

# Speci Express

Specimen Hill Primary School  
Inglewood Street, Golden Square Vic 3555  
After School Care Ph: 0447788636 Before School Care Ph: 0438062561



Term 4 – 14th Dec – Issue 11  
Email: specimen.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  
Web Page: www.shps1316.vic.edu.au  
School Office: (03) 5443 5353

END OF TERM DISMISSAL - 1:45PM TUESDAY 20TH

Dear students, parents and friends,

Welcome to week 11 of Term 4. This is the final full week of school for 2016. It certainly is full with so much happening. There will be a mini Newsletter sent home on Monday.

### New classes for 2017

Yesterday all students moved up into their classes for 2017 with their new students and teachers for next year. We will have two new teachers joining our staff for 2017. I would like to introduce Ms Kate Ward who will be working in Grade 1/2 and Mr Joseph Hartney who will also be in 1/2. We are excited to have them on board for 2017. Next year Helen Turpie will be taking leave for a period of time and then retiring following her leave. Jenny Ball will be taking leave for 12 months with the intention of retirement to follow and Joan Mullen will be retiring for the second time!

The classes and staff for 2017 are as follows:

Room	Class	Teacher
1	Prep	Mrs Courtney Lawrence
2	Prep	Mrs Zoe Light
3	Prep/one	Mrs Felicity Burman
4	1/2	Mrs Kate Ward
5	1/2	Mr Joseph Hartney
6	1/2	Mrs Kim Manley
7	4/5	Ms Sophie Williams
8	3/4	Mr Julian Regan
9	3/4	Mr Hayden Polglase
10	3/4	Mr Brad Stringer
11	5/6	Mr Scott Pysing
12	5/6	Mr Adam Tanner
13	5/6	Mrs Rebecca Kinsman
Artroom	Art	Sandra Young
Phys Ed		Todd Broadbent
Chinese		Ma Hong
Junior Music		Kylie Gould
Literacy Support		Emily Jacobs
Reading Recovery		Mandi Jennings
Explore		Jo Daley
Circus/ guitar		Craig Barker/Natalie Pelly
Principal		Di Craig
Assistant Principal		Corey Warne
School Improvement Officer		Wendy Jackson

### Reports

On Friday, the student reports will be sent home. Over the past week I have read every report and I have thoroughly enjoyed looking at the progress of every child. Most student results have been fabulous with many students working above or way above expected level and all making wonderful progress. This is testament to the dedicated teachers, the fabulous home/school partnership and the hard work, high aspirations to achieve and effort put in by every student.

### Bushfire readiness

Last Thursday the school evacuation was cancelled due to the rain. We will now be practicing this event on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December before lunch.

### Food Fair and Concert

Tomorrow is the Food Fair and concert at Speci. This is an event for the whole community. The Food Fair will start at 5.00 o'clock when all of the Food Stalls will start. They will continue until 6.30. Parents and friends will then proceed to the basketball court where the concert will start at 7.00pm. We encourage everyone to bring along a blanket to place on the ground. There will be limited chairs available around the edge of the court for those who require them and you may bring along your own chair to place around the edge if required. Seating in the middle area will be designated for blankets and pillows only. During the concert, all children may sit with their families and Craig Barker who is the MC will call up each Grade one item in advance where students will line up at the side of the stage with their teachers waiting for their turn to go onto the stage and perform. Prep L and Prep Z will sit together so that they will be together going onto the stage.

The theme for the concert will be 'COLOUR' and all students will be performing to a song reflecting this theme. The guitar players and senior and junior choirs will also perform. Please bring along a jumper as it may get cooler throughout the night.

If you are available to help (even for 30 minutes) with a stall at the Food Fair can you please contact your child's classroom teacher or Kaye or Wendy in the office.

### Grade 6 Graduation

Tonight is the special event for all Grade 6 students where they attend their Grade 6 Graduation and Awards night. All students will give a speech which reflects on their past years of education at Speci. It is a most enjoyable and heartfelt evening. I would like to thank the Grade 6 teachers, Bec Kinsmen, Sophie Williams and especially Scott Pysing for their hard work and effort in preparing the students for the evening. A huge thank you to the Parents and Friends for their table decorations and group photos on the night.

### Final Assembly

The final assembly for the year will be held on Friday at 2.15pm. This is when we say good-bye to our Grade 6 students, staff and other students and other awards will also be given out. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

We are nearly there.  
Di Craig, Principal



## CLASS NEWS

### SENIOR CLASSES

Thank you to all families for a wonderful year.

Tonight we celebrate the Graduation of our Grade 6 students. We are very proud of them and wish them all the very best for their future.



Grade 5 students moved into their new classes for 2017 yesterday. The classes had a great feel about them and we are looking forward to next year.

We look forward to seeing all families at the food fair/concert tomorrow night. All Grade 5/6 students are asked to wear black.

We wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please have a safe and relaxing break and we will see you next year.

*Bec, Sophie, Scott*

### MIDDLE CLASSES

Congrats to everyone for making it this far! A short message this week to complete the term.

We hope that students will have a fun and safe holiday break and come back refreshed ready to begin in a positive fashion next year. It is important that students continue to work on their academic skills during the holidays by continuing their love of reading and numbers.

Stay safe and enjoy the time with your families!

*Adam, Kim, Judi, Julian & Hayden*

### JUNIOR CLASSES

The last Junior News of the year. Wow, where did the time go?

Lots of exciting things happening over the last few days.

- Class parties
- Food Fair and Concert on Thursday Evening
- Under the Sea Expo Friday Afternoon
- Fun Day at the Pool on Monday
- Last day of school on Tuesday

Hopefully all parents/families/carers have returned notes if they are available to help at the Food Fair and what time they can help out. Also the Junior Under the Sea Expo will begin at 3pm on Friday afternoon in each of the Grade 1/2 classrooms. We hope that all students and families have an enjoyable and restful holiday period and continue to keep up their home reading, ready for term 1 next year.

A massive thank you from all the Junior teachers for your ongoing and continued support.

*Jacqui, Brad, Felicity, Kylie and Jen.*

### PREP NEWS

Hello all, what a wonderful warm week it has been!

We are all feeling a little tired with the end of the term fast approaching, but hang in there, we have some fun activities coming up!

A reminder that the food fair and school concert is on this Thursday night from 5pm. To date, we only have five parents to donate their time on the night we are looking for

more parent volunteers to help. If you are able to help on the night please see your child's classroom teacher ASAP. If you haven't yet donated and would like to you can also contact your child's teacher for more information.

This Friday morning from 9:00am- 10:00am the Grade Preps are hosting a morning tea in their classrooms for their families to show you the wonderful work they have been doing and to celebrate their first year of school. We are hoping each student will have at least one guest, but the more the merrier!

Thank you very much to the wonderful Prep parents who have kindly donated goods towards the Baked Potato stall. If you would still like to donate something, we are still in need of grated cheese and tubs of sour cream. Don't forget to come and buy a "yummy" baked potato with "sloppy joe" from our stall in the canteen!!

We hope you all have a wonderful week.

*Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light and Jacqui O'Shea*

### MUSIC WEEKLY MELODIES

Please come along to the Food Fair tomorrow and listen to the Buskers singing and also the guitarists playing.

Following the Food Fair at 7.00pm the Annual Concert will take place on the basketball court. Gates will open at 6.45 pm.

Thanks you to all the students, staff and school community for making my stay at Speci so special. I have loved every minute of my time in the classroom and as a music specialist. Speci is a great school and I will miss you all. I am retiring after 48 years of being a teacher!!!

*Joan Mullen*



**THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

**FOOD FAIR & SCHOOL CONCERT**

### FOOD FAIR – 5.00-6.30pm

Rooms 1 & 2	Pizza
Room 3	Soft drinks
Room 4	Stir Fry
Room 5	Ice Creams
Room 6	Pulled pork sliders with coleslaw
Room 7	Popcorn
Room 8	Cup Cakes
Room 9	Fairy Floss
Room 10	Lolly Bags
Room 11	Kebabs
Room 12	Spiders
Room 13	Nachos



PLUS – Hot Dogs; Baked Potatoes/Sloppy Joes, BBQ; Fruit Salad; Karen Food

**PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Graduation Dinner - Gr 6**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Food Fair and Whole School Concert

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Pool Party Whole School

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school for 2016

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 – School starts for Grades 1-6

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 – Preps commence



## GRADE 5/6 CAMP 2017

Cost = \$245

*Baanya Biامي Adventure Camp - Anakie*

*Pay by installment or in full*

*Deposit \$50 – by end of year please*

*Eligible families must apply for Camps, Sports Excursion Funding in February to receive CSEF in time. (Centrelink / Health Care Card holders)*

## COMPULSORY MATERIALS & REQUISITES FEE

**PLEASE PAY**

Our School Council has in place a Materials & Requisites fee which is compulsory for every student.

**The fee is \$100 PER STUDENT**

## PHYS ED REPORT

This year during the PE Program we continued to develop and improve the students' fundamental motor skills, tactics and knowledge of many sports. Throughout the lessons the students have also developed their teamwork, co-operation, leadership and last but not least, sportsmanship. All these qualities are very important to Specimen Hill Primary School and also to myself.

It has been a delight to teach PE again at Specimen Hill Primary School and I'm looking forward to many more enjoyable years at Speci.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and hopefully you can continue to practice your motor and sporting skills over the holiday break.

Thanks again to everyone for another fantastic year.

*Todd Broadbent*




## \$50 ICT Fee

Specimen Hill Primary School incorporate ICT into all areas of the school's curriculum. Students are exposed to using different devices such as iPads, desktop computer and netbooks in order to develop their digital literacy skills. To allow the school to continually stay up to date with current technology requires our community to help in our investment. The voluntary \$50 ICT fee helps us achieve this standard and allows for all students each year to improve their digital literacy as it is an important skill for their futures.

**PLEASE PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES**

## STARS OF THE WEEK & VALUE AWARDS

	STAR	Persistence
Room 1	Ty C. Whole Class!!	Kaelen A.
Room 2	The Whole Class	Lewis C.
Room 3	The Whole Class	Mason D.
Room 4		Nicola JP
Room 5	Emily W.	Emily W. Nethani L.
Room 6		Lara M
Room 7		Lindsay A.
Room 8		Mikai C.
Room 9	Mia D.	Paige C.
Room 10	Georgia G.	Lah Eh Soe
Room 11	Marcus R.	Siena F.
Room 12	Kate B.	
Room 13	All Teachers & Staff	5/6K
Nude Food	3/4 T	

Join us for **TOMORROW NIGHT!!** **FOOD FAIR**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
**5:00 – 6:30pm**  
 School Concert following the fair @  
 Specimen Hill Primary School

2016	EVENTS CALENDAR
Thurs 15th Dec	<b>FOOD FAIR &amp; CONCERT</b> 5PM-6:30PM 7:00PM Concert
Friday 16th	<b>End of Term Final Assembly</b> End of Term Awards & Certificates presented 2:15pm
Mon 19th Dec	<b>Pool Party Day—Whole School</b>
Jan 31st	<b>Grades 1-6 Return to School</b>
Thurs 2nd	<b>Preps Commence</b>



KANGAROO FLAT  
LIONS CLUB



**COMMUNITY**  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

COME & JOIN IN THIS GREAT FAMILY EVENT  
**WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church Grounds

\*High Street (opposite ALD) \*If raining the event will be held in the Church & Hall.



**free Sausage Sizzle 6:30pm**  
Soft Drinks & Candles for Sale  
(Tea & Coffee provided)

**Carols at 7:30pm**

MC: Wally Smilie (klfm)  
featuring  
Bendigo & District Concert Band,  
Guest Singers, Community Carol Singing  
& Santa



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

BYO chairs and rugs  
an "alcohol-free" community event

Introducing **FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY**  
Thank you to our Fresh Fruit Friday sponsors  
Benefiting the health and wellbeing of Bendigo school children

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRICE \$12.00**

**THE SPECI RECIPE BOOK**  
Available at the Food Fair

**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**

**PLEASE FINALISE YOUR ACCOUNT**

END OF YEAR IS FAST APPROACHING, PLEASE REDUCE YOUR BALANCES TO A MINIMUM OR FINALISED TOTALLY.

**Please pay account fortnightly**

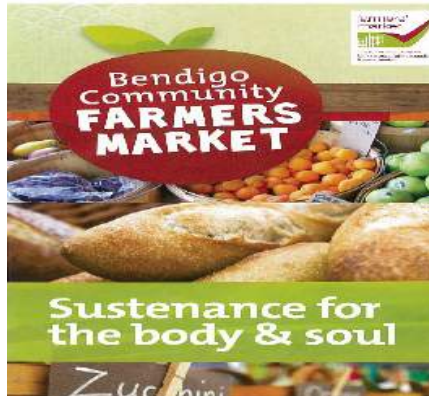
**Balances should not exceed \$100**

Please contact the office if you have not received a statement.

**NEW ENROLMENT FORMS ARE REQUIRED FOR 2017**

**FARMERS MARKET**  
**TWILIGHT MARKET**  
**THURS 22ND DEC**

Same place, Sidney Myer Place, off Pall Mall. Commencing at 4pm - 8pm. Fresh produce, great Christmas gifts, fantastic Ham, all your Christmas needs. Support your local Bendigo Farmers and Producers.



**PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES**



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

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