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EDUCATION WEEK - NEXT WEEK - OPEN DAY THURS 25TH

Dear students, parents and friends,
 Welcome to week 5 of Term 2.

Mother's Day Stall

The Mother's Day Stall was a wonderful success last Friday. The Parents and Friends did a fabulous job with the array of gifts, most of them donated by families from the school. The students were very pleased with the gifts that they chose for their mums and from conversations with children on Monday it sounds like all mums loved their gifts and had a wonderful day on Sunday. The school raised \$720 for this event which was a wonderful outcome.

Divisional Cross country

There were some outstanding efforts put in at the Cross Country last Friday. The students behaved so well and competed in an enthusiastic manner putting in their best effort. Thank you to Mr Broadbent for the training and organisation of this event.

Working Bee

Thank you to all parents and students who participated in the Working Bee last Thursday after school. The jobs that were achieved have made a huge impact on the school making it so presentable and instilling pride in our school environment. Thankyou to Mrs Light for organising the working bee and for the staff members who attended and helped out also.

Sentral Management system

A note is being sent home today in regards to the school's electronic management system. Parents will need to follow the instructions to log in so that they can access the Newsletter, interview times (for the June Interviews) school messages, attendance and in the future further information such as student reports. At this stage there are still about 90 families who have not logged on. Can you please take your time to follow the instructions as it will make accessing information much easier in the future.



Education week

Next week is Education week. The theme is Wellbeing across the school and community. There are many activities planned for the week both in classrooms and before school. Many activities also include parents.

It would be wonderful to have as many parents as possible participate in these activities.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.15-8.40am Student relaxation in the MPR	8.10 am Running Club for students and families.	8.10am Egg and bacon roll breakfast	OPEN DAY New Preps 2018 8.30am	Ride, scoot and walk to school.
9.15-9.45am Parent relaxation session in the MPR	Special treats to follow	Circus activities throughout the day	Walking school-bus at 3 pick up points 2.15 in MPR- Sleep training program for parents	

Sick Leave

I will be away on sick leave for the next two weeks. Mrs Jackson will be in charge during next week (week 6) and Corey Warne during the following week (week 7).

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

Di Craig
 Principal

CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
 Cash orders are available



PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES



RUNNING CLUB TUESDAYS 8:10AM

BREAKFAST PROGRAM 8:00AM WEDNESDAYS



SCHOOL BUS THURSDAYS 8:30AM



SPECI HILL PLAYGROUP THURSDAY 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 5th week of term 2. Firstly, well done to the Grade 5 students who were involved in NAPLAN testing last week. Their commitment and effort was fantastic, congratulations! Also, well done to students who represented the school at Cross Country last Friday. You represented yourself and the school in excellent fashion. This week we are learning about morals in stories with great literature such as Aesop's Fables. In Numeracy, we have been focusing on BODMAS and order of operations. Also, Year 6 families are reminded that their Secondary School Placement forms for 2018 are now overdue. Please see Mr Pysing if you have any queries about transition.



Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to week 5 Middle News. Well done to all Grade 3 students who completed the NAPLAN test last week, everyone tried their hardest and everyone should be proud of their efforts. We have continued to learn about Australia in our integrated topic and students have been learning about the natural landmarks of Australia. This week we are moving on to learning about Australasia/Oceania.

A few reminders for students to ensure that they are bringing Nude Food on Wednesdays and jumpers/jackets are being worn to school and are labelled clearly. We hope everyone has an enjoyable week!!



Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer

JUNIOR CLASSES

Learning Journals. We still have a few Journals that need to be returned to classrooms. Please read and return them by Friday this week.

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.

Tomorrow is our final JETS gym visit. Students have certainly enjoyed the experience again this year, improving their skills. Thank you to all the staff at JETS for the learning and fun for the junior school this term.

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.

We are working on creating a group story telling project starting this week until the end of term. Students will work together to share a story in a chosen form such as puppet show, play, movie etc.

Reading We have many children who are achieving 100 reading nights this year in the next few weeks, CONGRATULATIONS on all your hard work and commitment to everyone involved.



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

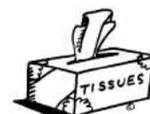
PREP CLASSES

Hi and welcome to Week 5! Another busy week down with the Grade Preps. This is our last week of the Gym program. The Preps have been having the best time and learning many new skills so it will be sad for it to finish. For the next week both Miss Lawrence and Mrs Light have student teachers from La Trobe University in their classroom; Mark and Maddison. The Grade Preps have made them feel very welcome, as we knew they would. This week the Preps are focusing on Rhyming words and using our Animal Reading Strategies in Reading and in Numeracy, they are learning about Subtraction and Measurement. We have some fun activities planned for this week!

Education Week—Next week is Education week and there are many activities happening across the school all week. All families are welcome to attend with their children:

- Monday 8:15am- Relaxation Activities in MPR
- Tuesday- Running Club
- Wednesday- Family Breakfast & Circus activities
- Thursday- Walking School Bus
- Friday- Ride to School Day

Tissue Donations—Thank you to those families who have donated boxes of tissues. We still need many more boxes so if you haven't yet donated any, we would greatly appreciate it.



Magazines— We are still looking for some old magazines to use for different learning activities. If you have any old ones laying around that you might like to donate we would appreciate it. Just bring them to your child's classroom.

Labelled Uniform - Please ensure your children's uniforms are labelled, as well as their lunch boxes. There have been a lot left around the school and it makes it hard for them to be returned to their owners without a name. If you need to use a permanent marker, please ask your child's classroom teacher before or after school.

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Thanks,

Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light & Felicity Burman

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS		15 MAY
	Star	Value
Room 1	Lah Eh K'Paw	
Room 2		
Room 3		
Room 4	Darcy T.	
Room 5		
Room 6		
Room 7	Tyler S.	
Room 8		
Room 9		
Room 10		
Room 11	Ella V.	Aidan R.
Room 12	Regan W.	Hannah E.
Room 13		

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.



If fees are paid/or part paid by May 30th, your family name goes into the draw to win one of 3 prizes – a \$100 canteen lunch voucher; a \$50 canteen lunch voucher or a \$25 canteen lunch voucher.

Our school relies on these fees to be paid, as we have already provided for every child.

OSHC FUN

(Out of School Hours Care)

This term so far we have been learning about Aboriginal culture, art and food. We have dot painted some rocks and some boomerangs. Some Boomerangs are on display in the Multi near the roll! It was a lot of fun. We are now learning about Australian states and capital cities over the next fortnight.



FAMILY READING MONTH

*May is a celebration of Families Reading together.
A really fun way to develop an important life long skill.
Parents modelling reading is a fabulous example to the children.
Shared reading can be one page each, parent then child then parent etc.
Picture cues are important for all readers. Talk about what you see in the picture, it helps to develop understanding of the words.*

*Word finds—get your child to find a word on a page. Is that word repeated on the page? How many times can they identify that word helps to reinforce that knowledge.
Book Club makes available lots of examples of child suitable reading approximately twice a term. Look out for catalogues in your child's bag. You have about a week to get your order and money to school. Delivery could be two weeks later.*

*Good luck with the family reading.
Sandy Young*



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

*Thank you to everyone who donated goodies to The Mothers Day Stall. There were lots of lovely presents available for the children to purchase for Mum or even Grandma.
We had a a lot of helpers wrap presents and help on the day at the stall. Thank you to everyone who helped out :
Sheridin, Susie, Joyce, Lin, Kirsty, Jodie, Kelly, Vicki, Cheryl, Kerry, Lisa, Shannon, , Kathy, Renee.
I hope Mothers Day was a special for everyone.
Belinda Seymour*



Thank you to the kind Grandmother who donated additional money for children who needed to purchase a present for their Mum.

The profit was: \$720.00

Thank you for your support, Parents and Friends Members

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>	
Thurs 18th	<i>Gym Program P-2 Last Session</i>
THURS 25th	<i>School Open Day</i>
Thurs 1st June	<i>Prep 2018—Information Night</i>
June 5	<i>Pupil Free Day</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.

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.



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Prep Enrolments 2018 Information Night
Thursday 1st June 2017
 6:30pm—7:30pm
 In the Prep Room
 Babysitter available - children welcome

Open Morning
Thursday 25th May
 Tours for 2018 Prep Families
 from 9:30am – 11:30am
 Inglewood Street, Golden Square VIC 3555
 (03) 5443 5353



PARENTS & FRIENDS PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
 2.45pm every Monday in the Multi Room

School Council 26th June



Do you want to know more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme? The NDIS Intereach Information Van is travelling around the Loddon area and will be stopping off at Kangaroo Flat to talk to locals about the NDIS. Intereach can answer your questions, and help you get ready for the NDIS which has now started in the Loddon area.

- Staff can answer questions like:
- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
 - What kind of support can I access through the NDIS?
 - How can I access the NDIS?
 - How is the NDIS rolling out in the Loddon area?

Venue: Lansell Plaza (inside)
Date: Friday 31 May 2017
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm
Address: 267 High Street, Kangaroo Flat

For more information contact:
 Intereach Local Area Coordination (LAC) - Loddon area
 Ph: 1300 968 140 or lac_loddon@intereach.com.au

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