

# Speci Express

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WERRIBEE ZOO BUS LEAVES AT 8:00AM TOMORROW

Welcome to students, parents and friends to week 7 of Term 1,

## Crusoe College Extension Program

This week we have a group of students from Grades four and five who are attending Crusoe College to participate in a Technology Extension program. A number of primary schools are involved and together the students will be involved in activities that include Woodwork Creation-making a wood object, Laser Creation -making a name tag, Sewing and Embroidery, Music Creation using ICT and Computer Game Creation. Each term Crusoe is offering extension activities for primary school students to extend their thinking and practice in focus areas. This will support students for their eventual transition into secondary school regardless of the secondary school that they will be attending.

## School Level Report

Last week I shared some data with the school community in regards to the way that Specimen Hill has been progressing over the past several years in comparison to similar schools.

**A table of the results is on Page 3.** This is a comparison between Specimen Hill and similar schools.

The results are extremely positive and confirms that Specimen Hill has bright and hard working students, demonstrates excellent teaching combined with tremendous support from home. We all need to keep working together so that we provide the best opportunities for employment and further education for our students in the future.

## School Snacks and Lunches

A number of students are bringing lollies, chocolate, fizzy drinks, cordial and other sweets to school as snacks or for lunch. These should not be brought along to school but should be left as treats for home. This type of snack is an unhealthy choice for school and we do see a marked difference in a child's behavior and concentration after eating this type of snack.



The school's focus is on healthy eating which includes healthy sandwiches/wraps, fruit and other healthy snacks.

## School Sores

Just recently we have had a number of students presenting at school with school sores. These are highly contagious and spread by direct contact or contamination so must be treated appropriately. If a child has signs of sores they need to visit a doctor for treatment and must remain away from school as long as there is discharge from the sore. Sores on exposed areas must be covered by a dressing.

## Werribee Zoo

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March the Grade 3/4 students will be attending the Werribee Zoo as a major excursion. The bus will be leaving tomorrow morning at 8.00am (sharp) and returning to school by 4.15pm. All students will need to be on time with a packed snack and lunch and drink bottle. It should be a fabulous day.

## Cyber Bullying PD

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Tracey Porter will be visiting the school to speak to the grade 5/6 students about the concerns and issues around cyber bullying. This is an ongoing concern and one that every child and parent should have clear and updated knowledge about. It does not just involve Grade 5/6 or secondary school students but any child who is on the Internet or social media.

**Tracey will provide a PD for the students during the school day and this will be followed by a parent session from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for all parents. (regardless of your child's grade level) It is important that parents take the time to attend this parent session as information and sites are constantly changing and the dangers and effects of cyber bullying are real and impacting.**

**Baby sitting will be provided for all families.** Please take the time to attend this session as it is crucial information for all parents. **Parent session will be conducted in Rooms 12/13.**

## Junior School Council Investiture

On Friday starting at 2.15 in the Multi Purpose Room we will be holding the Junior School Council Investiture for all of our school leaders. All parents and friends are invited to attend and then to join the students for afternoon tea in the Staffroom to follow.

## Liz's last day at Before School Care on Friday

On Friday it will be Liz Watkin's final day at Before School Care. Liz has worked at before school care for a number of years and has built up a strong rapport with many of the students and families in our school community. Liz has taken on new opportunities in her chosen career and we sincerely thank her for her contribution to the students at Speci Hill and wish her well in her future pursuits.

Hoping that everyone has a wonderful week ahead.

Di Craig  
Principal

## CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR



## SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

2.45pm every Monday  
in the Multi Room



PLEASE PAY  
SCHOOL FEES  
WERRIBEE ZOO  
NOTES  
GREAT GALAXIES



RUNNING CLUB  
TUESDAYS  
8:00AM

BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM 8:00AM  
WEDNESDAYS



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

A reminder that Tracy Porter, our Cyber expert is visiting the school next Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. She will be taking a session with the students in the last hour of the day and will be running a parent information session at 6pm that night in room 13. Baby sitting will be available in the library, as the night session is for Parents/Guardians only.

Personal Development will begin this Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. There has been a slight change of dates. The dates are now Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of March. If your child has not returned their note for Personal Development, please return it tomorrow.

**CYBER TIP:** Here are two cyber tips you can chat about and work on at home – for students AND parents.

- 1- Make a list of all the online accounts you have. Delete those you don't use.
- 2- Update the passwords on 5 of your accounts.

**Grade 4 students who are in Miss Williams' class, are reminded that they need to be at school before 7:50am tomorrow morning for the excursion to Werribee Zoo.**

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



## MIDDLE CLASSES

### Werribee Excursion

We are off on our major excursion tomorrow to the Werribee Open Range Zoo. All students are required to be at school prior to 7:50am. Students will need to meet under the shade sails where they will need to line up in their grades. Students will need to ensure they have the following:

- School uniform on
- School hat with them
- Two clearly labelled bags (one with a snack, the other with lunch and a drink bottle)

As previously stated in notes and the newsletter, we endeavour to be back to school by approximately 4:15pm. We look forward to seeing all students bright and early tomorrow morning.

### Home Reading

It is fantastic to see so many students completing wonderful home reading. There has already been a number of students reach 25 nights, with some students nearing the next milestone of 50 nights! This is a great result at this time of the year. Building up those reading miles at home helps to reinforce those practices that we are developing at school. Home reading not only develops their comprehension and fluency, but also expands the vocabulary of students, in both written and spoken form.

We look forward to working closely with parents over the course of the school year and appreciate all the support you provide to your children.

*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

It was wonderful to see all of the students return happy, refreshed and ready to learn after the long weekend. Students enjoyed sharing their adventures with their classmates.

This week we are focused on learning about summarising information texts during shared reading. We have been reading information texts and discussing new learning and the most important parts. Students are writing information reports about community helpers this week, in line with our inquiry into 'Me and my community'. In maths we have been finding out more about place value, playing games and completing activities to help us read, record and order numbers into the hundreds.

Congratulations to those students who have already gained their 25 nights of reading award and those that are quickly approaching 50 nights of reading! For those students yet to reach 25 nights of reading, please make the effort to read each night at home. Teachers check reading diaries each day and it is concerning that some students are not reading enough at home or are not submitting their diaries. Please remember that home reading plays a very important role in the learning process

and our policy is that students must read every night.

Grade 1 and 2 students have continued to enjoy rotations, which take place every Wednesday. Students have spoken about how much they enjoy visiting other classrooms and working with different teachers. The students have also reflected on the variety of activities they are able to participate in, which ranges from science activities to library studies and drama games.

Have a wonderful week and a relaxing weekend!

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

## PREP CLASSES

Congratulations to all the Prep students for surviving their first full week at school. The students have continued to surprise us with their behaviour and effort. Keep it up!

Last week the Grade Prep students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the letter Pp and making their own parrot with bright feathers. We have been working on recognising quantities without needing to count. The students have enjoyed playing games that help them practise these skills.

Home reading has continued to be outstanding and students and families are to be commended for this.

### Prep Rest Days

**Wednesday the 29th March will be the last rest day for the preps. Prep students do not attend school on this day.**

Reminders:

- Nude Food Day is every Wednesday. Families are encouraged to avoid packing foods in wrappers on these days.
- Students need to bring a library bag to school so that they can borrow a library book each Monday.
- Students can bring 50 cents along to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to buy an icy pole.
- The canteen operates on a Monday & Friday.

*Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light & Felicity Burman*



## RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY - FRIDAY



## Music News

We have just begun learning to write and recognise notes in simple pieces of music this week. The Grade One/Two's are starting to create their own short compositions and then play them back with the Boomwhackers to check and change their tunes if they want to.

We are learning about different notes and how many beats each one has and how to play them in a bar of music in addition to simple time and dynamic notations. Children are enjoying this activity as part of their music learning and are being very creative in their compositions.

Next Monday the Senior choir will be performing in assembly a song they have been working on, parents and friends are most welcome to come along.

*Kylie Gould – Music Teacher*



# 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**



# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

**FRIDAY MARCH 17 2017**

**Remember your helmet!**



Join more than 350,000 students across the nation, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school!  
For more information, visit [ride2school.com.au](http://ride2school.com.au)



**RIDE2 SCHOOL**

## SCHOOL LEVEL REPORT

Specimen Hill Primary	Similar schools
Year 3 Numeracy 37% of students achieving in well above expected level	24% achieving at well above expected level
Year 5 Numeracy 30% of students achieving at well above expected level	18% achieving at well above expected level
Year 3 Writing 47% of students achieving well above expected level	45% of students achieving well above expected level
Year 5 Writing 17% of students working well above expected level	14% of students working well above expected level.

### SENTRAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Currently the school is introducing a new software management system called Sentral. This program provides a single comprehensive interface for the management, tracking and reporting for school administration, online learning and student management.

Parents can log into their own child's/children's profiles to complete tasks such as book interview times, update family information, log student absences and gain access to the school newsletter; school community calendar; any upcoming excursion notes; canteen menu and grade information. A whole host of information sharing.

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

<https://sentral1316.vic.edu.au/portal>

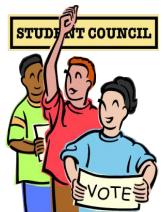


### JSC Representatives- 2017 Semester 1

- Room 3- Tj S., Maddison W.
- Room 4- W. , Lucas H.
- Room 5- Sienna C., Joel G.
- Room 6- Charlie R., Belle R.
- Room 7- Will J., Georgia G.
- Room 8- Mitch H., Zara G.
- Room 9- Adam G., Olive D.
- Room 10- Isabella L., Brilee T.
- Room 11- Lily T., Tarryn E., Ella V.
- Room 12- Charity R., Luke F., Charli S.
- Room 13- Trinity F., Blake W., Broadi T.

#### Office Bearers Semester 1

**President:** Luke F.      **Vice Pres:** Tarryn E.  
**Treasurer:** Lily T.      **Secretary:** Blake W.



### The Junior School Council Investiture will be held

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm**

(multi-purpose) All parents are welcome to attend.  
An afternoon tea will be held in the staffroom following the investiture.

2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
Thur 16th Mar	<i>Werribee Zoo Excursion</i>
Fri 17th Mar	<i>Ride to School Day</i> <i>Junior School Council</i> <i>Investiture 2:15pm</i>
March 22nd	<i>Cyber Safety Presentation</i>
March 22nd	<i>Great Galaxies Incursion</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.



## VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC

When: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Where: Bendigo Stadium (Court 4 & 5 Inglis Hall)

Time: 9am – 12pm (arrive at 8:45am to sign in)

Age Group: 8 – 12 years olds

Price: Free

Nothing to do over the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?  
Then come along and enjoy the fantastic sport of VOLLEYBALL.

The clinic will be a structured program designed for junior inclusion, skill progression and game play being conducted by Australian and Victorian coaches and players.

Morning tea and water will be provided and all participants will receive a volleyball at the conclusion of the clinic.

If interested please email to [ddb@live.com.au](mailto:ddb@live.com.au) to receive registration form.



The Junior School Council will be selling Zooper Dooper Icy-poles on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school.

50c each



**PARENTS & FRIENDS  
PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE  
NEAR SCHOOL GATES**

SCHOOL TERMS	2017
TERM ONE	30 JAN – 31 MAR
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

Specimen Hill Primary  
**EASTER RAFFLE**  
Lots and lots of prizes to win  
Could all families please donate an Easter item towards our raffle.  
Tickets have been sent home, more are available  
**DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED AT THE OFFICE**



Gecko Sports Bendigo

## Easter Holiday Program

Gecko Sports Bendigo is running a half day holiday program in the Easter School Holidays.

The 3 hour session will include a fun fitness and multi-sport program and morning tea for each child.

**DATE:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**TIME:** 9.30am-12.30pm

**COST:** \$35 per child (\$30 for Multiple Siblings)

**LOCATION:** Specimen Hill Primary School

Email [natalie@geckosports.com.au](mailto:natalie@geckosports.com.au) to book your place

or check out our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/geckosportsbendigo](http://www.facebook.com/geckosportsbendigo) for more details and special offers.