

# Speci Express

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RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY - FRIDAY 2ND NOV

Dear Parents, Friends and Students,  
I hope you enjoyed the public holiday yesterday. The weather was beautiful, and it certainly has made the week fly by.

### Art Display at Bendigo Show

Once again Specimen Hill Primary school's Art display was awarded first prize at the Bendigo Show. There were also many students who received individual awards. Congratulations to all the students whose work was on display. A big thank you to Mrs Sandra Young. Sandy runs an amazing Art program at the school and this is evidenced by the wonderful work we see displayed throughout the school. A big thank you to Mrs Grills-Marselli for assisting Sandy in putting the display together.

### Chinese Guests/ Overseas Learning Experience

Our two Chinese students are enjoying their time greatly in Australia and making a great contribution to Specimen Hill Primary School. I have been impressed by these student's resilience and ability to integrate into school life. We will be organising an assembly to welcome these students and their teacher to our school very soon.



At the assembly the Speci students who travelled to China this year will make a presentation to the school about their trip to China. The time and date will be announced very soon. Congratulations to Trei M, Terri F and Maggie F who have been selected to travel to China with Mrs Pelly in 2019. Well done.

### Whooping Cough

We have had a confirmed case of whooping cough in the school. If your child has had a persistent cough that they have been unable to shake I would encourage you to mention this to your doctor. Whooping cough is a bacterial infection and can be treated with an anti-biotic.

### Preps 2019

On Tuesday, we welcomed our Prep students for 2019 for their first transition day. The morning ran smoothly and it is always lovely to see these bright eyed and eager students taking their first step towards formal schooling. The next transition day will be Tuesday November 13th.

### State athletics Carnival

On Monday, two of our students, Lindsay A and Jasper S competed in the state athletics carnival. Congratulations to these students on reaching the state level.

### OSHC

A survey will be sent home very soon to determine the demand for the service. Most nights we are at capacity, that is, 30 students in the program. I am aware that there is a bigger demand than our current capacity, however to increase the capacity of the service from 30 places to 45 is a big step and we need to know that it would be financially viable. In addition to the financial side, we would be required to undergo an evaluation process for the increased numbers under our licencing agreement. The demand for before school care is also strong, however there is capacity in this service to accommodate extra students.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Wendy Jackson  
Principal

**CANTEEN  
MON & FRI**

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



**NOTES TO RETURN**

**Swimming  
Circus Oz**



**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

Well done to everyone who has been participating in the Walk to School program, it is great to see each chart in every room getting filled up as the weeks have gone by. Just a reminder this will be the last week of the competition. Although we still encourage everyone to take advantage of the beautiful weather for the rest of the year, we are urging everyone to make a big effort this Friday and if possible come to school via their bike or scooter, to fill our bike shed up for the big finale. Also big thank you to those families who have already returned their swimming notes.

## HAVE YOU SENT YOUR GRADUATION RSVP?



**A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER-** Miss Williams is still waiting for some families to RSVP to the Grade 6 Graduation (*Tuesday the 18th December at the Bendigo Club*) if they haven't already been done so can you please return these forms to Miss Williams ASAP. Students have been allocated a maximum of 3 tickets, their own plus two other tickets. Payment is \$35 for adults and \$23 for students and can be paid either at the office or via the school's Qkr app. It is sure to be a great night, not one to be missed, so make sure it's in your dairies!

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

## MIDDLE CLASSES

We have a short week but it will still be a busy one.

We are solving some problem solving questions about fractions. In reading, the students are learning how to analyse a text. We have been continuing to investigate colour and light in our Integrated Studies sessions.

Grade 3 / 4 students have been working very hard at gym and are improving their skills immensely. A reminder that swimming notes have been sent home and should be returned as soon as you can. With over 300 students attending, we appreciate early return of notes for processing.

Food fair and concert will come up fast—being Dec 13th. Your child's teacher will give out information about what food the class are cooking on the night. Any donations will be appreciated and will allow the school to fundraise as much money as possible.

We hope your Bendigo Cup holiday was restful and enjoyable.

As always, please contact us if you have any concerns.

*Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B.*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

We hope everyone had a lovely day off yesterday and enjoyed the warm weather. With the warmer weather becoming more frequent it is important that children are bringing a drink bottle to school every day and wearing their hats. It is best to keep hats at school instead of taking them home.

There are many lunchtime activities happening throughout the week for the next few weeks. These include bracelet making, skipping, reading, coding and dancing. Please encourage your child to try out something new.

Some important notes that need to be returned to school - Swimming Program Permission and our major excursion to Circus Oz in Melbourne. Please ensure when completing the Circus Oz permission form that you fill in both (one from school and one from Circus Oz).

As we get closer to the busiest time of year, it is still very important that home reading and spelling is being completed each night.

We look forward to another great week in the Junior Department at Speci. Please remember if you have any concerns or questions to pop in and see us.

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

## PREP CLASSES

We hope all families had an enjoyable Bendigo Cup day yesterday. With the warmer weather approaching it is a good idea to send along a named drink bottle to have in the classroom along with a piece of fruit to eat each day during Fruit break.

### Portfolios – please return

At the end of Term 3 a portfolio (display book) was sent home with samples of your child's work in it. If you still have this at home can you please return it to school so as Term 4 work can be added to it. Thankyou to those families who have already returned these.

### Prep Stay and Play Evening: TONIGHT - 5:00PM

A reminder that the Prep Stay and Play is on tonight from 5pm to 7pm. We are looking forward to a fun night of games, playing and our barbecue dinner. Please ensure your sign you child in when you arrive and out when you collect them.

### Circus excursion – Monday 12th of November

We are very excited about our up-coming excursion to Circus Oz on Monday 12th of November. Please ensure all notes and payment are returned by tomorrow - Friday 2nd of November.

### 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

OUR JUNIOR SPORT Day is on this Friday. Due to the expected warm weather we will be having our Sport Day events from 9am to 11am. It should be a fun morning!

## Working Bee

The school Working Bee is on again next week on Thursday 8th of November. If any families are able to come along and help that would be great. The Working Bee will be running from 3:20pm (meeting in the staff room) to 4:30pm. Enjoy the rest of your week!

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

## STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value
Room 1	Troy Eh	Lexie T.F,
Room 2	Cale T.	Jakai S.
Room 3	Mason T.	
Room 4	Lachlan R.	
Room 4A	Bentley W.	Paw The You
Room 5	Austin W.	Haylee c.
Room 6	Jesse McD.	Layla T.
Room 7	Maggie F.	
Room 8	Ramneet G.	
Room 9	Paw Eh Wah	
Room 10	The You Kee	Joel G.
Room 11	Hai Blut M.	Isabella L.
Room 12	Acacia J.	Georgia G.
Room 13	Asher A.	



# 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.*

## ART NEWS

Thanks to the fabulous work of our many talented students, we were fortunate this year in winning the



**“Best Primary School Display of Art & Craft”**

Category (*over 100 pupils*) and the

**“Best Overall School Display”**

A number of students also won certificates in the individual age group categories.

Congratulations to the following students and all participating entries.

The prize winning entries are displayed along the passage to the Art room.

### 12 Years & Under

Lara M.	2nd
Gemma P.	3rd
Mitchell H.	1st
Malakye C.	1st
Heidi P.	2nd
Trae McM.	3rd
Zara G.	1st
Ella B.	2nd
Tahlia C.	3rd

### 8 year & Under

Riley Q	2nd
Augie W.	1st
Lacie A.	3rd
TheYouKee	1st
Tarlie D.	3rd



## Cricket Day

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of October, Specimen Hill Primary School had a fabulous day at Beischer Park, participating in the T20 Blast Cricket Carnival, competing against many other Bendigo Primary Schools.

We had two teams participating (16 students) with one boy's and one girl's team. It was a fantastic day of cricket because all the students got to bowl, wicket keep, field and bat throughout the 8 over games. It was great to have so many students participating. For the Grade 6's it was their last sport's day representing Specimen Hill.

All the teams did an outstanding job and their improvement throughout the tournament was impressive, with the teams being able to hit the ball for six or four, bowl and get a wicket and take some spectacular catches.

Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging each other and other teams during the day.

After the round matches, the boy's team hadn't lost a game but final places were calculated on overall runs. Speci missed out on playing in the final and played off against Marist College for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> position. The boys played really well during this match and ended up winning so finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. A great effort and I was very proud of the way they played throughout the day.

During the round games the girl's team won two and lost one game therefore playing for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> also against Marist. It was a great contest throughout the 16 overs. Marist ending up gaining the win.

Overall outstanding results for 2018 at Specimen Hill Primary School. A big thankyou to Ruth East for her assistance and coaching of the girl's team, it was very much appreciated by students and myself.

Overall a fabulous day.

Well done Speci!  
*Todd Broadbent*



## SPECI - RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER

Either walk, ride or scoot to school and be in a draw to win various prizes such as a scooter, bike repair kits, basketballs etc.

**SO LET'S GET ACTIVE THIS WEEK AND ESPECIALLY FRIDAY**



