Welcome to Parents and Friends to week 7 of Term 2,

**Education Week**

What a very busy but wonderful week we had during Education week last week. The students were involved in a science day on Tuesday, the Maths Madness day on open day combined with the performance on Wednesday. We also had a number of parents, prospective parents and visitors who visited the classrooms as well as attending the morning performance highlighting the circus, guitars, Chinese language and the school choirs. Throughout the day there were many exciting Maths activities including: guess the length of the conga line, the combined ages of the staff, the chicken plop grid and much more. Talk about Maths Madness! Visitors enjoyed a bowl of soup and roll presented by the Parents and Friends in the MPR at lunch time.

On Thursday the juniors attended the Mini-beasts incursion and grade 5/6 students started their Personal Development program on Friday with nurse Debbie. On Wednesday afternoon Tracey Porter a cyber specialist with the Police Force spoke to the Grade 5/6 students about keeping safe when online. After school a parents’ forum was held. Unfortunately not many parents attended although those that did were extremely impressed by Tracey’s presentation and of the impact that the session made on their thinking around the monitoring of cyber use in their families. This is an escalating concern as many students are online indiscriminately and there has been cyber bullying occurring. For all users, make sure that your digital foot-print is appropriate. Limiting your child’s time on line is crucial as well as investigating the history of use.

**2017 Prep Information Evening-Thurs 26th May.**

Tomorrow night starting at 6.30 to 7.30pm there will be the Information Evening for the 2017 prep students. If you know of any children who may be considering Speci Hill for their prep child for next year, can you please remind them to come along to the Information Evening. Baby-sitting is available in Room 3. The Information session will be held in Room 1. (Prep room) All are most welcome to come along.

**Team China-OSLE**

Only one week to go until the Team China team head off on their 9 day visit to China (Thursday 2nd June). The first 4 days will be spent in Shanghai staying close to the People’s Square right in the centre of Shanghai. The group will spend time looking at the sights, visiting a museum, a night river cruise, travelling to the top of the Pearl Tower, riding on the Big Red Bus, experiencing the Yu Yuan Gardens and enjoying a dumpling dinner. A highlight will be the EIRA circus which is absolutely amazing.

On day 5 the tour group will travel by bus to Suzhou where we will spend a couple of days sight-seeing the ‘Venus of the East’ and attending our sister school XingHai Elementary. Luke is going to spend a night staying with the family of Daizong the Chinese student who Luke’s family hosted in Bendigo last year. Another highlight is the Maglev fast train trip back to the airport which travels at up to 450 km per hour.

The team arrive back in Bendigo on Saturday the 11th of June. We would like families and students to follow the group on the Team China blog. To be advised.

**Colder weather**

The temperatures are looking like dropping considerably over the coming days after our beautiful temperate days. Students will need to be dressed in warmer clothing. We do have some pre-loved clothing in the office or otherwise you can purchase items from the uniform shop. Lots of layers and thick warm socks.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mr Polglase for managing the school in my absence last week. Any concerns or celebrations please don’t hesitate to contact the school,

Di Craig
Principal
SENIOR CLASSES
Thank you to the families that attended the Cyber Safety information session last Wednesday. The information was very valuable. If any families have any questions about any of the content, please come in and see your child’s class teacher or contact the school.

We have been very busy in class. Students have been working on an author study in Literacy, the are investigating fables and myths in Reading and are looking at subtraction and coordinates in Numeracy.

Permission notes were sent home this afternoon for our Melbourne Museum excursion which will take place on Friday the 17th of June. The cost of the excursion is $40.00. Please return notes and payment promptly.

Mr Pysing caught up with Grade 6 students who have yet to return their Secondary School notes. It is integral that these are returned ASAP. Please see Mr Pysing if you have any questions regarding this.

Our Team China students along with Mrs Craig and Mr Pysing head off on their trip next week, We wish them the best of luck. Please check out their blog, you can access it from the school app.

Bec, Sophie, Scott

MIDDLE CLASSES
What a wonderful day we had last Thursday on the Grade 3&4 Central Bendigo excursion. We stretched our legs and walked many steps for the day. The underground experience was terrific and provided us all with an understanding of a day in the life of gold rush miner. It was fabulous to take such respectful and eager to learn students out into the city.

Camp payment - First camp payments should have been made to the office allowing the camp numbers to be finalised. If you have any concerns please come and speak to your child’s teacher about them ASAP. Thank you to all those who have done this.

Home Reading and Homework - Students are required to read at least five nights each week, this is an expectation of their weekly homework program. Homework and spelling lists will be handed out on Friday’s, giving all students 7 days to complete the sheet. Students who do not submit their completed homework by the following Friday will be required to attend Homework Club on a Friday lunch time to finish off, this is to encourage independence and organisational skills on the students part.

Breakfast and Lunch - Students attending school have growing bodies and developing minds. We therefore need to ensure that we are giving them the best possible opportunity to achieve success at school, by providing them with a nutritious start to the day with an adequate breakfast. It is also important that students are coming with a packed lunch and water bottle to enable them to sustain their energy and concentration throughout the day. Students who are well nourished will be able to work to their full capacity and achieve great things.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Kim Manley, Adam Tanner, Judy Garwood

PREP NEWS
What a busy week it was last week! This week has been much quieter at Speci but there has still been lots of learning happening in the Prep rooms. This week students have been learning about the letters Hh and Aa and the word of the week ‘on’. Students have been practising their handwriting and enjoying ‘free writing’ sessions where they get to write about a topic of their choice. We are looking at the procedure genre of writing at the moment and on Friday we will be making fruit salad and writing about the process. Many students are now familiar with all the letters of the alphabet as well as the letter sounds and they are enjoying applying this knowledge when writing by recording the dominant sounds in unfamiliar words. In Numeracy, we are focusing on the number 18 as well as early addition concepts and mass. Last week the preps thoroughly enjoyed the Mini Beasts Incursion where they got to learn many interesting facts and even hold or touch some of the creepy crawlies.

Reminders:
- Each Thursday is Nude Food Day (no packaging please)
- Please return the School Nursing forms as soon as possible
- With the change of season and the mornings being much cooler please send children to school in jumpers and jackets that are clearly labelled.
- Please pack a change of clothes in your child’s bag that are clearly labelled as we have had a lot of children requiring a change of clothes due to the playground being wet and muddy recently
- Please return communication folders/book so teachers can continue to add student work samples for Term 2

Courtney Lawrence, Emily Jacobs and Jacqui O’Shea

MUSIC WEEKLY MELODIES
- Grade 5 /6 P, W and K have completed their Garage Band compositions. They have produced some creative and interesting pieces of music. Well done to all of you.
- Instruments: Thanks to Lindsay for bringing along her guitar to share with all classes in music sessions.
- Junior and Senior Choirs will be meeting for practise this week on Thursday.

Music is Fun Band will be visiting next term.

Music TASK this week is: Find out what is your parents favorite type of music. E.g. rock, folk, jazz, heavy metal, country and western etc. Write it down and be ready to share your findings in our music classes next week.

Joan Mullen

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Music Taijah S. Beth M.
Reading Awards Jenna R.
What is your favourite pizza?

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MINI PIZZA DAY

There will be three flavours to choose from:

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- Vegetarian
- BBQ Chicken

Only $2.00 each

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**SCHOOL PINAFORE ORDERS**

If your child is interested in having a school pinafore for the next term, they need to be ordered now.

**Approximate price is $55.00 per pinafore.**

A Special Order needs to be placed if you require one for the start of the next term.

Please see Kaye or Wendy at the office. A total of a dozen will need to be ordered prior to make it cost effective.

**ORDERS CLOSE FRIDAY - 10TH JUNE**

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**LATE ENABLING PROGRAM BENDIGO 2016**

Have you thought about a change?
Have you thought about study?
Not sure where to start?

The Tertiary Enabling Program at La Trobe University might be the place for you.

**NO course or enrolment fees.**
CentralLink approved.
16 week program.
Commencing 26th of July.

This program provides students with a supportive environment to develop specific academic skills and knowledge, and to enhance confidence to help them successfully complete university or TAFE study. It equips students to make decisions about their learning, to develop pathways to continue their education, and to become independent learners.

**How to Apply**
Forward it directly to the TEP team at your preferred La Trobe campus.

**General Enquiries**
We are very happy to answer any questions you have. Please contact:
Breezie Redwood, TEP Coordinator—Bendigo
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