

# Speci Express

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POOL FUN DAY THURSDAY - FREE BBQ LUNCH

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

Who can believe that the school year is coming to a close and we are saying goodbye to our Grade 6 students. It seems like it was only yesterday that they arrived in Prep, a few in tears and a few bright eyed and keen to get started with their school life. Last night we formally said goodbye. Their speeches were amazing and parents and staff felt very proud of them. They have been an excellent cohort and I am, personally blown away with the potential in the group to achieve great things. A special congratulations to the following students on being the recipients of the school awards;

School Dux	Aiden R.	Dr Leslie Norton Scholarship	Deacon M.
Spirit of Spec	Phyar Tha Yu	Crusoe Award	Hayley P.
Masonic Scholarship	Blake W.	Art Award	Isabelle M.
Physical Education	Lindsay A.	Y'smens Citizenship award	Lindsay A. & Rowan T.
Mathew Harrington Award	Paige C & Makai C.		

I wish our Grade Six students all the best for their upcoming secondary schooling. We believe in you and know you are capable of achieving many wonderful things. Work hard, have some fun and please embrace opportunities when they come your way. We hope you always demonstrate and hold the values of Spec close to your heart.

We are also saying farewell to many families this year. Thank you for choosing Spec for your child/children's education. We wish you well.

#### Fun Day-Golden Square Pool

Tomorrow is the Fun Day at the pool. When you signed the permission form for the swimming program, you also gave permission for your child to attend this day. Please ensure students arrive with their swimming gear and have sunscreen, hats, rash vests etc to ensure they are sun smart. There will be a free sausage sizzle and the canteen will be open for children to make a small purchase. Juniors will go at 11.00am and return at 1.45pm. Seniors will depart the school at 12.00 and return at 2.45pm. All welcome to come along and celebrate the end of the school year.

#### Classes for 2019

Tomorrow your child will have come home with their class list for 2019 and their teacher. They did spend last Tuesday with their new teacher and class during the state-wide transition day. At the moment, our classes are very full and **there is little room for movement**. As a staff, we work very hard to achieve balance and place students where we feel they will flourish in all aspects of their development. It takes many hours and has been revised by staff many times.

#### Retirement

Miss Louise Smith is retiring from Specimen Hill Primary School. Louise first came to Spec as a parent and over many years has been a wonderful support to the school. As a parent she was strongly involved in the school through Parents Club and volunteered to assist the school in many ways. She has worked as an Education Support Officer for around ten years. Louise has worked closely with our speech therapist and supported many students in this program. In addition to this she has worked in classrooms assisting many children. Miss Louise, you will be missed and your contribution to Spec is beyond what can ever be repaid to you. Enjoy your retirement – it is well earned.

#### Staff movements

This year we say goodbye to Mr John Drew-Paton, Mrs Tania Peirce-Whyte and Miss Sophie Williams. John and Tania have accepted teaching positions with Epsom primary school and Sophie is moving to Bendigo South East. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to these staff members. We wish them all the best. In addition to this we are saying goodbye to Kaiden Antonowicz who has accepted a teaching position at Epsom primary school. Kaiden has worked as an ESO over the last twelve months. We wish Kaiden well and thank him for his contribution to Spec.

#### Specimen Hill Staff

I would like to thank the staff of 2018 for their assistance and work over the year. So much has been achieved this year with so many students. Thank you for being the wonderful staff that you are and making Spec a school that we all can be proud of. A special thank you to Corey Warne, whose support has been invaluable to me and to our students and families. Also Bernadette Wright, whose work over many years has supported with the building of a culture unique to Spec and rarely seen in other schools. After our break, we all look forward to doing it all again in 2019.

Thank you for your support over the year. Enjoy your time with your family. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing those returning to Spec early in 2019.

**Wendy Jackson, Principal**

## CLASS NEWS

### SENIOR CLASSES

What a year! Huge congratulations to all of the grade sixes who graduated last night. It was a wonderful night had by all. Over the next couple of days please remember the following:-

**Books:** It is very important for all students to return all borrowed library and class books. Please make an extra effort to return them so that they can be re-shelved before the last day of school. Please help students to do a thorough search at home as they may have forgotten that they borrowed them earlier in the year.

**Fun day at the pool:** Tomorrow will be the fun day at the pool, this is always a fantastic day and a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the year. A free sausage sizzle lunch will be provided and students are allowed to bring along a small amount of money to spend at the pool's canteen. Don't forget to bring a separate bag for wet bathers as school bags will be full as students continue bringing their belongings home.

**Farewell:** To all the students and teachers who are leaving Speci at the end of the year, we wish you well and hope you all enjoy your new adventures.

**Early finish:** This Friday students will be dismissed at 1:45pm.

From all of us in the senior department - Happy Holidays!!!  
*Hayden Polglase, Adam Tanner, Sophie Williams & Bridey Welton*

### MIDDLE CLASSES

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, it is time for a brief but thoughtful reflection. We have had a fantastic year as a cohort. We have witnessed all of the students progress socially, emotionally and academically. Progress in an academic sense has been assisted by whole school literacy approaches such as; Smart Spelling and Seven Steps Writing.

The students have also enjoyed PE activities such as Gym and Swimming. The students enthusiastically participated in the Dance Mob project and their energy, efforts and enthusiasm during our whole school concert was amazing. Well done to all!

Please make every effort over the holidays to ensure that your child reads a minimum of 5 nights for the week. This will ensure that students come back to school in 2019, ready to learn.

We wish all families a wonderful holiday period filled with love, happiness and laughter.

*Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B.*

### JUNIOR CLASSES

Congratulations everyone on making it to the end of this very busy year. We would like to thank each and every one of you for all of the support this year. It has been a pleasure seeing the children grow and learn.

As the term comes to a close we ask you to check at home for any readers or library books that may have been left at home. Please return these to school tomorrow.

The pool fun day is tomorrow - the junior department will be leaving for the pool at 11am. It should be a fantastic day!

The last day of school is Friday with an early dismissal of 1:45.

We hope you all have a wonderful festive season and a safe and happy holidays.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
*Courtney Lawrence, Joseph Hartney, Sharon Malberg, Jacqui O'Shea & Emily Jacobs*

### PREP CLASSES

As it is our last week of the term we would like to thank all families for their support during the year. We are proud of the achievements the children have made during the year.

#### Plastic Bag/ Spare Bag

As we are clearing out our classrooms the children will be bringing home lots of work and books. Please send along a spare bag with your child to take these items home.

#### Library books

If you have any library books at home please return these ASAP.

#### Take home books

We are asking all families to have a check at home for any take home books/ readers and return them to school.

#### Fun Day at the Pool - Thursday

Please remember your swimmers, towel and sunscreen for our Fun Day at the Pool on Thursday. The canteen will open at the pool so children can bring money along if they would like to purchase something.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday and all the best for 2019!

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

## POOL PARTY DAY THURSDAY



Please ensure your child has packed their swimming gear, hat & sunscreen for the pool party tomorrow.

Juniors are leaving the school at 11:00am.

Seniors leave Speci at 12:00 noon.

## Thank you to our Fresh Fruit suppliers



## TERM FOUR AWARDS

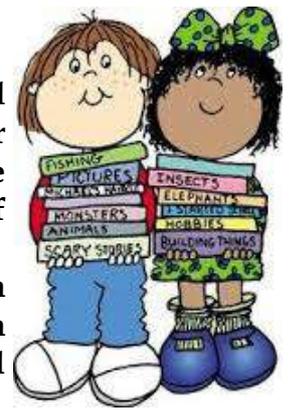
	FANTASTIC TERM	MOST IMPROVED
Room 1	Chase D.	Zoe B.
Room 2	Aiden S.	Ben W.
Room 3	Ryder NS.	Aiden W.
Room 4	Lily M.	Megan R.
Room 4A	Jamezon HP.	Avayah B.
Room 5	Lily B.	Logan R.
Room 6	Mikayla T.	Layla T.
Room 7	Davey Jhon B.	Tiffany P.
Room 8	Jaeda H.	Blut Nay M.
Room 9	Brilee T.	Harry W.
Room 10	Tahlia C.	Addison P.
Room 11	Ben C.	Hai Blut M.
Room 12	Paige C.	Sophie E.
Room 13	Aiden r.	Lindsay A.
Chinese	Isabelle M.	Logan K.
Circus	Keenan S.	
Music	Megan R.	Aiden W.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents

The Library is now closed for borrowing for the year and all books need to be returned before the end of the year.

We need your help in assisting your child in returning all school property immediately.



## CANTEEN IS NOW CLOSED FOR END OF YEAR

Thank you to all who contributed towards the Christmas Hampers.

We had a lot of donations.

Hampers will be distributed to those families who have been contacted, after school on

Thursday or early Friday morning.



## BIKE RAFFLE WINNER KATH DERTILIS



# CLASS OF 2018 - GRADUATION NIGHT



	See <b>SENTRAL</b> for the <b>FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</b>
<i>Date</i>	<i>CALENDAR 2018</i>
<i>Dec 21th</i>	<i>Early Dismissal—1:45pm</i>
<i>Wed Jan 30</i>	<i>School starts—Gr 1-6</i>
<i>Fri—Feb 1</i>	<i>Preps Start</i>

# OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

**We ask that parents be vigilant with students and their Library books.**

**All books must be returned before the end of the year.**



# DO NOT PARK ON NATURE STRIPS



## Central Victorian Junior Ranger Activities

4 Jan – 24 Jan 2018

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
4 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Cultural Sites Survey</b> – Kooyoora State Park. Come Help our Dja Dja Wurrung team archaeologist and rangers search for some of the special cultural sites of Kooyoora State Park.
8 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Cultural Sites Survey</b> – English Bridge Streamside Reserve. Come Help our Dja Dja Wurrung team archaeologist and rangers search for some of the special cultural sites of the Campaspe River.
10 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>All Fired Up</b> – Greater Bendigo National Park – One Tree Hill. Come and learn about how fire is managed in our parks to keep them healthy... and to keep us safe!
14 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Gold Rush Adventure</b> – Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park. Come and discover the history of Forest Creek Historical Gold Diggings while trying your luck at gold panning.
16 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Kooyoora's Cultural Stories</b> – Kooyoora State Park. The name Kooyoora means 'Mountain of Light' and is a very significant place for the Dja Dja Wurrung people. Come on a cultural adventure with a Dja Dja Wurrung ranger and hear stories about this special landscape.
18 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>All Fired Up</b> – Heathcote-Graytown National Park – Powder Magazine. Come and learn about how fire is managed in our parks to keep them healthy... and to keep us safe!
22 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Feathered Friends</b> – Solomon Gully Nature Conservation Reserve. Join a ranger for a guided walk and discover the birds of the Box Ironbark forests. Find out how beaks and bills can teach us about each bird.
24 January 2018	9.30am – 10.30am	<b>All About Ceremony</b> – English Bridge Streamside Reserve- Rocky Crossing. This activity is all about ceremony! Come and learn about the importance of smoking ceremonies, language and ochre painting. A fun filled activity with Aboriginal language games, songs and dance.

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bookings are essential, and open 2 weeks before the school holidays. Children should bring a hat, drink, sunscreen, closed in shoes and wear clothing suitable for the activity and weather.

Please visit [www.juniorrangers.com.au](http://www.juniorrangers.com.au)

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE

### Golden Square Pool

5pm-8.30pm

**ENTRY PRICES**  
 Adult - \$5.00  
 Adult concession - \$3.50  
 Child - \$3.50  
 Family - \$13.00  
 Non-swimmers - gold coin donation

Entry included in your Golden Square Pool Membership or City of Greater Bendigo Season Passes purchased at Golden Square Pool.

**DJ // DINNER // ICE CREAMS // LIGHTS PLUS... GREEN GRASS, SHADE AND THREE CRYSTAL CLEAR POOLS!**

**Golden Square's beating heart**

ALL AGES, FAMILY FRIENDLY, NO ALCOHOL EVENT.  
 RING IN 2019 THE RIGHT WAY, AT GOLDEN SQUARE'S BEATING HEART.

Madura Finance  
 COULABAN JUNG lawn for life  
 SUMMER BEATS  
 Golden Square Pool

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