

Speci Express

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FOOD FAIR STARTS @ 5:00PM - 6:30PM CONCERT 7:00PM

To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 10 of Term 4.

2018 State-wide Transition Day

Yesterday was the State-wide transition day. The Grade 6 students headed off to their new secondary schools for a full day experience. It has been interesting hearing the comments from the students on their return. All seemed to have had a very enjoyable day. Within the school all students moved up to their next year's grade level for the morning. The students were not necessarily in the class that they will be in for next year or with their 2018 teacher. The children had an enjoyable morning with their 'taste' of the year ahead. The 65 new preps arrived en masse and all 2018 grade 5/6 students were kept busy as their buddies. The preps have already settled in beautifully and have already become very familiar with their surroundings and some expectations.

Swimming

On Monday the swimming program finished after eight wonderful days of time spent learning in the pool. The teachers at the pool- Mr Broadbent, Mrs Jacob, Mrs Kinsmen, Miss Williams, Ms Lawrence, Mr Hartney, Ms Ward, Monica and Mrs Mullen did an outstanding job in coaching the students to get the most improvement over the two week period. The classroom teachers also did a wonderful job helping the children to get prepared and then changed afterwards as well as assisting the staff in the pool. Mr Broadbent has shared that many students moved several competency levels and every child made considerable improvement. I would also like to thank the Golden Square Pool committee for their consideration given to Speci for the program and for the amazing conditions of the pool. Bernadette Wright is the Pool Committee President and the state of the pool was testament to their hard work and endeavour.

Leaving Speci at the end of the year

If you know that you are leaving our school community at the end of the year can you please let me know ASAP so that we can plan for 2018 classes.

Chinese students returning to China

We received a lovely email to say that Rachel and Angela arrived back in Shanghai well and safe after their two months in Bendigo. They were quite reluctant to leave as they loved the animals, the blue sky, the people, their Homestay families and the lifestyle in Australia.

Ribbons

Many children are wearing huge, brightly coloured ribbons in their hair to school. Whilst they look colourful they are not part of the school uniform and should be saved for weekends. I had mentioned in an earlier Newsletter that the only 2 colours for ribbons are approved and they are navy or jade otherwise they are not part of the uniform. Denim shorts should also not be worn to school as they do not fit into the school uniform code.

Food fair and Concert

Our main event for the year is on tomorrow night. The Food Fair will start at 5.00 o'clock and finish at 6.30. People will then move across to the Basketball court in preparation for the concert that will start at 7.00 to 8.00. Chairs can be brought along but they must be used along the sides of the court and rugs are encouraged for the centre. This allows everyone the opportunity to see the stage. It promises to be a warm evening with so much fun for everyone. I hope that you all join us for the evening.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on: 54 435353

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REPORTS & CLASS LISTS WILL BE SENT HOME MONDAY 18TH



CANTEEN
IS NOW CLOSED



SENTRAL
EDUCATION

NOTES TO RETURN
GR 3/4 2018 CAMP

LAST 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

Greetings all. The weather is certainly warming up today! Please remember that with this weather is very important students are wearing sunscreen before they leave the house, have their hat and a drink bottle so they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

Well done to everyone on the completion of the swimming program, students were very enthusiastic and improved on their skills as well! Step Up day was yesterday and I know I speak for all senior teachers when I say how impressed I was with the senior students. It was fabulous to see how caring they were towards their prep buddies and it certainly seemed like an enjoyable experience for all.

A reminder that Graduation for the Grade 6 students is next week on Tuesday!

Tickets can be purchased through the QKR app, or at the office. \$34 for an adult, and \$22 for a student.



Food fair and the concert is tomorrow night and we are all super excited! Donations are still welcome, and any help that can be offered throughout the night is most welcome also. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there for a great night!

Scott Pysing, Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner and Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

This week we welcome in week 10! Next week is the final week of school for the year. This term has just flown.

On Monday we had our final swimming lesson for the program and each student was assessed on how much progress they have made. Everyone has had a lot of fun and done a great job practising their skills in the water. Well done to all the students they all put in a fabulous amount of effort.

Yesterday a swimming survey was sent home with the oldest child in the family, if they could please be filled out and returned to school as soon as possible that would be great. Also there is still a large amount of lost property left at the office from the pool, please check if any items are missing and check if they have been placed there for collection.

On Tuesday we had our State Wide Transition day where students "stepped up" and spent a couple of hours discussing next year and getting a taste of what to expect in 2018. The grade fours also made some wonderful new friendships with their buddies for next year.

This Thursday is our Food Fair and Concert. It would be great if families can make it on the night, we have some wonderful entertainment lined up and some delicious food organised. Please see a member of staff if you are able to help out on the night. Reminder notes

will be sent home for students if they need to remember to bring anything.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton

JUNIOR CLASSES

This week students are focussing on poetry, looking at Dr Seuss books for their reading focus.

Students have been interpreting data and graphing this data in tables and different variations of graphs.

Students are very excited to perform their class dance at the school concert, after the food fair this Thursday. It would be great to have as many parents supporting their children on this night as we could.

The school Swimming Program has drawn to a close this week. Students thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills and building on knowledge of being safe around water. It was fantastic to see all students giving this program their best efforts.

All children must have a hat this term as we are a sunsmart school. They should also bring a drink bottle of water to have at their table each day to assist with hydration, and a piece of brain food that can be eaten during a designated class time; promoting their learning during the day.

Please don't forget to continue to read with your child every night and fill in their reading journal for teachers to see each day. Students enjoy hearing their name when they achieve a reading award at assembly.

Could students please return all home reading books ASAP. We are missing a number of these books and it would be great to replenish our stocks before the end of the year.

Joe Hartney, Kim Manley, Kate Ward Felicity Burman and Judi Garwood.

PREP CLASSES

Food Fair & Concert

This Thursday the 14th of December is our annual Food Fair & Concert.

Students in Rooms 1 and 2 are asked to come dressed in very colourful clothing to reflect the Trolls song 'Can't Stop the Feeling' that we will be performing to. Can we also ask that parents please put coloured hairspray in their child's hair for the night and can girls please have their hair up in a high ponytail on top of their head?

As we have previously mentioned, rooms 1 and 2 are responsible for the pizza stall. Thank you to those parents who returned the note and indicated that they are able to volunteer some of their time serving on the night. Your support is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful week!

Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence

CASUAL DRESS DAY

PLEASE!!
NOTE

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

THEME— FESTIVE COLOURS

Junior School Council fundraiser

Dress in colourful clothing to suit the festive season. Sun smart clothing please.

Gold Coin donation requested



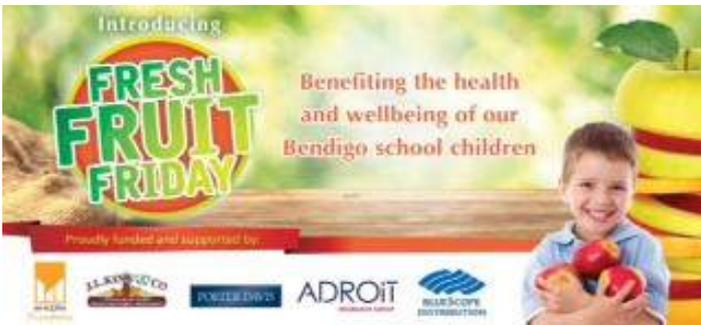
Christmas Hampers

This year, families are kindly asked to donate a range of non-perishable food items, health products and small gifts (books, pencils etc) so that Christmas hampers can be created and distributed across the school community.

The items donated by our community will create Christmas hampers for families within the local school community and will be distributed prior to the end of the school year. These hampers will offer extra support to the families at Speci who at this time of the year are in need of that little extra.



Collection boxes will be placed in classrooms for items to be left or alternatively products can be left at the school office. Any questions or enquires about these hampers please contact the office.



OSHO BOOKINGS

All current bookings for Out of School Hour Care will be cleared at end of year.

New bookings will only be locked in once a new enrolment form has been returned to the office. New blue enrolment forms have been prepared for all current permanent bookings. Please ensure you collect yours on sign out of your child at the next session. Bookings will be allocated by order of receipt of enrolment form.

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS		11 DEC
	Star	Value
Room 1		
Room 2		
Room 3	Maddy Baker	
Room 4	Lucas Corington - Harris	Harry Warne
Room 5	Jameson Brock	
Room 6	Natalie Moo	Olivia Reid
Room 7		
Room 8	Hai Blut Moo	
Room 9		
Room 10		
Room 11		
Room 12	Regan Webb	
Room 13		

Swimming Report

What a fantastic two weeks of our swimming program. The students completed many tasks throughout, including water familiarisation, water discovery, water awareness, water sense, water wise and stroke development.

The students' improvement over the two weeks has been massive.

A huge thank you to Courtney Lawrence, Bec Kinsman, Sophie Williams, Kate Ward, and Joe Hartney for all their hard work and assistance over the last two weeks - they all did an outstanding job and made the program so enjoyable for the students. I couldn't have organised and run the program without their great work.

Also, a massive thank you to Joan Mullen for volunteering her time to assist with the program. She did an outstanding job and it was so good to have Joan involved and back working with the students.

Thank you to Emily Jacobs and Monica Isip for also taking swimming groups when we had staff away - they did a wonderful job.

We all had a great time and really enjoyed seeing the students' development and improvement over the two weeks.



Overall, I think the program has been a massive success again and for us to have most of our students participating in the program has been fantastic. Finally, a huge thank you to Bern and the Golden Square Swimming Pool for the wonderful facilities and service throughout the two weeks it was fantastic.

Thank you

Todd Broadbent

BMX

A blue Huffy BMX has been left in the multi for a number of weeks. All enquiries please ask at the office. You will need to identify the bike.



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Food Fair & Concert</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Festive Casual Dress Day</i>
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Grade 6 Graduation Night</i>
<i>Dec 22</i>	<i>End of Term</i>

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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

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

**NEW ENROLMENT FORMS
ARE REQUIRED FOR 2018**

**PLEASE ATTEMPT TO REDUCE
YOUR ACCCOUNT BALANCE BY
END OF YEAR.**

REGULAR PAYMENTS MAKE THIS
ACHIEVABLE
PREFERRED METHOD IS VIA QKR PAYMENT
APP

(Download to your phone/ipad)

BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561

ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636

FOOD FAIR - THURSDAY 14TH

The School Food Fair & Concert night will be held on
Thursday Dec 14th – 5:00 – 6:30pm

Preparations for the Food Stalls are underway. Thankyou for all the donations for the Food Fair stalls. We look forward to seeing everyone on the night.