

Speci Express

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CANTEEN CLOSED THIS FRIDAY

Dear families, students and friends,
Welcome back to school for Term 3.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and managed to get involved in a range of activities although the weather wasn't so kind for outside tasks. Most children seemed excited to return with many sharing about their adventures over the holidays with me.

Staff changes

It seems that we always start a new term with a few unplanned staff changes. This term is no different.

Mrs Jackson will be working at Winter's Flat Primary School for the term in the role of Acting Principal. This was decided over the holidays and I congratulate Wendy on her success in being chosen for that position. In her place we have Jo Ryan who has come across from Lightning Reef P S. Jo is highly trained and experienced in teacher coaching and excellent classroom practice and many other aspects of leadership. Jo has a wide range of skills that will be an asset for Specimen Hill. I hope that parents take the opportunity to introduce themselves to Jo throughout the term.

Bridey Welton has started this week in 3/4 S which will now be named 3/4W. Ms Welton is settling in well to the Speci program and relationships with the students and the students in the class have embraced the change in a positive manner.

Mrs Ginny Grills-Marsili (Monday, Tuesday & Friday) and Emily Jacobs (Tuesday & Wednesday) are working in 1/2 M for the term. I have been in the room today to congratulate them on their great start to the term, it has been very smooth and settled. Mrs Manley has sent us some amazing photos from the Dinosaur Park in Queensland and camping out doors during her long service leave.

Michael Lawlor has been replaced by Kaiden Antonowiz who has previously worked at Speci during last year and Term 1. Unfortunately he experienced a major sporting injury so was away during Term 2. Kaiden has now returned to Speci and he will be working in a number of classrooms with specific students.

So a number of new people have joined our staff and I welcome them all.

Passions and Pathways

The Passions and Pathways program for our Grade 6 students is underway this term. At the end of term 2 the students completed the O H&S component of the program in preparation for the tours out to the TAFE, La Tobe university and other work places this term. On Thursday the students will visit the Trade Centre and on Friday they will visit LaTrobe University. This is a fabulous program that enables the children to experience a wide range of educational and manufacturing, business and hospitality work places.

Division Netball

Today the Grade 5 and 6 students have a male and female team competing at the division Netball program at the Schweppes centre. Mr Broadbent is managing the boys team and Ms Williams the girls. I'm sure that they have had a wonderful day demonstrating great skills, success and participation.

Cold weather and school uniform

The weather has been extremely cold this week and it is alarming to see so many students coming to school not wearing a second layer. If your child requires a jacket (or preloved) we do have some still available at the office at no cost. We also have a ready supply of new items to be purchased. All students must be wearing school uniform every day. Many girls are wearing bows or head-bands in their hair or tights, these must be either navy blue, white or jade.

Chicken Pox

We do have a diagnosed case of chicken pox in the school so if your child has a rash or is feeling unwell can he/she be monitored or checked by a Doctor please. The child must be kept home for 7 days or longer if the sores remain weeping.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Di Craig, Principal

**CANTEEN
CLOSED
FRIDAY**

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



**PLEASE PAY
SCHOOL FEES**



**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

Welcome back all!

We hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break but it is time to knuckle down and achieve your excellence in term 3!

Hopefully students and families read over their child's report and have reflected upon ways in which students can improve the areas outlined from last semester.



We would like to outline again that reading is to be completed each night for 20 - 30minutes and signed by a parent/guardian to acknowledge this. These are logged into student's diaries.

This term Grade 6 students will be participating in the Passion & Pathways. Tomorrow students will visit the Trade Centre which will be followed by a visit to Latrobe on Friday morning. This is the beginning of the unit which will allow students to see what pathways specific employees have taken to get to their current positions.

Ensure that your child is at school by 8:30am on Thursday and Friday as these activities will take place early with buses leaving the school grounds.

Grade 5 students will be studying a financial unit named Plan, Budget, Profit. This unit will be an engaging one and allow students to explore the world of finance and enable them to learn and use real life skills.

This term, students will have a change to their homework requirements so it is important that you discuss with your child what these new requirements are.

Enjoy the term!

Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome back to Term 3 and boy are we excited to be here with all our friends again. What a great start we have had with children being at school on time ready to learn This week has been very cold so please make sure your child has a jacket or jumper to wear outside.

Homework will commence next week. Your child will come home with their five words that they need to learn, practise and write about for the following week. Friday is the usual day that homework will come home and the day it is due back at school. Reading at home is very important and children should be reading at least five nights during the week. Reading diaries will also be checked weekly.

Our Integrated Studies topic for this term is 'Flights and Structures'. We will be studying the history of flight, the physics of flight and different methods of flight. At the conclusion of the unit the children will design and build a flying machine.

In preparation for the 2018 Years 3 & 4 Camp, parents are able to make payment through three instalments, \$80 this term, \$80 next term and the final \$80 in term 1, 2018. Payments can be made in advance at the office or via the QQR payment app. Further information will follow.

Please welcome Bridey Welton to our 3/4 team. Ms Welton has replaced Mr Stringer.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton

JUNIOR CLASSES

A very fresh and wet start to the term. Please ensure your child has appropriate layered clothing on to keep warm. Additional food may need to be packed to ensure we have active brains over the colder days.

With Mrs Manley on leave, Ms Ginny & Mrs Emily will be sharing the teaching role.

Ginny Grills-Marsili, Joe Hartney, Emily Jacobs, Felicity Burman & Kate Ward

PREP CLASSES

Recycling and Boxes

We continue with 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 Speci Hill.

You can apply for a free volunteer one online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au>
Zoe Light, Courtney Lawrence & Felicity Burman



It's back!
Earn 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend.

**DROP YOUR STICKERS
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PREP WINNERS

The wonderful art created by the Prep students received an award from the Ulumburra Theatre after submitting artwork for the competition around the Very Hungry Caterpillar performance.

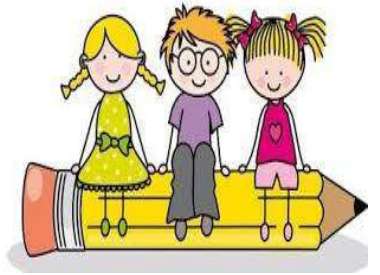
A book voucher will be sent to the school.



Enrolments are now being taken for Prep students for 2018

If you have a child or know of family friends, please encourage them to enrol at Specimen Hill Primary. Transition days will commence at the end of October.

ENROL NOW 2018



WALKING SCHOOL BUS

THURSDAY NEXT WEEK
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



SECONDHAND JUMPERS ARE REQUIRED

With the winter chill well and truly set in, the school is in need of second hand jumpers. If you have any surplus to your needs, please ensure they are washed and clean enough to recycle to a family in need.



Welcome to the Premiers' Reading Challenge

Inspiring children and young people to read more books



Please support your child

2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Aug 8	<i>Regional Hockey</i>
Aug 28	<i>BOOK FAIR</i>

Eaglehawk Hockey Club to celebrate 50th Anniversary

Eaglehawk Hockey Club, which is now the longest running hockey club in Bendigo, will celebrate 50 years
5th August 2017

at The Exchange Bendigo, The Bendigo Bank Centre, and invites current & former players and members to attend. Life Memberships have been awarded to Kaye Trimble and Sue Andrews, and membership now exceeds 150 males and females, playing in all age levels from 7 to 70+ years.

We look forward to sharing the evening with ALL present & past members and friends, and would really appreciate the contribution of any items, past equipment, records, memorabilia, stories and photos to share. Kindly contact Kaye Trimble (03) 5443 0596, find us on Facebook, or email:

eaglehawkhc@gmail.com

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.

PLEASE SUPPORT WEDNESDAYS NUDE FOOD DAY

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

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.



The school relies on a number of Volunteers to assist with various programs throughout the year. Please consider coming along to assist and contribute towards the school community.
CANTEEN IS IN NEED OF NEW FACES.

Name:

Contact No.

- Canteen duty *(only required for the morning)*
 Mon Fri *(circle which day suits)*
- Head Lice Check Program
- Parents & Friends Fundraising / Welfare cooking
Please return to the school office

FOOTBALL CLINIC FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL GIRLS
AT THE GEO
 1.15PM - 1.45PM
SUNDAY JULY 23
PLUS 2 GREAT GAMES OF FOOTY!
 11.30AM - BENDIGO THUNDER V KERANG (NCWL)
 2.00PM - BENDIGO THUNDER V MELBOURNE UNI (NFL)
 Led by HAYLEY TREVEAN (Carlton AFLW) & ELISE STRACHAN (Melbourne AFLW)
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED AFTER CLINIC
 INFLATABLES AVAILABLE FROM 2-4PM