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MENS & KIDS NIGHT - THURS 22ND NOV

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,
Welcome to Week Seven. The year is quickly vanishing and teachers have been very busy preparing the end of year reports. Soon we will be working on class groupings for 2019. If you have a request for your child for 2019 could you please put it in writing and have it to me before the 23rd of November.

Chinese Assembly

Last week we officially welcomed our Chinese students, Butterfly and Angela. They spoke to the assembly and demonstrated an excellent grasp of English. In addition to this, the students who travelled to China earlier in the year presented on their trip. Thank you to Lara, Lindsay, Charli and Zinnia for engaging your audience from start to finish. The Chinese students enjoyed seeing the sights of Shanghai and also, their school. Being part of Team China provides many benefits to our school and assists in giving students a global view of the world.

Alternate Lunch Program

Students are sometimes required to attend this program but it is always open for volunteers to access. I would like to reassure parents that if your child has been sent into the program, that the incident has been thoroughly investigated. All students are provided with the opportunity to be heard before a consequence is given. We can be contacted if you have a query around what has occurred.

Men and Kids Night

A reminder that this will be occurring tomorrow evening between 6:00- 7:30pm. Thank you to Mr Warne for his organisation of this. Men are such a vital and important part of children's lives and this is just a small way we like to celebrate their contribution. Quality time with our children is the biggest gift we can give them.

ICAS Mathematics Tests

Each year students who are excelling in certain curriculum areas are chosen to sit academic tests run by the University of New South Wales. This year, Layla E from Year 2 will be receiving a university medal for obtaining the highest score in Victoria in the Mathematics test. The family are travelling to Melbourne this weekend to attend the ceremony. In addition to this, Augie W from Year 3 received a high distinction, meaning his score was in the top 1% of students who sat the test. Oscar M from Year 4, also received a distinction meaning his result was in the top 10% of students. Fantastic results. All students, who were chosen to sit an ICAS test in any area, needs to be congratulated. Yes these students have a natural talent in these areas, but to excel everyone needs to work hard.

Space Travellers

Last Friday, our senior Space Traveller students presented their completed project to other Space Travellers and parents. The challenge was to design a school on the site of Specimen Hill primary school that would hold seven hundred students. The students had to work, as a team, to design the school and produce scaled models. The results were amazing. Well done to all the Space Travellers and Mr Drew-Paton on this wonderful project.

Swimming Program

The Swimming program commences next week and will run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays for two weeks. Notes and money need to be returned to the office. The forecast is predicting a very cold front is approaching Victoria but the weather looks better for Monday. Fingers crossed it warms up for us all.



Early Arrival at School

This continues to be an ongoing issue with some students at school before 8:00am. There is no supervision in the yard before 8.45am and at the earliest, students should not arrive before 8:30am in the morning. There are places in Before School Care, bookings are required.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead,

Wendy Jackson, Principal

CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



NOTES TO RETURN

Swimming Grade 6 Grad Night

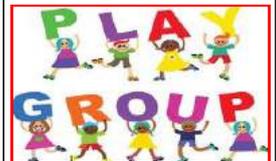


Adults \$35
Students \$23



**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

Next Monday we will be starting this year's swimming program. There are permission notes still outstanding 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.

Students will need to bring their SunSmart swimming gear, towel, sunscreen, and a separate bag for them to place their wet clothes in. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled. The program will be run for two weeks and students will be swimming each day except for Wednesdays.

In Writing this week students are enjoying reviewing some of their great narratives that they wrote last week and putting their critiquing skills to the test. The focus has been centred strongly around sentence structure, punctuation and spelling. This week's spelling focus is looking at words which feature the letter 'a' making the 'o' sound like in squabble. Please ensure your students are bringing their homework home and returning it each Friday.

Hayden Polglase, Adam Tanner, Sophie Williams & Bridey Welton

MIDDLE CLASSES

We are so proud of how much learning our students are putting into practise. In Reading they are thinking hard about non-fiction texts to search for and use meaning. We are reading a variety of texts including news articles and digital media. We have had some really interesting discussions on why it is important to know who wrote the information, when it is published and where they got the source of their facts from.

In Writing we are reflecting on our narrative pieces we are publishing. Our focus is on giving each other feedback on the great features we have all included and where we can continue to improve.

Our students are working well on doubling and tripling numbers. This may sound easy but doubling or tripling a number 4 times is quite challenging. In our Integrated Unit we are exploring camouflage and how easily our eyes are fooled by objects hidden by the clever use of colour. We are also working on our Christmas concert items which are proving a little exciting.

Have a great week,

Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B

JUNIOR CLASSES

After a very busy and tiring week last week it has been nice to settle back into normal classroom routines. As always, students continue to work hard in all learning areas and we are doing our best to keep going our personal best right until the end of the year.

Next week is the week the kids have been waiting for ... SWIMMING!! There are still a number of permission notes that have not been returned. Please ensure this is done ASAP as we don't want to be chasing these up at the last minute. Some of the Junior Teachers will be involved in running the swimming program and therefore will be out of the classroom on swimming days.

It is a real asset being able to have our own classroom teachers run the program, as they know the students best. Please remember to name all clothing (school clothing, underwear, bathers and towels) so that nothing gets misplaced as it can get very busy when students are changing. Please make sure bathers are Sun Smart and that your child comes to school with sunscreen on. As always, parents are welcome to come and watch their child's swimming session.

The Junior Sports Day will go ahead this Friday so please make sure students are wearing comfortable shoes and bring a drink bottle along.

Lots of fun and exciting things coming up as the term continues to fly by!

Have a great week everybody.

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

PREP CLASSES

Welcome to week 7! Another busy week ahead..

Swimming

Next week we will begin our swimming program. The students will need to bring their swimmers, a towel and sunscreen. The sessions are as follows:

Prep P- 12:10- 12:50 Prep W- 1:30- 2:10

Prep/ 1 OJ- 11:30- 12:10 Prep L- 2:10- 2:50

The students will be getting changed into their swimmers before we leave for the pool. They will change back into their uniform before getting on the bus to come back to school.

Can we please ask that student dress in clothes that are easy to take off and put on as there is limited time for them to get changed to meet the bus.

Please ensure ALL items of clothing are labelled.

Students will be required to wear their hat to and from the pool.

A reminder that notes need to be returned ASAP.

Men and Kids Night

This Thursday the Men and Kids Night will be held from 6- 7:30pm. The students are encouraged to bring an important male figure in their lives (such as a dad, pop, an uncle or someone else) along to play games and activities and have some pizza for tea. We would love to see as many families involved as possible. It's a truly wonderful night enjoyed by all who participate.



Hats & Drink Bottles

Students must have a hat to play outside at lunch and recess.

Can you please ensure a water bottle (with student's name) is brought to school daily as the weather becomes warmer.

Library Books

There will be 2 more weeks of borrowing before all books need to be returned or the end of the year.

Have a lovely week!

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

SWIMMING STARTS NEXT WEEK



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.

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.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Room 1

Levi B., Zoe B., Ryan B.
Buddy D. Troy E. Lily H.,
Aiden S. Scarlett T. Lexie
TF., Peter W., Brayden W.

Room 8

Jye C., Dakota H., Ashton H.,
Aylah P., Tayla S.

Room 2

Ruby C., Kaide H., Sharlee
H., Zayden N., Ruby P.,
Emily R., Cale T.

Room 9

David B., Harrison C.
Mason D., Charley H.,
Cooper C.,

Room 3

Izaak A., Baiiden B., Zoe
B., Charlotte B., Keeley C.,
Tahlia D., Milla G., Skye
H, Xavier R., Jim S.
Quinton T.

Room 10

Caleb J., Ashton McM., Koby
M., Taijah S.,

Room 4

Kara L., Alizah K., Lela D.
Skye J. Megan R. Eh Kell
Ler Soe

Room 11

Sienna C., Baidyn B.,
Campbell N., Alexis L.,
Jordan R., Olivia R., Alex W.

Room 5

Haylee C., Jameson C.,
Noah E., Chloe G., Kiya
G., Ruby-Jane H., Logan
R., Ethan McD., Joshua P.

Room 12

Mikai C., Sophie E., Lyam
McM., Jed G., Akaisha L.

Room 6

Jesse MacD., Nate S.,
Layla T., Acacia J., Tyler
R., Kanishka S.

Room 7

Deacon M., Logan D.,
Tyrone H., Kaiden T.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD SEARCH FOR THE OVERDUE BOOKS.

A \$10 FEE PER BOOK WILL BE CHARGE IF NOT RETURNED BY DEC 7TH

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value—Persistence
Room 1	Izaac B.	Parker R.
Room 2	Lela D.	Mia GK
Room 3	Isobel C.	Xavier R.
Room 4	Caitlin E.	Lily M.
Room 4A	Joanna J.	Addison T.F.
Room 5	Noah E.	Lily B.
Room 6	Noah E.	Indy H.
Room 7	Logan D.	
Room 8	Tyler R.	
Room 9	David B.	
Room 10	Joel G.	Addison P.
Room 11	Amelia W.	
Room 12	Sophie E. Paige C.	Mikai C.
Room 13	Lindsay A.	

SWIMMING NEXT WEEK



Junior Sports Day

Friday 23rd November

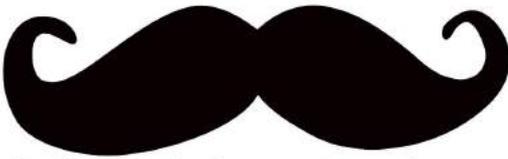
Junior Sports Day for Prep/1/2 students. All the students will participate in a variety of activities over the two hours including Overhead Throwing, Frisbee, Egg and Spoon, Sack Race, Skipping, High Jump, Sprint and Parachute Games.

The Junior Sports Day will occur from 11:45am - 1:45pm.

Parents are more than welcome to attend - the Sports Day will be on the Oval and Basketball Court.

Specimen Hill PS are going to be having a Mo Day to raise for Men's Health

MOVEMBER



GROW IT. SHOW IT. SUPPORT IT.

Wednesday 28th November.

As some of you may be seen, the Specimen Hill male teachers have been growing moustaches for the month of November to raise money for Men's Health.

On Wednesday 28th it will be an out of uniform day

and students are also encouraged to have a moustache (students will also be able to purchase a moustache at school).

If all students can please bring a **gold cold donation** on the day and all money will go towards Movember and Men's Health.



The Hated Child Is The Long Lost Princess by Maeghan S

As my eyes flashed open. "She's so ugly!" Cried a voice. My vision was blurry. "You mean beautiful. Right?" Said another voice with a hint of hurt on it. "Lilly's awake!" Whispered mom not answering her husband. As I stood up I cried "DawDaw (daddy)!" Excitement shot across his face. While mum was annoyed. I took one wobbly step at a time, till I was with him. "I'm going to bed now." He said with a yawn. After he left mum came and kicked me. "You are nothing compared to me and your sister!" She yelled at me. Hoping not to wake her husband.

"12 Years Later (There Now 13)"

I got dressed as mess as I felt comfortable. I have learnt not to be prettier than Lilly. I didn't feel like getting harassed today. At least not right now. Today is the first day of high school. On the Long walk to school. I just wanted to be alone. When we got there, someone was being harassed. I went and stood up and tall to them for her. Memories flashed into my head of how I was abused and wanted someone there for me. It's something she could never do alone. The bullies were Confused - because someone stood up to them- and ran off. I meet Hunter he was super nice to me. We became besties.

Transformation Class

When transforming class came round I was sweating so much I could fill a swimming pool. I wanted to be in the same class as Hunter. As we took turns transforming. Miss Simpson was really nice about it. "Lilly you're a cat. Common" said Miss Simpson. "Bell your turn." Miss Simpson said softly. "Bunny common." She called us one by one. "Hunter Rainbow hybrid. Very rare." She said. "Charlie, angel rare." She said. "Max, wolf common." She said. "Ocean your turn." She yelled over the excited murmurs of all the other students asking who they're with. Power fills my body. "OMG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!" Every one screamed at once. "What? I'm ugly aren't I?" I asked. "N-no your a..... RAINBOW WOLF HYBRID!!!!!!" She screamed. "So what!" I said a little confused. "You're an U-L-T-R-A R-A-R-E!"

After School

When we got home, mom and dad were existed to see us. "Mummy I'm a cat." Said Lilly. Dad came running over to me and asked. "What are you?" "I'm a RAINBOW WOLF HYBRID!" I squealed. They looked dumb-shot. "Show us your transformation." They demanded. "Ok." We did as we were told. "WOW!" They said at the same time.

Missing by Taylah S

One day I decided to look for my long-lost friend Bella. She has been missing for five years. I noticed one school day she wasn't where we were meant to meet. I did not think much of it but after a week I knew something was wrong. Because she loves school and has never missed a day.

I thought maybe she was really sick, so I called to see if she was ok but no answer. I kept thinking of places she would go but no trace. Three years go by. Then one day I heard a knock at my door but there was nobody in sight. There on my door mat was a map and a note saying "follow the map" so I did.

First it said "go to the river", so i did. It lead me to a rusty old house it said "find a sliver key". I looked everywhere. Then I found it on the floor. So, I picked it up. I found a map that lead me to a abandoned shop. I heard voices coming from the store room. I opened the store room door and saw Bella my long-lost friend. We both screamed, I said "Is it you Bella?" she said "It sure is." I said "How long have you been here?" she said "Three years." I said "lets go" so we did. We went back to my house. After a couple of years, she has her own house.

GRADE 3/4 WRITING

SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRIVACY INFORMATION for parents, guardians and carers

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents, guardians and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to collect and manage information about your child. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. These online tools enable our school to efficiently and effectively manage important information about your child and also to communicate with you. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child, or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, Student Support Service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.



	See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR
Date	CALENDAR 2018
Nov 22	Mens & Kids Night 6:00–7:30pm
Nov 26–Dec 7	 Swimming Program
Nov 27	PREP 2019—Transition Day Recycled Uniform Stall
Nov 28	 Mowvember Casual Dress Day
Dec 18th	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

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

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**



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.

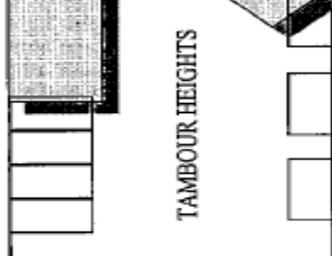
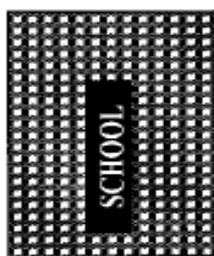
Utilise the rear entrances of the school, accessible from

Hasker Street and from Henderson Street via Chum
Street. Older children are more than capable of walking
the few extra metres.

DO NOT PARK ON NATURE STRIPS



**TURNING ONLY
NO STOPPING**



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

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SWIMMING NOTE

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