

# Speci Express

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CURRICULUM DAY - MONDAY AUG 13TH

Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Winter has certainly hit and we do seem to be seeing a lot more students with illnesses at the moment. We are reaching the end of winter and I know I will certainly be glad to see a bit more sunshine. Next week we welcome Mr Warne back from LSL, thank you Mr Broadbent and Mrs Jacobs for filling in, in Mr Warne's absence. A reminder that next **Monday, the 13th of August is a pupil free day.** The day will be used to conduct a Seven Steps Writing professional development day for staff. A reminder an OSHC service will be running on the day, bookings are essential.

### Passions and Pathways for Year 6 students

This program is just about in full swing with students being involved in a range of tours to a variety of businesses. The aim of the program is to lift student aspirations and to expose them to many possibilities and pathways available to them in the future. Students will largely be involved in this program on a Thursday so it is essential that students are at school on time, on this day. Buses cannot wait. Feedback from previous Year 6 students has always been extremely positive. Students are required to wear long pants on both Thursday and Friday of this week. This is a Health and Safety requirement of the businesses that the students will be visiting.

### Hockey

Mr Broadbent and Mr Lawlor took a team of nine girls to the regional hockey carnival yesterday in Swan Hill. The girls competed well and enjoyed a great day out and finished third overall. Thanks Mr Broadbent and Mr Lawlor. Lots of sporting events occurring at the moment, with the District Athletics carnival occurring next week.

### Dental Checks

These will be happening next week for those families who have returned their permission forms.



### Prep Enrolments for 2019

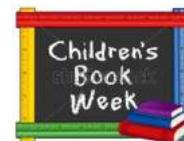
If you have a Prep student who you are intending to enrol at Specimen Hill Primary school for 2019, please complete the school enrolment forms as soon as possible. These are available at the front desk. As Principal, I need to manage student numbers carefully to ensure that we have the facilities for our student numbers and if I know our Prep numbers well in advance, it makes the job much easier.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

We have had around nearly 200 students complete the challenge. There has been over 7,000 books read and we are aiming to have more students complete the challenge than any other year. Please assist us to do this. A celebratory afternoon tea is planned for those students who have already completed the challenge next week.

### Book Week

This will be occurring in Week 6 of the term. We will be holding our annual Book Week parade where we ask students to come dressed as their favourite book character. We are planning on holding this on Tuesday, the 21st of August. Just advance notice to have the costumes organised.



### Junior School Councillors News

Classes have conducted elections and the new school councillors have been announced. Congratulations to these students and a formal induction will be conducted later in the term when Mr Warne returns. Fifteen of our Junior School Councillors visited the Bethlehem Nursing home last Friday. It was wonderful to see the joy that our students visit brought to the residents of the home. Our wellbeing is enhanced when we help others.

### Honesty

Honesty is the value we will be concentrating on the following four weeks. It is a very important value, as only when we are truly honest with ourselves, can we learn and deal with problems in a more constructive manner.

Wishing you all a great week ahead,  
Wendy Jackson, Principal

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**CANTEEN**

**MON & FRI**

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



**NOTES TO RETURN**

**PREP  
ASSESSMENT  
FORMS  
WRITERS  
FESTIVAL**

**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

This week saw classes using division during Numeracy, searching for information during Reading and creating information reports during Writing.

Grade 6 students have discovered where their Passion & Pathways visits will be tomorrow and are eagerly looking forward to each of these. Students will visit 3 businesses to get a look at the day to day happenings of each. Two Tours will happen on Thursday and a final tour on Friday. These tours include, RMCG, Dennis Family Homes, Bendigo Tourism, CFA, B&B Basil, St John of God, Botanic Gardens, Bunnings & Keech. As you can see, a wide variety of work places which will display a wide variety of jobs that our students may be interested in during their working careers. Grade 5 students will be able to participate in this program next year.

**Please ensure Grade 6 students come to school on Thursday and Friday this week in long pants, long sleeves and appropriate shoes for safety precautions while on these tours.**

Please remember to have students reading 20-30minutes each night. It is essential that students have their diaries signed by an adult who has witnessed their reading. Asking questions about the text they are reading helps students to understand and comprehend better. If you can ask your child 3 questions about their reading each night, this will go a long way to improving their reading levels. Homework is due on Friday. Please see your classroom teacher if you have any concerns regarding any issues.

Thanks for reading.

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

## MIDDLE CLASSES

This week in the grade 3/4 rooms we are really getting into some focused learning. It is fantastic to see students taking their reading so maturely. Many students are borrowing library books, following book series and reading with enthusiasm. We are working on the challenging skill of analysing the texts we read both narrative and non-fiction. We are questioning the Author's intentions, searching for facts and checking we understand the characters and events.

The spelling sound we are investigating in Writing is the /a/ and /al/ making the sound "ar" as in ask and half. We have explored various forms of letter writing and Grade 3 / 4 B have written emails to the Bendigo City Council asking about recycling programs in schools. This has tied in nicely with our Integrated unit on the Government and the Law.

We have been really excited by some multiplication strategies for solving much more complex problems. You may have students share their new methods and they love to know how their parents were taught too. Timetable facts are still being practiced for homework and any additional help such as charts at home, apps, quizzes and practise greatly benefits students retaining these.

Please ensure students are returning their homework completed by Fridays and students bring their reading diaries to school daily.

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.

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, as well as adding 2-digit numbers. 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. Congratulations to those who have completed the challenge! Well done and keep reading!

The Junior Fun Night—Thurs Sept 6th—is approaching quickly and will occur in week 8 of this term. More information and a permission form will be sent home about this shortly.

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.

**Ice Cream containers:** Calling for donations of cleaned plastic ice-cream containers for storage use in the classroom.

**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)

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

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

**PREP ASSESSMENT  
FORMS TO BE RETURNED**

PLEASE!  
NOTE

# PARENT OPINION SURVEY

*If you were one of the parents who received the survey by email, 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. Please check your email to see if were selected to complete.*

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**ALL CASUAL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE VIA  
PHONING THE OFFICE  
PH: 5443 5353**

**MOST DAYS ARE FULL TO CAPACITY WITH PERMANENT  
PLACINGS AND CAN ONLY TAKE CASUAL BOOKINGS IF  
THERE HAS BEEN A CANCELLATION.**

We apologise for the unavailability of places, we hope to apply for further licenced places.

*Shannon Tyler, Co-ordinator*

## STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

	Star	Value
Room 1	<b>Mia RH</b>	<b>Lily H.</b>
Room 2	<b>Hunter S.</b>	<b>Zayden N.</b>
Room 3	<b>Jim S.</b>	<b>Chase M.</b>
Room 4	<b>Megan R.</b>	<b>Blaize McM.</b>
Room 4A	<b>Natalie M.</b>	<b>James R.</b>
Room 5	<b>Sihanna C.</b>	<b>Chloe G.</b>
Room 6	<b>Caitlin G.</b>	<b>Jess McD.</b>
Room 7	<b>Jacob W.</b>	
Room 8	<b>Maeghan S.</b>	
Room 9	<b>Ryan T.</b>	
Room 10	<b>Alexis L.</b>	
Room 11	<b>Molly S.</b>	<b>India P.</b>
Room 12	<b>Jed G.</b>	
Room 13	<b>Breanna R.</b>	
Nude Food		
Reading Recovery		
OSHC		



## REGIONAL HOCKEY REPORT

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, nine Speci students, Michael Lawlor and myself headed off to Swan Hill to compete in the Regional Hockey Tournament - the next level of competition as we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Divisional Hockey Tournament earlier in the year.

We competed against Boort and Nichols Point. Specimen Hill did an outstanding job as one of the teams play hockey competitively every weekend and at State level.

Throughout the day our students showed excellent hockey skills, sportsmanship and encouragement of each other. We were very competitive against the other teams, finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, with Boort taking out the trophy.

I would like to thank Michael for coaching the team – he did an outstanding job (it was great being his assistant coach). Also thank you Sarah for umpiring for Specimen Hill PS.

Overall it was a fantastic day and the students were very well behaved. It was a pleasure to be part of it all.



## LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Every Wednesday morning a group of students attend the Life Skills program where we learn about cooking, food, hygiene, manners and many other important factors surrounding the kitchen and life in general. Each week we cook something different using the produce fresh from the schools vegie garden and eggs from the chickens. We practice important hygiene such as hand washing and discuss healthy eating. We share our food at the table while learning about respectful, shared discussion. This week we made boiled eggs and it was enjoyed by everyone!

*We made boiled eggs and I thought it was "eggsellent"! We "eggsecuted" the eggs and they were "eggccellent"! We did an "eggspersiment" and it was fantastic. Logan K*

*The eggs were eggstastic! Today I learned about flavours. David B*

*Today I learned that cooking is simple. I liked them. I like mayonnaise in with them. Lucas*

*I learned about boiled eggs. I liked them. The boiled eggs were delicious. Kaylee B*



## Music News

Music is off to a flying start this term with children in the Juniors enjoying participating in a variety of music activities.

Our focus this term is on distinguishing the difference between rhythm, beat and composing informal short pieces of music. Children are enjoying listening to a variety of different music - from rock to jazz and classical, and talking about what they enjoy and why.

Kylie Gould



**Premier's Reading Challenge**  
**ENDS SEPT 7TH**

## CHECK YOUR SCHOOL BAG

A school bag has gone missing from outside a junior classroom last Friday. Please check your child's bag to ensure they have the correct one.

**If you have a bag named Blake McC.**  
**Please return to Room 4A.**

	See <i>SENTRAL</i> for the <i>FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>
<i>Date</i>	<i>CALENDAR 2018</i>
<i>Monday Aug 13</i>	<i>Curriculum Day</i>
<i>Tues Aug 21</i>	<i>Book Week Dress-up</i>
<i>Thurs Aug 23</i>	<i>BOOK FAIR</i>
<i>Thurs Sept 6</i>	<i>Grade 1/2 Sleepover</i>

PLEASE!!  
NOTE

## PREP ASSESSMENT FORMS TO BE RETURNED

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Check your emails to see if you were selected to complete.



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

## 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

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX **PICK & MIX**  
SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



## NUDE FOOD DAY WEDNESDAYS

Premiers' reading challenge

Welcome to the Premiers' Reading Challenge

Inspiring children and young people to read more books

THE EDUCATION STATE



**ENDS SEPT 7TH**

Introducing **FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:

SCHOOL TERMS	2018
TERM THREE	16JUL – 21SEP
TERM FOUR	8 OCT – 21DEC
<i>SCHOOL TIMES</i>	<i>9:00 - 11:00am</i>
<i>First Recess</i>	<i>11:00 - 11:45am</i>
<i>Second Recess</i>	<i>1:45 - 2:15pm</i>
<i>School Finish</i>	<i>3:15pm</i>

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