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BENDIGO CUP - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - WED 31 OCT

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,
Welcome to Week 3.

Chinese Students Arrived

Today we welcomed our two Chinese students, who landed safely in Melbourne yesterday. The girls were happy and excited to be in Australia. Their Australian names are — Butterfly and Angela. Thank you to our host families for accommodating them.



These girls will work in the senior classrooms during their time here. They will be here for eight weeks and return to China on the 15th of December. We hope they enjoy their time in Australia and at Speci. I have already been impressed with their resilience and level of English. I look forward to getting to know them better over the upcoming weeks.

Sensory Garden- Inclusive School's Grant

I am expecting that most of you would have seen Speci featured on Win News or the article in the Bendigo Advertiser last week. Thursday was a very big day and an exciting one for our school with James Merlino, the Education Minister, visiting the school to announce that we had been successful in receiving a grant to build a sensory garden. I received very positive feedback from the minister's office regarding his visit to Speci. We received a \$200,000 grant to build a sensory garden. Amazing news! The development of this garden will provide greater accessibility to the oval and outside learning spaces for all students. It is planned the space will provide a lovely sandpit area, musical instruments, fixed bikes that are used to pump water, a water pump for keeping the sandpit area damp, seating and garden boxes around the playground in the front area, terracing behind Rooms 9 and 10 and easier access to the Kitchen/Garden area. This, in combination with an upgraded oval will improve the physical environment of the school considerably. At this time, I do not know the timeline when this work will be done or completed.

Safety

Could all parents remind students to be alert and aware that cars may back out of residential driveways if they are walking, scooting or riding on the footpath. One of our students last week was actually hit by a car reversing out of their driveway when he was on his scooter. It was just a glance, but the student did have a black rubber mark on his leg from the car tyre. Staff will remind students of this also.

Arrival at School

A reminder that students should not be arriving at school before 8.30 am. If they arrive before 8.30 they need to sit in the foyer. There are places available in Before School Care.

ICAS Mathematics Tests

These have arrived at school and will be distributed during next week's assembly. Once again, many of our students have received very pleasing results.



Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to those families who completed the survey. Not all families are invited to complete the survey, a random sample of over 90 families is generated and asked to complete the survey. Overall the results were very positive and these surveys also show us areas that we need to address.

2019 Enrolments

I have had one family let me know that their children will not be at the school next year. I really appreciate this as it allows for us to plan effectively for next year.

Andy Lovett – Bendigo Health

On Monday night Andy delivered a talk around incontinence issues in children and also on Attention Deficit, Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD). It was a very informative presentation that educated staff around these conditions. We are continually working to improve staff's knowledge and skills in being able to effectively work with all students.

An interesting point Andy made was around the impact of blue light, which is given off by tablets and computers. This light effects melatonin levels. Our melatonin levels rise throughout the day and this is what causes us to go to sleep. Being on devices before bedtime will mean that these levels do not rise and this impacts sleep habits. The reason the use of these devices before bed is strongly discouraged.

Have a great week,

Wendy Jackson

Principal



CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



NOTES TO RETURN

Swimming
Circus Oz
Cricket
Prep Play
Night



**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

A huge "well done" to all the senior students involved in last week's Dance Mob incursion. The effort from each class was amazing and everyone had a fabulous time, including the staff- we saw some great dance moves from a number of individuals!

Don't forget that this Friday grades 3-6 will be continuing their gym sessions at Jets, it would be fantastic to see everyone dressed appropriately and ready to go when it's their session time.



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) please return these forms to **Miss Williams ASAP**. Students have been allocated a maximum of 3 tickets, their own plus two others. Payment is \$35 for adults and \$23 for students. Payment can be made at the office or via the school's Qkr app, under School Events, Graduation Dinner. 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 been busy this week learning about summarising fiction texts. Students have been paying close attention to important events in stories to help them with their summarising skills. They have also been revising the correct use of capital letters and talking marks. In writing, they have been working on the skill of "Show, don't tell". This means they have been writing descriptively and SHOWING their readers that someone is feeling angry rather than just writing "He was angry".

In Numeracy we have been working on fractions again and revising our time skills.

Students have been having a blast at gym on Fridays. They are working hard to improve and refine their skills.

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.

Swimming notes were handed out yesterday. Please aim to return these to the office this week that way they won't be misplaced. Remember to keep the important information at the top of the note at home on the fridge!

Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing, Miss B.

JUNIOR CLASSES

What a fantastic start to Term 4 we have had! Children are working hard on engaging their audience into their writing – make sure you ask about our sizzling starts, exciting endings and show, don't tell! Yesterday we sent out notes about our swimming program. Please send these back soon.



We also have our major excursion note coming home soon for our trip to Melbourne for Circus Oz! This will be held on Monday 12th November, so please get these notes back quickly.

A friendly reminder about readers and spelling – it is great to see this getting completed by most families. Thank you for your ongoing support

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

PREP CLASSES

Hi, already in week 3 - How did that happen! Keep reading for some exciting news!

Prep Stay and Play Evening: Thursday 1st November (NEXT WEEK)

To celebrate all the great learning the Preps have done this year we are going to host a stay and play evening for them to exclusively attend. The Preps are invited to come back to school from 5pm- 7pm to play some games and have a BBQ. A permission form was sent home yesterday. Please return your note ASAP.

Walking to School

We are proud of the number of students making the effort to walk, ride or scoot to school. Keep it up!

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.

Home Readers

The prep classrooms are missing a lot of levelled readers (the books sent home for home reading). Can you please have a look around home and send any that you might find back.

Library Books

Thank you to those families who have had a search at home for lost library books. If you could not find your child's book, please discuss with your child's teacher.

Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion

This week, The Preps will participate in this incursion. They will learn about how to care for pets, and how to be safe around unknown animals.

Swimming Program

In week 8 the swimming program will commence. There are a few things that you can do at home to help get your child prepared. If your child is not confidently dressing and undressing themselves, please practice over the next month to make it easier during swimming. Same goes with tying shoe laces. We thought we would mention it early as we know it takes a lot of practice to master these things!

Have a lovely week!

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

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value
Room 1	Levi B.	Chase B.
Room 2	Hunter S.	Mia GK
Room 3	Aiden W.	Phoebe B.
Room 4	Alizah K.	Ruby G.
Room 4A		
Room 5	Ruby B.	Lewis C.
Room 6	Hannah C.	Aaliyah J.
Room 7	Terri F.	
Room 8	Cherry	Sky T. 
Room 9	Harry W.	
Room 10	Lucas CH	Dallan W.
Room 11	Taijah S.	Mia D.
Room 12	Rohan T.	Logan K.
Room 13	Jiah B.	
Nude Food	Week 1 - R 11	Week 2 - R7

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.



CRAZY HAIR DAY – FRIDAY 26TH OCT

Two years ago, at 9 years of age, Rohan T. set his mind to growing his hair for charity. He has been inspired by others who had donated their hair to make wigs, including another Speci student Bella L.



With the haircut happening this **Sunday at The Zone at 4:00pm**, Rohan is well on his way to achieve his fundraising target.

Please support Rohan by participating in the **CRAZY HAIR** day this Friday by styling your hair in a crazy fashion and donating a Gold coin towards Rohan's fundraising campaign. *(not a casual dress day – just crazy hair)*

If you wish to donate directly please follow the link below:

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/rohan-s-hair-chop-fundraiser>

CHAMPION HAYLEE



Grade 6 student, Haylee J's weekend was packed full with several competitive cycling events, achieving outstanding results in each category.

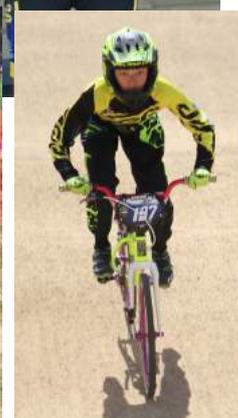
Friday saw her compete in the Victorian Schools State BMX final, achieving 2nd place in the final.

Saturday was the Mountain Trail Bike competition, where she was running in 3rd place close to the end. Unfortunately, a crash over the handlebars ended a podium finish, placing 4th overall. Haylee showing great resilience to get back on the bike to make it the finish line.

Sunday was the great road race around the streets of Bendigo. Again this was a VS State Final.

Having already competed for two days, Haylee's amazing strength and determination came through to see her win the event! Road Race Champion!

Congratulations again to Haylee and her proud support team.



	See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR
Date	CALENDAR 2018
<i>Oct 12–Nov 9</i>	<i>Gr 3-6 Gym Program</i>
<i>Nov 26–Dec 7</i>	<i>Swimming Program</i>
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>BENDIGO CUP—PUBLIC HOLIDAY</i>
<i>Nov 12</i>	<i>Circus Oz Excursion—Junior School</i>
<i>Dec 18th</i>	<i>Grade 6 Graduation Dinner</i>

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



ART NEWS



Congratulations to the following students for having work selected as Individual Entries for the Bendigo Art Competition.

We are always proud of our students efforts. If you are attending the Bendigo Show, please go and view Speci's School display with over 100 pieces of students works are included.

Thank to Ginny Grills-Marsili for her assistance in setting up the display. Thanks, Sandy



12 Years & Under

Hayley P., Terri F. Gemma P. Lara M., Charli S. Akaisha L., Aiden R., Mitchell H., Savannah T., Malakye C., Leah Pollard, Paige C. , Tiffany P., Heidi P., Taw Low, Trae McM. Aylah P. Tahlia C., Ella B., Zara Grigsby

8 year & Under

Maddison W. PawThaYu, Riley Q. Augie W., Lacie A. Skye T., TheYouKee, Tarlie D.

GURRI WANYARRA GRAND OPENING WEEKEND!

Win a 30 minute swim lesson with Olympic Medalist Brooke Hansen on Sat 27th Oct!

Discounted entry when you register online*

RSVP today via our website gurrwanyarra.com.au

Plus your chance to win a Gumi Wanyarra Family Membership worth over \$2800!

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER & SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 10AM-4PM

- Splash park
- Jumping castle
- Inflatable pool fun
- Exciting games, prizes & more!

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*T&Cs apply

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FUN RUN 4TH NOV 2018

RUN FOR HEALTH

ADD A BURST OF COLOUR TO YOUR RUN

Help raise funds for the Residential Care Appeal

5km RUN 10km RUN 15km RUN 21.1km RUN 5km WALK

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