Dear Students, Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to school for the start of week 1 in Term 3. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday break although it was hard to get outside on a regular basis due to cold and often wet weather. But we are into winter!

Holiday reading - I was pleased to see the number of students who maintained their regular reading routines over the holidays. Fabulous effort! This is what we expect all students to do and also what good readers do. Reading starts out as a task in the early years but the aim is for every child to progress to the stage where they are reading as a choice for the purposes of enjoyment and for information. Looking at some of the huge novels and texts that some of our senior and middle students are reading is an excellent accomplishment and sets the pathway for future success in all areas of learning.

Sporting Events - Throughout Term 3 there are a number of sporting events taking place. Today the Division Netball competition has taken place. The school sent along a mixed team (girls and boys) of senior students and I know that they were very keen and excited beforehand. Next week on Tuesday 19th we have a team of girls competing in the football carnival and on Wednesday 20th the boys’ team will compete in the football carnival. We wish all teams success demonstrated by enjoyment, great sportsmanship and great skills on the field too. Selection for these teams is on commitment to school programs and appropriate behaviour at school. Thank you to the 5/6 teaching team and Mr Broadbent for supporting and coaching the students. Best of luck kids!

Freezing weather - Yesterday it was freezing across Victoria and many students arrived to school in shorts and T-shirts! There is a culture developing around ‘it’s cool’ not to wear jumpers/jackets and long pants. At school we will be insisting that students do wear appropriate winter clothing (as they spend most of the time outside during play times huddled together shivering) we do have a supply of pre-loved clothing to give to students if they come to school without warm clothing. The Library is open during both break times for children who prefer to keep warm indoors during break-times.

Many students are also choosing to come to school before 8.30 and are outside in the elements and the grounds are not supervised at this time. Any children at school before 8.30am need to be either in Before School Care or report to the school office.

Reports and 3 Way Interviews - Student reports will be sent home this Friday. After reading every report I am very pleased with the level of progress by the students across the school and the way that each teacher has captured the essence of each child. Please sit down and read the report with your child and share it in a positive manner even if some areas are not as expected. But this will be a further conversation and some follow up to be conducted at the interviews.

On Tuesday 26th July the school will be conducting the 3 way student interviews. Students do not attend school on this day, but do attend the interview. These will be occur between the hours of 12.00 midday and 7.00pm and each interview time will be 10 minutes in length. Parents will be able to book times through the Interview Online website. The code will be included in next weeks newsletter. When booking please make sure that you leave adequate space between each of your own child’s interviews in case one teacher is running overtime. We do expect every student to attend with their parent/s. Please return the parent 3 way interview sheet to your child’s teacher (enclosed in the report envelope) listing key points of concern or celebration for the interviews. The OHSC program will operate on the day from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Bookings are essential.

Resilience value - The Value for the fortnight is Resilience. This is one of the key qualities required by everyone. People who manage their relationships, jobs, sport, families and life in general in a capable and positive manner, usually display a high level of resilience. Resilience helps us to cope and to manage ourselves to ‘bounce back’ when dealing with all situations in life.

Junior School Council (JSC) for semester 2 - Over the next 2 weeks the students from each class will be electing their semester two Junior School Council reps. The final activity that the semester one JSC will be involved in is the Talent Quest to be held on Friday 22nd July. I would like to congratulate the semester one Junior School Councilors who have done an outstanding job. The group has organized a wide range of wonderful whole school activities and the leadership developed and demonstrated from members of the group needs to be congratulated. I would especially like to congratulate Marcus for his excellent leadership as JSC President. Thank you to Mrs Jackson who has led the group so successfully. The selection process should be finalized by week three.

Hoping that everyone has a warm, cosy and enjoyable week.

Di Craig
**SENIOR CLASSES**
Welcome back everyone. We hope you are as excited as us to be back and ready for an awesome Term 3. We trust you had a relaxing and fun break, we certainly did 😊

A few reminders to begin with. We will be re-electing Junior School Council members this Term. Please start thinking about whether you would like to be considered for one of these positions as speeches will need to be presented reasonably soon.

Boys’ and girls’ football is next week, please ensure all permission slips are returned as soon as possible with any necessary payments. Notes for the Music is Fun incursion also need to be returned, as do the notes for Athletics. Lots to remember! If you have lost any of the above forms please see the office for a new one.

Enjoy your first week back!

Bec, Sophie and Scott

**MIDDLE CLASSES**
Welcome back all!

We hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break but it is time to knuckle down and achieve your excellence in term 3! Routine is paramount to being organised and each student should have their reading, spelling and numeracy homework prepared to be completed in a timely manner during their weekly routines.

Well done to the students who completed the Holiday Reading Challenge and received their prizes this week! We would like to outline again that reading is to be completed each night for 20 – 30 minutes and signed by a parent/guardian to acknowledge this. These are logged into student’s diaries. Weekly homework (spelling and numeracy) is to be completed by Thursday. When students receive their homework they should take it home immediately and read over it in case they don’t understand concepts or problems they are working on. They should then follow up with their teacher in order for them to complete the tasks for the week. Leaving this to the last minutes won’t allow for students to achieve the learning tasks set and makes for a more stressful situation. Please setup a routine where children have time to ask their teacher for help early in the week and it is not left to the last minute!

***WARM CLOTHES*** It is very cold recently at school so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outside activities each day. Warm jumpers are a must for the coming weeks.

Payments for school camp are to be checked at the school office to ensure your child’s place in next terms trip to Queenscliff. The payment schedule can be outlined for you if you check in at the school office. Finally, classrooms are in short supply of tissues. If you could donate a box or two to your classroom it would be much appreciated and help for everyone to get through this cold weather currently.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley, Adam Tanner, Judy Garwood

**JUNIOR CLASSES**
This week we have started writing descriptive texts, students are extending their vocabulary to use really interesting words to describe pictures of China that are linked with our Integrated studies. We have more students who have read for 125 nights and some are approaching 150 after their continuous efforts with holiday reading. Please keep signing students reading diaries so they can get their award certificates. Their enthusiasm for reading is becoming contagious and motivating others.

In Numeracy this week we have been using counting by ones, twos, fives and tens to count large groups of objects and discuss which method is most effective also we are counting by 3s and 4s and observing the patterns there. Later in the week we are learning to make pie charts after collecting data on our favourite foods.

In Integrated studies we are exploring three Asian countries over 3 weeks, the first being China. Students are building their knowledge and asking some really interesting questions particularly about the Chinese Zodiac, their food, buildings and Pandas.

As part of our Wednesday rotations children participate in an ICT class. Over the coming weeks children will be learning about cyber safety; safe web searching and how to avoid giving out personal information over the Internet. A major focus for safety at this age is: Always being supervised by an adult when using the Internet. Have a great week.

Brad, Jacqui, Kylie, Jacqui and Jen

**PREP NEWS**
Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable school holidays. We have a busy term ahead, with a unit on Asian Cultures, the Junior Fun Night and our major excursion all on the agenda. More information will follow soon about these events. This term we are introducing a new set of strategies to help children with their reading. A page with the name and description of each strategy will come home at our three-way interviews and we ask that you use this language with your child when completing home reading each night. This week our word of the week is ‘this’ and we are focusing on words with the ‘at’ rhyme. We will be recapping our numbers to 20 and learning about 2D shapes in Numeracy. A reminder that P/10 will be attending the library on Thursdays this term, while Prep L and Prep Z will both be going on Fridays. Please ensure library books are returned to school each week so your child can borrow regularly. Children need to be coming to school wearing their (named) jumpers each day as the weather is still very cold. Thank you for your ongoing support,

Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light and Jacqui O’Shea

**MUSIC WEEKLY MELODIES**

The opera, *The Marriage of Figaro* is coming to the Ulumbarra Theatre next Thursday July 21st, 7.30pm. We are very proud to say that two of our students, Brylee and Chloe have been chosen to be in the chorus of the opera. They have been practicing each week at the Capital Theatre. All the best girls in being a part of the opera.

Junior Choir will meet this week on Wednesday at 2.45 pm. The Senior Choir will meet on Thursday at 2.45pm.

The *Music is Fun Band* will be visiting in week 3 on Thursday July 28th at 1.45pm. Permission notes have been sent home this week. This week I am selecting ukulele players and dancers to create and perform a dance. Other students will be selected to participate in songs with the Band.

MUSIC TASK: Name the instrument that is made with a wooden stick and bottles tops.
Which music family is this instrument in?
Stayed tuned.
Joan Mullen

**CANTEEN**
Will reopen on Friday 15th

Our children’s future in the very best of hands..................
The Art Room is keen to receive donations of old CD discs, scratched or unused discs. These will make a great base for artwork to be carried out during Term 3.
Thank you in anticipation.  Sandy

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform Shop is stocked up on most items, should you be needing jumpers and jackets. There are limited number of Polar Fleece Vests available too!! For that extra layer or for those children who refuse to wear the jackets.

Our uniform supplier has advised they will not longer be able to supply us with the long sleeved Polo shirts, so these items will be removed from our listing soon. Remaining stock available are in sizes 4, 8, 10, 14 & 16. Rush in for your last chance to purchase the long sleeves.

There were only two requests for the School Pinafores, so this special order will not be happening this year. We needed at least 10 to progress with the order. There are some larger sizes still in stock - 10, 12, 14. (A sewer may be able to down size the tunic if you require a smaller size.)

BEANIES - $5

Our dedicated Parents & Friends have made a number of polar fleece beanies. These are available on the QKR app or from the school office.

Items ordered via QKR are given to the student to take home, as close to the order day as possible.

SAVE THE DATE

Music is Fun - Thursday 28th July

This incursion visits our school every 2 years. The cost will be $8.50 for all students. Permission forms have been sent home the first week of term three. If you are eligible for the Camps, Sports Excursion Fund, this cost may be deducted from your family account.

TOO COLD FOR WALKING SCHOOL BUS - COMMENCING NEXT WEEK?? (weather permitting)

When the weather picks up, 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

CHECK LOST PROPERTY

JACKETS, JUMPERS, LUNCH BOXES & DRINK BOTTLES

Parents are requested to direct their children to check lost property as there is a large number of drink bottles, lunch boxes and even a bike helmet that need collecting.

A big reminder that all property being brought to school should be named, then it can be returned to the rightful owner.

ASHA GOT HER LIFE BACK.
YOU GOT A BISCUIT.

A big congratulations to all those who have started their reading challenge in such a positive way. I am verifying many books each day as they are being logged. Well done everyone. Reading is both a wonderful relaxation and learning pastime to undertake.

Our children’s future in the very best of hands..............
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**SCHOOL TERMS**

**TERM THREE** 11 JUL - 16 SEPT

**TERM FOUR** 3 OCT - 20 DEC

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**SCHOOL TIMES**

9:00 - 11:00am

First Lunch 11:00 - 11:45am

Second Recess 1:45 - 2:15pm

School Finish 3:15pm

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**VISION PORTRAITS**

**Parents & Friends Fundraiser**

$15 Photo Fundraiser

10" x 13" photo with frame

- Don’t miss this great opportunity to update your family photos
- Choose your time, book & pay online
- Cash bookings are also welcome
- 100% of bookings will be used for School
- Families, relatives, couples, all welcome
- Share the link with friends and family - everyone’s welcome!

Specimen Hill Primary School

- $15 for a 10" x 13" Photo and Frame
- Choice of indoor or outdoor photo shoot

Date: Sunday 24th July, 2016

Book online at: www.fnybooking.com/LPYR

Cash Bookings: hand $15 to the office

Booking Due by: Friday 15th July, 2016

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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL.**

**SOME DAYS ARE FULL IN ASC.**

Absences not notified will be charged.

Staff are employed according to numbers booked.

Students must be booked for Before School Care

BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561

ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636

OSHC STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN EMAILED AS WELL AS HARD COPIES GIVEN TO THOSE WITHOUT EMAIL ADDRESSES.

PLEASE PAY YOUR ACCOUNT PROMPTLY

Please pay account fortnightly

Balances should not exceed $100

This term in After School care we will be looking at Africa- its culture, food, language, art, geography etc. We will be asking for children's input into what exactly they would like to learn.

Please remember to pack extra snacks when your child is attending the service - children are often very hungry, especially in this colder weather.

Please remember to cancel your child out if they are not attending - we are getting a few no shows which takes staffs valuable time locating their whereabouts - a legal requirement. Remember that if sufficient notice is not given - you may still be charged!

Please don't hesitate to contact any of us if you have any queries or suggestions as to the running of the program.

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**Fun Languages for Little Linguists**

**TERM 3 – FOR KIDS**

Are you keen to kick-start your child’s bilingual journey? Complement their in-school LOTE study? Early primary is the BEST possible time to become bilingual for a child’s brain...

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