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HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERM 4

To students, parents and friends,

Welcome back to the first week of Term 4. I hope that everyone has enjoyed a fun holiday period with plenty of family time.

Fitzroy Primary School

Specimen Hill PS has had an 18-month involvement with Fitzroy Primary school where the Fitzroy leadership and teaching teams have visited Spec on numerous occasions. Mrs Jackson was planning to return to Specimen Hill following her term as acting Principal at Winters Flat PS but has now been relocated to Fitzroy for 3 weeks, resulting in Jo Ryan remaining at Spec for the first 3 weeks of this term. During week 4, Wendy Jackson will return to Specimen Hill and Jo Ryan will relocate to Fitzroy PS for rest of the term.

Grade 3-6 Gymnastics Program

The Grade 3 to 6 Gymnastics program will start this Friday. Any student who hasn't returned their signed form needs to return it by Thursday please.



Regional Athletics

Congratulations to Trey D. and Lindsay A. who will be representing Spec at the Regional Athletics next Monday. Trey will be competing in the discus event and Lindsay in the girls discus. We wish both students all the best in their performances on the day.

Two Chinese students from Xing Hai in China

On Monday our two Chinese students from Xing Hai Elementary in China will be arriving in Bendigo. One student will be hosted by Zinnia L. and her family and the other student will be hosted by Xavier L. and his family for four weeks, then spend the final four weeks with Bronte B. and her family. I hope that you take the time to welcome the two girls into our school community throughout their eight week stay.



Hats in Term 4

Could all students make sure that they are wearing their hats at school by week two please. School hats should be named and there is a supply of hats available to purchase from the office if required.



Canteen

The school canteen will resume on Monday 16th October.

I look forward to an exciting term ahead full of great learning, activities and friendships.

Di Craig, Principal



**CANTEEN
Will reopen
Monday 16th**



**SENTRAL
EDUCATION**

**HAVE YOU
LOGGED INTO
SENTRAL?**

**WALKING
SCHOOL BUS
THURSDAYS
8:30AM
Starts Next Week**



**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

Greetings all and welcome back to Term 4!! We trust you all had a wonderful and relaxing break, and are ready to get straight back into lots of learning and fun!

This week has seen us practising the art of public speaking and we will continue to work on this skill during our Literacy sessions. We are also very excited to begin our Integrated topic which will be on.....SPACE! There will be lots of exciting concepts and activities to complete in this topic! A couple of reminders; Gym starts this Friday for students in Grades 3-6, please ensure permission notes and payments are handed in before Friday. The Grade 5/6 camp is in week 6. Notes and payments for this also need to be returned as soon as possible. We are very excited for camp and no doubt it will sneak up on us very quickly! October is Walk to School month where students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to school as often as possible throughout the month. A great way to get some exercise and lovely fresh air.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Adam Tanner, Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to term 4, we hope everyone has had a fantastic break over the holidays. As we count down to the end of the year the 3/4's are gearing up for a very exciting and busy term.

A couple of reminders for everyone – As it is term four, the temperature is on the rise, therefore students are required to wear their sun smart hats each and every day when playing outside. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play in the under covered areas. It is also a great idea for students to bring a drink bottle to school to ensure that they are staying hydrated throughout the day. Starting this Friday students will be attending JETS gym program. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately to take an active role in all activities and either please remove or tape earrings for those children who have pierced ears. Lastly, just a reminder about the 3/4 camp next year, the second payment of \$80 is due this term. If families haven't been able to make their first instalment yet, it would be greatly appreciated if they could do so ASAP. The third and final instalment is due in term 1, next year, however payments can be made in advance at the office or via the QKR payment app.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton

JUNIOR CLASSES

What a fabulous start we have made to term 4. Congratulations to all those families who supported their child's reading during the break, this enables them a smooth return to school routine and learning.

You will soon have your child's learning journal come home for you to see their term 3 work samples. Please share and enjoy hearing about the learning they have done and write a comment for them to keep. PLEASE RETURN THESE TO SCHOOL ASAP, so term 4's work can be added in as it is completed ready for the end of year.

All children **must** have a hat this term as we are a sun smart school. They also require a piece of brain food and a drink bottle of water on their table each day to assist with hydration and their learning during the day.

We are studying animals and habitats this term, with many exciting things planned in the near future. Keep your eyes and ears open for more info coming soon.

Please don't forget to read with your child every night and fill in their reading journal for teachers to see each day.

Joe Hartney, Kim Manley, Kate Ward Felicity Burman

PREP CLASSES

Welcome back to Term 4!

We are stepping into a massive term, so we hope you're all rested and ready!

Hats – In Term 4 hats are compulsory and need to be worn at lunch and recess. If your child does not yet have a hat at school, please send one along with them.

Home Reading Routine - Well done to everyone for maintaining a great home reading routine over the school holidays, we are impressed! We have a lot of students who have already read over 200 nights this year, I wonder how many nights we can read to by the end of the year!

Uniform - Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled and if your child accidentally comes home with another students' uniform, please return to the teacher so it can be passed on to its owner.

Drink Bottles - It is getting warmer! Please send a labelled drink bottle along with your child for in the classroom. We will designate a spot so that the students can grab a drink whenever they need one without disrupting their learning.

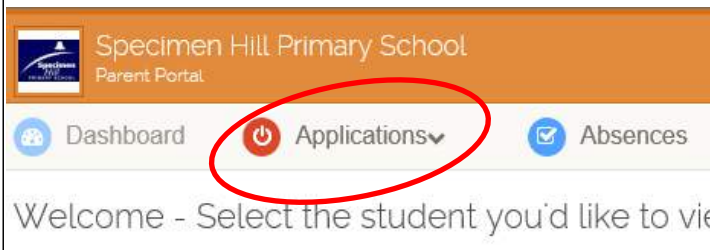
Swimming Program - The swimming program commences in week 8. Can we please ask families to encourage their children to dress and undress themselves in preparation for the swimming program so that they can do this swiftly before and after their lessons.

We hope you all have a wonderful week!

Thanks,

Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence

HOW TO VIEW THE SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR in SENTRAL



To view the school calendar of events via Sentral, Parent Portal – click on **Applications** and the school calendar will be visible.



We are awaiting the arrival of the PRC certificates for those who completed our during Term 3. These will arrive later during the term for our celebration.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP 2018 DEPOSITS DUE

If your child will be in Grade 3 or 4 in 2018, deposits have been requested for the **Tandarra Camp at Halls Gap** in Term One of 2018.

Deposits of \$80 can be made via QKR payment app or at the school office.



JUNIOR UNIFORM DONATIONS REQUESTED

Do you have surplus junior sized uniform items at home?

We require clean second hand items in good order to pass onto our families in need. It is proposed to run a stall on a transition day for the incoming Prep families for 2018.

Parent volunteers will be required to assist with distribution on the free stall.

Please ensure your clean items are bagged up and dropped at the school office prior to 30 October.



Congratulations to Specimen Hill Staff & Di Craig on nominations for Victorian Education Excellence awards!

School Council would like to recognise and congratulate staff on this wonderful achievement! Specimen Hill PS has been selected as a finalist in the Outstanding School Advancement category in the Victorian Education Excellence awards. The school has been selected for its contribution to, and involvement in, the Passions and Pathways program.

Di Craig has also deservedly, been nominated for the Primary Principals award for her outstanding leadership.

We are grateful to staff at Specimen Hill for their diligence, and commitment to providing our children with a learning environment, which consistently achieves excellence across so many areas. Well done and good luck!

School Council Hayley Davis – School Council President

Walk to School 2017
Walk, ride or scoot and build healthy habits for life.

Join hundreds of thousands of Victorian primary school kids this October!

Sign up today at walktoschool.vic.gov.au

Logos for Bendigo Bank, WALK TO SCHOOL, VicHealth, and VICTORIA are included at the bottom.

	SCHOOL EVENTS
Oct 13	Gym Program Gr 3-6
Oct 16	Regional Athletics
Oct 20	Gym Program Gr 3-6
Oct 26	Junior Sports Day
Oct 27	Gym Program Gr 3-6
Nov 1	Bendigo Cup Holiday
Nov 3	Gym Program Gr 3-6
Nov 10	Gym Program Gr 3-6
Nov 13-15	CAMP GR 5-6
Nov 23	Men's & Kids Night
Nov 24	Report Writing Day
Nov 27	Swimming Program

PLEASE!! NOTE

2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
See <i>SENTRAL</i> for the <i>FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Oct 13	<i>Senior Gym Program</i>
Oct 26	<i>Junior sports Day</i>
Oct 31	<i>Preps 2018—Transition Day</i>

PLAYERS REQUIRED



The Bendigo Cricket Club is seeking primary school aged girls and boys, particularly those currently in Grades 4 and 5 to play in their Under 11 team, for season 2017/18.

The Club has qualified coaches and new facilities to support your child to have fun and enjoy themselves amongst friends.

Please contact Tim Shanahan

PH: 0438320944

timshanahan45@gmail.com for further details.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL
SOME DAYS ARE FULL IN
After School Care**

**A REMINDER THAT PICK UP IS
BEFORE 6:00PM**



**ABSENCES NOT NOTIFIED PRIOR TO
2:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE BOOKING
WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE SESSION.**

PLEASE MAKE REGULAR PAYMENTS
PREFERRED METHOD IS VIA QKR PAYMENT APP
(Download to your phone/ipad)

HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERM 4 BSC & ASC

Children are welcome to leave named, broad brim hats at the program so they don't need to try and remember their hats every night. Some children will need to have extra food packed for ASC as the snack provided may not be enough. Please remember to avoid rice products due to a severe allergy in one of our children.

BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561 ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636

BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB

The Bendigo United Cricket Club is located in central Bendigo at Harry Trott Oval. Close to schools and the CBD, we are a strong family club. Our club has a number of junior teams starting Milo Cricket right through to Under 18's, and we have forged a strong link between our senior and junior program. Affiliated with the Bendigo District Cricket Association, we have been established for over 150 years.



**Limited places still available for T20 Blast,
Under 11's and Under 12's**

For more information contact:

Byron Perrin at bperrin@impulse.net.au

REGISTER HERE: <http://www.bendigounited.com/juniors.html>

Kerang South P.S. Golden Jubilee



1967—2017

Save the Date
'Back To'

**Saturday 28th October
10:00 am—4:00 pm**

See our Facebook page - Kerang South Primary School 2017 Golden Jubilee



Fun fitness & multi-sport after school classes

Our 45min after-school classes are sports science designed for primary school kids (aged 5-13), structured for maximum fun and real results!

Attend UNLIMITED classes weekly. Get fit. Get Gecko fit.

Mondays & Thursdays

Youngsters (5-8yrs): 4pm-4.45pm
Midsters (9-13yrs): 5pm-5.45pm

Bendigo Major League Multisports
1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square

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