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BOOK YOUR PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEW ON SENTRAL

Welcome to students, parents and friends to week 9 of Term 2.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the recent long weekend and made the most of the pleasant winter sunshine. And we look forward to a shorter week ahead.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mr Warne for managing the school whilst I was off sick in such an efficient and competent manner. It is always wonderful to know that others can step up to fulfil roles in the school in such a smooth and capable manner.

### School Reports and 3-way interviews

The staff have just completed the student reports and I am busy reading through each report and commenting on each child's progress. This is such a rewarding task as it keeps me up to date with every child's progress and achievements throughout the semester. There are some really outstanding achievements for some students as well as some small but significant milestones for others.

Reports will go home on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June with the 3-Way interviews on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents are able to go onto SENTRAL later today to book in for a 15 minute appointment. Interview times will be allocated from 12.00 and will finish at 7pm. Please leave a gap between each child's visit if you have more than one interview to attend to allow for some interviews going over time.

### School attendance

Now that we are almost half way through the year, our records show that a number of students have recorded high numbers of absences from school. These absences are often unexplained and in some cases the child is choosing whether to attend school or not.

All children are expected to be at school every day unless they are sick or there is another explained reason. If your child is unwell or you are taking a family holiday could you please call the school to let us know. A note will still need to be sent to school on the child's return. When a child has regular absences they can become disengaged with school, learning and with their friends. This is an unhealthy situation and needs to be avoided.

The school does make phone calls home if a child is not at school for a number of days and these are followed up by a note home, then a letter from the Region. We want to avoid this happening. The school prides itself on the large number of students who receive 97% and 100% certificates at the end of each term. Students who receive these awards are usually well connected with their friends and learning.

### Science in school

Tomorrow afternoon all students will be involved in a range of Science activities in the classrooms. All classes will be divided into multi-age groups and will rotate through some science activities throughout the afternoon. The wide range of science activities is fabulous and I know that all children will be highly engaged and have fun in their scientific pursuits.

### Hockey Competition

Mr Broadbent and Michael are attending the schools Hockey Tournament today at Garden Gully with a large group of students. I am so pleased to see that the morning fog has finally lifted so that the children will be able to see the ball! I'm sure that all students will have an enjoyable and hopefully successful day.

### Fitzroy Primary school

Next Tuesday the school will be hosts to a group of staff from Fitzroy Primary school. The Fitzroy staff are visiting classrooms to view the Literacy and Numeracy program operating in the school. Specimen Hill has had wonderful success in these two areas over a number of years and teachers will be sharing their excellent practice to others.

### End of Term Early Dismissal

A reminder that the final day for Term 2 is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June and school will be dismissed at 1.45pm.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Di Craig  
Principal

## CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



## PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES

## HUNGRY CATERPILLAR EXCURS



## SENTRAL EDUCATION HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO SENTRAL?



## RUNNING CLUB TUESDAYS 8:10AM



## BREAKFAST PROGRAM 8:00AM WEDNESDAYS



## SHOOL 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 and welcome to the 9th week of term 2. In Numeracy, we are revising the “four operations” with Subtraction being the focus this week. Students have also approached our Global Citizens integrated unit with much enthusiasm and vigor. Well done! Parents are encouraged to ask their child, “What topic have you chosen and what action are you taking to be a Global Citizen?” Between now and the remainder of term, students will be raising awareness of the global issues that they have chosen within the school community and also to a broader audience in some cases. Students are eagerly awaiting Science Day tomorrow. Also, Year 6 families are reminded that their Secondary School Placement forms for 2018 are now well and truly overdue. Transition activities will commence in Term 3. The students are very much looking forward to this. Please see Mr Pysing if you have any queries about transition.

*Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams*

## MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to Week 9 in the Middle Department. Students have continued learning about African and South American countries. Over the next few weeks students will be undertaking a learning project comparing a country within the continents of Oceania, South America and Africa with Australia or a city within Australia.

A few reminders for students to remember –

- Fidget spinners are not to be used in the class or in the school yard
- Jumpers need to be coming to school with all students as it is getting colder
- Students should be aiming for 5 nights a week of home reading
- Home spelling needs to be completed weekly as well

We hope everyone has a great week.

*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

Catching up with your child's teacher: It is very important that we are able to give you the time you deserve to discuss any concerns with you about your child. You can make an appointment for after school by writing a short note, phone call or just asking when you see us in the morning if you can catch up after school. Please understand that our mornings are very busy with organising our class for the day and touching base with our students, this is not a time to speak in detail as it is noisy and busy.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar: We are so excited to be attending this special show. Please make sure you return your notes and payments for this ASAP.

Brain food: Each morning our classrooms have time to eat a small piece of brainfood. This needs to be packed in your child's lunchbox. Brainfood is fresh fruit or vegetable, dried sultanas, cheese is ok. It is a **quick finger food snack**, as it's only an hour before lunch.

Naming clothing: Please make sure all children come to school with a **named** school uniform jacket for play times. **It is very cold outside especially in the mornings when coming to school.**

Nude Food: Please help us lessen the amount of rubbish in our lives by joining in the nude food challenge. Each day it would be fabulous if your child had no wrappers in their lunchbox but especially on a Wednesday. Zip lock bags do not count but must not have any wrappers inside them as this will count.

Reading: Don't forget to read with your child every night. All students will have brought home their personal spelling words for the week. Please assist your child with these. They will be expected to be returned in reader bags to school on **Friday** ready for teachers to view and check off. Students will bring home spelling books on Mondays. So no spelling homework over the weekend, reading only.

*Kim Manley, Joe Hartney, Felicity Burman & Kate Ward*

## PREP CLASSES

Welcome to Week 9. We are continuing to learn about Dot the Giraffe this week in Reading. The students have been helping by making sure we are using the punctuation to read with expression! In Numeracy, we are looking at different problem solving strategies to assist the students to solve addition and subtraction problems.

## Science Day

On Thursday, the school will be holding a Science Day. The whole school will be broken into groups of multi-aged students and they will complete two exciting science experiments in two different teacher's classrooms! The students are really excited about this and we can't wait to hear about their experiences.

## Home Reading Routines

Home reading routines are fantastic! We are proud of the students who are putting in so much effort to read at home. Most students are reading 5-7 nights a week which is wonderful!

If your child is still struggling to identify the letters of the alphabet and their sounds, please practice the 'Ants on the Apple' Alphabet Song with them each night as part of their routine. If you have lost your copy, just ask us for another.

## Recycling and Boxes

We have been doing a lot of construction during Developmental Play and the Juniors have run out of boxes and recyclables to use. We would appreciate if you could bring in anything that could be used. There is a box outside Room 3 for these to be stored.

## Communication Folders

Thank you to those parents who have looked through your child's communication folders and brought them back to school. If you haven't done this yet, can they be returned ASAP as we have to begin putting work samples from this term in.

## Parent Helpers

We would love some parent helpers to assist with reading in the first half hour of the day. If you think you would like to come into your child's room to help out please talk to your child's teacher. Remember you have to have a **Working With Children's Check** to be able to volunteer in the classrooms at Spec Hill.

You can apply for a free volunteer one online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/utility/>.

## Junior's Excursion

A reminder that the Grade Preps will be going on excursion to see *The Hungry Little Caterpillar* in 2 weeks' time. If you haven't yet returned your permission form, please hand it in to the office.

Have a great week!

*Zoe Light, Courtney Lawrence & Felicity Burman*



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## SENTRAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

If you are unsure about how to access the student portal for your family please feel free to call the school office.

*To register for first time users:*

<https://sentral.shps1316.vic.edu.au/portal/register>

*Then for future logins:*

<https://sentral.shps1316.vic.edu.au/portal/login>  
*Notes have been sent home to families who are yet to access the system. Please take five minutes to enter your code to login and view your current information.*

**BOOK YOUR  
Parent /Teacher Interviews  
Bookings Close  
11:00PM 27th June**

# SCHOOL FEES NOW DUE

Our School Council has in place a Materials and Requisites fee which is compulsory for every child. This fee pays for the requisites that children use in the classroom. By the school purchasing in bulk this minimises the cost for parents.

**FAMILY STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THE \$100 COMPULSORY SCHOOL MATERIALS & REQUISITES FEE FOR 2017.**

*It would be appreciated if this could be paid ASAP. If you cannot pay the full amount at the moment, we are happy for you to pay in instalments.*



You can pay via our payment App – QKR; by either cash or EFTpos at the school office, or by direct bank transfer.



Welcome to the Premiers' Reading Challenge

Inspiring children and young people to read more books



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# CANTEEN HOT DOG DAY FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

**NO NORMAL CANTEEN ORDERS HOT DOG DAY FUNDRAISER**

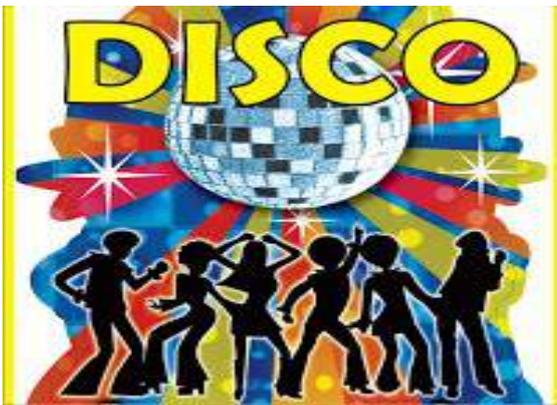
FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

QKR ORDERS STILL COMPLETE FORM

ITEM	PRICE	TOTAL
1 X HOT DOG	\$3.00	
2 X HOT DOGS	\$5.00	
QKR <input type="checkbox"/> / / 17 or CASH <input type="checkbox"/>		
Tomato Sauce?? (Please circle)		

Cash orders are to be returned to the canteen by 9:00am Tuesday 20th June. After lunch sales and drinks are available until 9:00am Tuesday 20th June. Drinks can only be ordered after lunch sales.

**Orders Close 20th**



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

**THURSDAY 29TH JUNE**

6:30 – 8pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE

AT THE OFFICE

OR VIA QKR

**\$4.50**

**PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

**\$5.00 AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT**

**Specimen Hill PS students only**

**THEME: SPORTS WEAR**

*If families could please bring a plate of food to be shared for supper on the night – thank you*



2017

**GRADE 6 SHIRTS**

SPARES AVAILABLE

3 X SIZE 14

1 X SIZE 12

**NOW \$25**

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

**EVERY THURSDAY 8:30 AM**

*(weather permitting)*

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.**

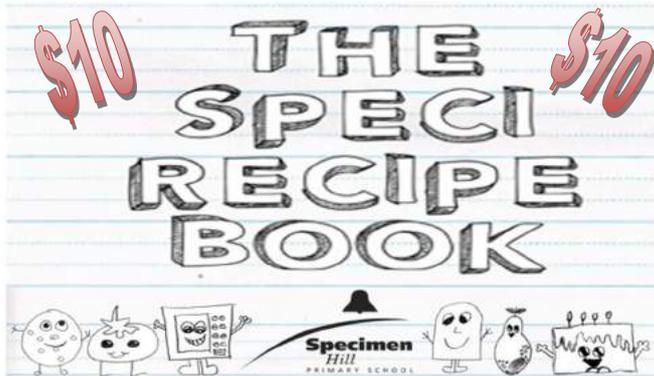
*We also pick up along the way!*

**IF IT IS RAINING....??? WALKING SCHOOL BUS WILL BE CANCELLED**



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Mon June 26	<b>School Council Meeting</b>
Tues June 27	<b>Very Hungry Caterpillar Prep—2</b>
Wednesday June 28	<i>Parent / Teacher interviews</i>
Thurs 29	<i>School Disco</i>

**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 pay account fortnightly**  
**Balances should not exceed \$100**  
**Please contact the office if you have not received a statement.**



# LADIES NETBALL

SCHOOL TERMS	2017
TERM TWO	18 APR—30 JUN
TERM THREE	17 JUL—22 SEP
TERM FOUR	9 OCT—22 DEC
SCHOOL TIMES	9:00 - 11:00am
First Recess	11:00 - 11:45am
Second Recess	1:45 - 2:15pm
School Finish	3:15pm

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

If you propose to volunteer at the school for various roles, IE: Reading, Canteen, program assistance, it is a requirement that you must hold a current Working With Children Check.

These are now applied for online at:  
[www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

There is no cost associated with Volunteer applications. Once you have applied online, the application is completed by Australia Post. You can obtain a WWCC from the Eaglehawk Post Office—support one of our school community families business. Your photo will be taken on the spot and application finalised. Please ensure you take your identification documents with you.

Ladies wishing to play social Netball on Monday mornings??  
 Creche is available for FREE  
 Team fees = \$45  
 No games in school holidays  
 Single players or Teams welcome  
 Contact Marg : Ph: 5443 7379

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## July school holiday program

Fun fitness and multi-sports classes for kids aged 5-13!

Our 3 hour holiday classes are sports science designed, structured for maximum fun and real results.  
 Get fit. Get Gecko fit.

**School Holiday Program**  
 Bendigo | Moama | Kangaroo Flat | Castlemaine  
**July 3 - July 14, 2017**  
 BOOK NOW | [www.bendigo.yrnca.org.au](http://www.bendigo.yrnca.org.au)

**MAIDEN GULLY PRIMARY**  
**WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
**3RD-14TH JULY 2017**  
 Check our website for dates & activities at your preferred venue

5-12YRS  
**Team Holiday**

SAVE SOME COFFEE APPROVED PROGRAM

6AM-1PM Daily - www.maidengullyprimary.vic.edu.au - 03 9532 0366

**TUESDAY 11 JULY**  
 9.30am-12.30pm  
**Specimen Hill Primary School**  
 Inglewood St, Golden Square

**TO BOOK:** Phone Natalie on 0437 743 775 or email [natalie@geckosports.com.au](mailto:natalie@geckosports.com.au)

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