ashton McM.	
Room 8	Bailey T.	

CANTEEN REMINDERS

ALL QKR ORDERS ARE TO BE ORDERED BY 8:30AM MONDAY AND FRIDAY MORNINGS

- * One Zing, Moosies or Jucie per child, per day.
- * Please remind your child to check their lunch bag for a coloured tag if you have ordered a Zing, Moosie or Jucie on QKR. They need to bring the tag down to the canteen when the bell goes to go outside. (After lunch sales finish at 1130am)
- * If your child is absent from school and has a QKR order, please ring the school by 9am and this can be saved for the next canteen day.
- * Please check all children's details on QKR are correct to ensure lunches go to the **correct classroom**.
- * Please write order clearly for cash sales and put in window of lunch bag so order can be seen.
- * Please remind your children, they are not to share money or food with their friends.



WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAY'S 8:30 AM

(weather permitting)

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



PAY SCHOOL FEES BY MAY 30TH



Family names will go into the draw to win a canteen voucher worth \$50 each, if school fees are paid prior to May 30th. Two vouchers are available. The canteen voucher can be used for lunch orders throughout the year.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Catalogues have been distributed and book club orders need to be returned by Tuesday 1 MAY at 9:00am. Please support the Scholastic Book Club, the school benefits greatly with books purchased for the library.

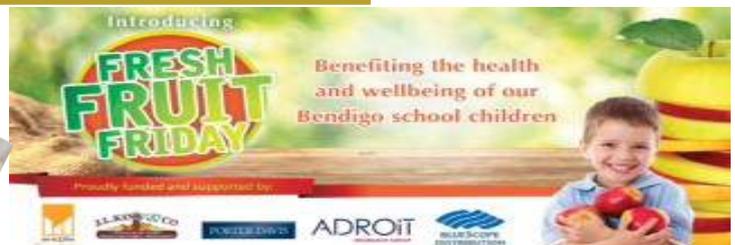


**Don't forget!
Book Club orders are due:
TUES MAY 1**

ICY-POLES

Team China Fundraising

Icy-poles will be on sale after school on Mon, Wed & Fridays. **\$1.00 each**



Preferred Payment Method



SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

TERM TWO 2018



SANDWICHES

Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Salad Only	\$3.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Vegemite & Cheese	\$2.20
Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.00

SOMETHING WARM

Nachos	\$4.00
(Cheese & Salsa)	
Meaty Nachos	\$4.30
(Meat, Cheese & Salsa)	
Twisty Bolognaise with Cheese	\$3.00
Mini Pizza	\$3.50
(Ham & Cheese, BBQ Chicken & Vegetarian)	
The Speci Hamburger	\$5.00
(Beef Pattie, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce on a roll)	
The Speci Chicken Burger	\$5.00
(Chicken Burger, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo on a roll)	
Chicken Nuggets (5pack)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets & Salad	\$4.00
(5 Nuggets, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot & Cheese)	
Nemo Salad	\$4.50
(4 Fish Bites, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot & Cheese)	
Steamed Dim Sims	80c each
Corn on the Cob	60c each
Hard Boiled Eggs	50c each

TOASTIES

Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Cheese	\$2.50

YUMMY SALADS

Mixed Garden Salad and Egg	\$5.00
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AN AFTER LUNCH TREAT

Yoghurt	\$1.20
Milo Bombs	70c
ANAZC Biscuits	\$1.00
Bag of Freshly Popped Popcorn	50c

SOMETHING FROZEN

Moosies	\$1.30
(Chocolate & Strawberry)	
Zings	50c
Jucies (Tropical, Wildberry, Orange)	\$1.20

SOMETHING TO DRINK

Flavoured Milk (250ml)	\$1.50
(Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry & Vanilla)	
Just Juice (200ml)	\$1.30
(Apple, Orange & Apple & Blackcurrant)	
Warm Milo	\$1.00
Water 600ml	\$1.00

If your child is absent from school and a Canteen order has been placed, can you please phone the office to cancel the order.

SOUP IS COMING!

FRIDAY JUNE 1st 2018



Chicken Noodle Soup

Vegetable Soup

Served with a Warm Bread Roll



Preferred Payment Method



QKR ORDERS CLOSE AT 8:30AM MONDAY & FRIDAY MORNING



Vision
Portraits

Sunday 29th April



Help Specimen Hill Primary School raise funds this year and book your \$15 family photo today! Include your whole family in the session or just the kids. Book now to secure your place.

Enquiries?

Call 03 8689 0033

Email info@visionportraits.com.au
visionportraits.com.au

\$15

Your photoshoot takes place at the School and includes a 10" x 13" photo with frame. \$15 of your booking fee is fundraised for our School.

 @visionportraits

Family/Kids Photo Fundraiser

Sunday 29th of April

Book online now using this link:

<https://specimenhill.eventbrite.com.au>

Date	CALENDAR 2018
Fri 20	Canteen opens
WED 25TH	ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
May 9th	School Photo Day
Thur 24th	Melbourne Museum & IMAX Excursion

When making appointments for your child, please keep in mind recess & lunch time breaks for collection to ensure minimal disruption to class times.

SCHOOL TERMS	2018
TERM TWO	16APR – 29 JUN
TERM THREE	16JUL – 21SEP
TERM FOUR	8 OCT – 21DEC
SCHOOL TIMES	9:00 - 11:00am
First Recess	11:00 - 11:45am
Second Recess	1:45 - 2:15pm
School Finish	3:15pm



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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL SOME DAYS ARE FULL IN 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

PARENTS & FRIENDS PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES



Hello to all my Specimen Hill School friends!

My name is Scarlette & I'm about to participate in my first Relay For Life. Now, I've been to a few Charity Events with my family. They say they take me for two reasons: (1) because it teaches me the importance of generosity – we can all make positive changes

in the world; and

(2) it's a chance to pay tribute to my Oma who is currently battling Cancer and my Papa who has hopefully won the battle against it!

Why do I Relay? First, I like the fact that I get to light a lantern for my Grandparents. I also like to take laps around the track in my cool Relay for Life tee. Plus I get some tasty treats to keep me going! The other thing I like about Relay For Life is that I usually always score a balloon, and I get to camp out all night! Relay For Life is a lot of fun... but it's serious business, too. You see, it raises a lot of money so the Cancer Council Victoria can help people who have been touched by cancer. It also raises oodles of money to fund research to cure this silly disease. My Dad says the researchers are saying that by the time I grow up, cancer should be something that's treated at the neighbourhood pharmacy. Cool, huh?! So - how can you help?

You can make a donation to my team - Holy Rosary Church. Just follow this link:

http://ccaau.convio.net/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCVIC?px=1823093&pg=personal&fr_id=5121#_ga=2.121278987.2011225670.1521779013-535024196.1521779013 OR you can leave your donation amount in an envelope at the office at Specimen Hill.

That's all you have to do... I'll do all the walking and my team will make sure there is someone on the track the entire 24 hours (even while I'm sleeping!).

The Relay is coming up fast - it's Friday, 20th April 2018 - Saturday 21st April 2018. Thanks for the support! Love, Scarlette T.



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