

# Speci Express

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CURRICULUM DAY - MONDAY AUG 13TH

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 3. Just a reminder that Corey Warne is on long service leave for two weeks and Scott Pysing is on long service leave for three weeks. Scott is being replaced by Judi Garwood and Ginny Grills who both work consistently at Specimen Hill Primary School. Corey is being replaced by Todd Broadbent and Emily Jacobs, with the support of myself and Bernadette over the two weeks.

### Three Way Interviews

These were conducted last Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents and families attend. If for some reason you were unable to attend and you wish to discuss your child's progress with their teacher please do not hesitate to contact them.

### SENTRAL App

We are working hard to install the 'Push Notice' function on this App. There are a few problems with it presently that we are communicating to Sentral. The installation process is complicated and every parent attempting to install the App encounters a different error message. As a school we are very keen to be able to put out push notifications as we know that it assists greatly in keeping our community informed. We will continue to work with Sentral to see if we can resolve the issues, but until it is working more efficiently, we are unwilling to roll it out. Thank you for your patience and understanding around this issue. Please continue to access SENTRAL via the website.



### Parent Opinion Survey

This is a valuable tool for schools to improve what they are doing. Ninety two families received the survey. These families are randomly generated and not chosen by the school. The data we receive from these surveys is used by the school to improve what we do, address issues that we may not be aware of and hopefully celebrate the positives. Knowledge is power and unless we know what the perceptions of the community are we cannot act on them. If you were one of the parents who received the survey I would encourage you to have your say and complete the survey. After a certain number are returned the survey is closed and you will be unable to participate.

### Senior Football Carnivals

Last week our senior boys and girls participated in the district football carnival. A fun time was had by all. Students from Years 3, 4 and 5 participated in the event.

Our senior boy's football team were successful in winning division four of the district carnival. The boys were capably coached by Mr Polglase and Mr Broadbent and supported by Mr Drew-Paton. There were also some very excited staff who returned to school with damaged vocal chords from coaching and barracking from the sidelines. A great day had by the boys and girls and all students can be congratulated on both their skills and sportsmanship.

### Writing

This semester we are working on improving the teaching of writing across the school. A team of teachers are leading this initiative across the school. In addition to this, there will be a whole school Professional Development day on the 13th of August. There are six traits of writing that we are instructing students on. They are organisation, word choice, conventions, voice, grammar and ideas. When young children are learning to write we often focus on spelling and grammar. Yes these are important!

If we think about young children learning to speak, we encourage every attempt they make. If we corrected them every time they mispronounced a word they would soon give up trying. It is the same as spelling. We have implemented SMART spelling across the school. Not every piece of writing your child writes will be edited for spelling and grammar. The teacher maybe focusing on something else at the time, such as ideas or organisation. We will be sending a group of enthusiastic senior students to the Bendigo Writer's Festival on the 10th of August as a way of promoting writing within the school.

### Science Day

Tomorrow is Science day. Students will be involved in multi-age science experiments for two hours. This is recognition of National Science week. We are celebrating this week in advance because of other demands on the school calendar.

Enjoy your week,

Wendy Jackson  
Principal



## CANTEEN

## MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



## BREAKFAST PROGRAM 8:00AM WEDNESDAY



## 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

Grade 6 students enjoyed a trip to the Latrobe University last week where they were engaged with a range of learning activities which were developed to broaden their ideas for future inspirations. Students were placed into two groups and participated in two courses which were either Robotics, Health, Microscopes and Geology. These four lessons were fabulous for students to explore and hopefully they developed a passion in one or more of these areas on the day.

Next week, students will be visiting three work places and touring their sites to gain an insiders knowledge of how each workplace undergoes daily operations. Students will also be given the opportunity to ask clarifying questions to employees about their pathway into their specific fields. A great opportunity to be had by all!

Grade 5 students have been continuing with their Plan, Budget, Profit unit discussing different resources. This is building up to be an interesting unit with students discovering many interesting financial understandings.

All students have also been developing their understanding of angles over the past fortnight and have recently started a mini project regarding the creation of a Mini Golf course. Students have used their creative skills with this challenge and it is pleasing to see their learnings being displayed on this topic.

**Reminder – Grade 6 students to ensure they are wearing long sleeves and long pants to school when visiting workplaces or excursions during Passions & Pathways events.**

*Hayden Polglase, Adam Tanner, Sophie Williams & Bridey Welton*

## MIDDLE CLASSES

Last Thursday the incursion “Music Is Fun” was definitely that. For an hour and a half, the whole multipurpose room was captivated, singing and moving. The students who took on additional performing roles demonstrated the Speci values of Persistence and Resilience to learn their parts quickly and be resilient when they needed to adapt to changes, costumes and new songs quickly. We were very proud of them.

This week in Reading students are learning to analyse and evaluate a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. This strategy involves thinking carefully about text details and deciding what is important. We are currently celebrating many students home reading milestones of 150 and 175 reading nights. We also encourage any students who have misplaced their reading diary or haven't been as consistent to keep bringing it to school and continue filling in the books they read. It is also fantastic that many students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. As our school goal is to have every student at Speci finish this, we are continuing to encourage students to enter the books they read online either at home or at school.

In Writing students are working maturely in our Writer's Workshop sessions where they participate in direct teaching of writing elements, conferencing with their teacher and working independently on student driven ideas and texts. This week in Spelling we are finding the sound /a/ as in baby. Although it appears an easy sound to hear in words we certainly have found some challenging words such as “association”. This sound is made by the single letter (graph) a without any assistance, unlike the /a/ sound in cake which requires the e placed one letter away from it (known as a split digraph).

In Numeracy, we are learning many different methods to solve more complex multiplication problems and working hard to learn our times tables. Our measurement and multiplication skills are being combined to calculate the area of common objects.

Students are beginning to get into good routines with their numeracy homework.

Have a great week,  
*Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B.*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

We are all excited for the busy weeks ahead.

As the mercury is continuing to drop in these cold conditions, it is important that students are bringing a Specimen Hill jumper or jacket to school daily, and that all **clothing is named—please !**



Many students have continued their excellent home reading records from the first semester, as well as spelling and handwriting homework, which is fantastic to see. Please remember it is important for your child's development to be reading with them each night.

In English, students are focusing on the author's purpose in the texts they have read, and looking at why the author would have written that book. We are looking at procedural writing this week, and students are enjoying learning about writing a procedure.

In Numeracy, Place Value has been the focus and students are revisiting hundreds and thousands. This term students will continue to work hard towards completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. Nearly all of the students in Grade One and Two have already met the challenge. Well done and keep reading!

Thank you for your continued support,  
*Courtney Lawrence, Joseph Hartney, Sharon Malberg*

## PREP CLASSES

**Head lice:** It has come to our attention that there have been several cases of head lice recently in the junior areas of the school. It would be greatly appreciated if your child could be checked and treated if necessary to prevent spreading them at school.

**School Nurse:** Can all notes regarding the school nurse and dental hygienist please be returned ASAP. If you did not receive one of these notes could you please see your child's teacher.

**Share in the Chair:** Share in the chair has changed this term. During term 3 every student in rooms 1-3 will share on Mondays in small groups. The students have a choice of topic each week. If they want to bring something from home to share it must remain in their classroom or school bag during lunch and recess times to avoid damage or loss.

**Take home books :** It is great to see all the home reading that has been happening. If you have any take home school books that your child is no longer reading could these please be returned to your child's class.

If any student has a guided reading group book, could that please be returned ASAP to complete collections to be used in class.

### Library - please return all books

Library has started up once again for the term. Could all library books please be returned if you have any still at home. Students must have a library bag in order to borrow books from the school library. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### Library days:

Rooms 1 and 2: Monday

Room 3: Thursday

Room 4: See classroom teacher (change with term)

### Clothing

Please ensure your child wears a named jumper/jacket to school each day. Beanies need to be navy blue. If you would like to purchase a school beanie – these can be purchased from the office for \$5.

Enjoy the rest of your week and try to stay warm!

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

# ART ROOM REQUEST

## Grades 5/6P, 5/6T, 5/6W and 4/5W

students will need to bring to school one clean empty can eg: soup can, spaghetti or baked beans can, empty vegetables can, any can that size for use in Art, if someone can bring more than one can to share would be fabulous will be used in next couple of weeks—*Thank you, Sandy*

## STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value
Room 1	<b>Penelope Mc</b>	<b>Peter W.</b>
Room 2	<b>Ben W.</b>	<b>Ruby P.</b>
Room 3	<b>Xavier R.</b>	<b>Zoe B.</b>
Room 4	<b>Lah Eh K'Paw</b>	<b>Lachlan R.</b>
Room 4A	<b>Darcy M</b>	
Room 5	<b>Jameson C.</b>	<b>Joshua J.O.</b>
Room 6	<b>Oliver H.</b>	<b>Hannah C.</b>
Room 7	<b>Deborah C.</b>	
Room 8	<b>Mackenzie M.</b>	
Room 9	<b>Emily W.</b>	
Room 10		
Room 11	<b>Adam G.</b>	<b>Alicia L.</b>
Room 12	<b>Mackenzie P.</b>	
Room 13	<b>Lilly O.</b>	
Nude Food	<b>4/5 W 5/6 T</b>	
Reading Recovery		
OSHC	<b>Jacob W. Bailey T.</b>	



## Thurs 2nd Aug

Our theme is going to be

### “Game changers and change makers”.

The theme is based on the 2018 National Science Week focus, and is centred around scientists, engineers, technologists, mathematicians, designers and innovators of the past and present.

This year there are three particular significant celebrations that Science week are celebrating. These are the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the first IVF baby (genetic engineering, biotechnology, nanotechnology) and the International Year of the Reef (coral reefs and the scientists who study them).

*We hope to have a fabulous Science Day!!*

### **WALKING SCHOOL BUS STARTS AGAIN NEXT WEEK 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

- School crossing on Specimen Hill Road.**
- School crossing at Schweppes Centre**
- 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**



## ATHLETICS REPORT

Last term Specimen Hill Primary School had a fabulous day at the Flora Hill Athletics Track participating in our school's Athletics Sports.

We had amazing weather (a lovely sunny day, although at times a bit windy), which assisted in the students and the staff having a most enjoyable day.

All the students did an outstanding job and participated in several athletic events including the 100m, 400m, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put. The students tried their very best and it was wonderful to see so many smiles on their faces.

Congratulations to the students on their behaviour throughout the day and their sportsmanship during the events - it was great to see. It was also outstanding to see all the students cheering and supporting each other.

It was also fantastic to see many of the students dress up in their house colours for the day, which really added to the atmosphere.

**Congratulations to our Age Champions for each age group:**

**8/9 Year Old Boys - Jasper S., Jeremy W., Harry W.**

**8/9 Year Old Girls - Heidi P.**

**10 Year Old Boys - Jye C.**

**10 Year Old Girls - Mia L.**

**11 Year Old Boys - Jesse G.**

**11 Year Old Girls - Sophie W.**

**12/13 Year Old Boys - Lachie N., Aidan R.**

**12/13 Year Old Girls - Lara M.**

After adding up all the points - congratulations to Fortuna House (Yellow) on winning the Athletics Sports. Like the Cross Country, it was a very close contest and only a few points between every team.

To finish the day we had the annual Staff vs. Students Relay Race - again it was a highlight for many of the students and the staff. The race was very close throughout but the staff ended up getting the win again (*five years in a row - great work teachers!*)

Thank you to all the staff from Grade 3 to 6 for assisting with the running of events and to the student teachers and Crusoe students for helping. Everyone did a fantastic job.

It was also really great to have so many parents at the sports watching and supporting their children.

Overall it was a wonderful day.

*Todd Broadbent*

## Premier's Reading Challenge

We have had 181 students complete the challenge already and every student in Rooms 1, 2, 4, 4a and 6 have completed the challenge.

For these students we will be holding a special afternoon tea to celebrate their achievement in Week 5.

We are aiming to have every student complete the challenge in the school. An ambitious target. In addition to this, we had 25 students achieve the milestone of completing home reading for 175 nights this week. This means that these students have read every school night and more. Great work!



## Football Report

Last week on Tuesday 24th July, the Girls Footy team travelled to Epsom for the Divisional Girls' Football Day. At the start of the day the girls were not very confident with the tackling and going for the ball, however after a few contests they got straight into it! The girls won their first game against Eaglehawk North 45 -1. Our second and third games were great contests against Golden Square and Girton however we lost both of these games 22 - 9 and 15 - 9 respectively.

Our final game was our best game against St Francis where we didn't let them score and we won 47-0. The girls did a fantastic job, playing some great football and in various positions on the field. Overall we won two games for the day, which was a great result.

It was a very enjoyable day and Mrs. Pelly and myself really enjoyed coaching the girls.

The following day the Boys headed to Epsom for their Divisional Football Day.

The boys started very confidently with some great pressure, tackling and also some really good ball movement and marking. Throughout the round games the boys were able to finish off their hard work by scoring many goals throughout the day and prevent other teams from scoring.

### Results:

**Speci - 25 - Epsom - 2**

**Speci - 37 - Campbells Creek - 0**

**Speci - 27 - Lockwood - 0**

**Speci - 64 - Heathcote - 0**

**Speci - 19 - Campase - 14**

**Speci - 27 - Huntly - 32**

After all the round games we only lost to Huntly by 5 points which enabled us to play them in the final of Division 4.

During the final it was a great contest. Speci was able to apply scoring pressure to Huntly being 10 - 0 up at half time. The second half was another great contest but Speci missed their opportunities to finish Huntly off, missing a couple of goals. Speci was then able to get another goal with about 3mins to go but Huntly didn't stop playing, kicking two very quick goals. Thankfully Speci was able to hold on with the siren going and winning 18-13. (2.6 to 2.1)

This was a wonderful result and I was very proud of how the boys played throughout all the games and also the final.

Overall the boys did a fantastic job. It was another enjoyable day and Mr. Polglase, Mr. Drew-Paton and myself thoroughly enjoyed coaching the boys.

**WELL DONE SPECI !!**

Todd Broadbent



# RECYCLED UNIFORM CLEARANCE

## THURSDAY 2ND AUG

### 2:30 - 3:30 PM



We have several tubs of **FREE** recycled uniform items to clear. Parents & Friends will have items sorted into size categories for you to make a selection. Tables will be located outside the uniform shop door, near the staffroom.

*Please limit your choice to only the items that you need.*



# CIRCUS PROGRAM

	See <b>SENTRAL</b> for the <b>FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</b>
<i>Date</i>	<i>CALENDAR 2018</i>
<i>Thurs 2nd Aug</i>	
<i>Monday Aug 13</i>	<i>Curriculum Day</i>
<i>Thurs Aug 23</i>	<i>BOOK FAIR</i>
<i>Thurs Sept 6</i>	<i>Grade 1/2 Sleepover</i>



Welcome to the Premiers' Reading Challenge  
Inspiring children and young people to read more books



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There are numerous entry & exit points around the school.  
**Students are required to enter & exit via the side gates, NOT through the office building please, particularly in this colder weather. The passage way becomes a wind tunnel. 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.**

## *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 FAMILIES Have you registered??




### Get ready for the new Child Care Subsidy

COMPLETE YOUR ONLINE FORM NOW THROUGH MYGOV

*It is really important for families using OSHC to do a Centrelink Child Care Assessment now, if you have not already.*

*You can do your assessment through myGov using your Centrelink online account. Or, through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.*

*This is important, because if you don't do your assessment, your child care fee assistance may be disrupted and/or you may have to pay full fees.*

*A copy of the Family Transition Checklist has been available at OSHC sessions. If you have not received a copy, please obtain one from the office,*



*or we can email you a copy.*

**Please complete your registration as soon as possible.**

To find out more, visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare) or watch this short video:  
[youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqVkcY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqVkcY).

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