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ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - TUESDAY 25TH APRIL

Dear Parents, friends and students,

Welcome back to the first week of Term 2.

From the many conversations I have had with a number of students yesterday and today it sounds like everyone had an enjoyable and busy time over the holidays. The weather was wonderful and the Easter celebrations seemed to be a highlight of the holidays. All students looked happy to return to school and to catch up with their friends and teachers.

Term 2 will be another busy term with NAPLAN occurring in week 4 for the grade 3 and 5 students and reporting at the end of the term. We will have the school Cross country (Friday 28th April) and the Mother's Day stall (Friday 12th May) also on the agenda. There is so much to look forward to.

Dental Service

All families will have received an Oral Health screening Form to fill out if you are interested in this service. The forms need to be returned by Thursday if you plan on your child participating in the program. This is a great opportunity for your child to have an oral health check at no cost and you will then receive a report in the mail outlining the treatment required.

ANZAC DAY holiday-Tuesday 25th April

Next Tuesday is the ANZAC day public holiday so there will be no school on Tuesday. There will be a school ANZAC Day service on Monday afternoon starting at 2.15pm in the Multi Purpose room. Following this service will be the regular assembly. On Tuesday some members of the Junior School Council and Mr Warne will attend the local Kangaroo Flat ANZAC Day service to lay a wreath on the cenotaph in remembrance from the Specimen Hill community.



Canteen

The canteen will reopen Friday for Term 2. There are a number of new additions to the menu which will provide plenty of choices for everyone. The focus is on healthy eating. Some prices have increased so can you please check the new prices before ordering.



If you are available to volunteer in the canteen on either a Monday or Friday, can you please let Kaye or Wendy know at the office or complete the form on the reverse of the Canteen Menu enclosed.

Parents and Friends

The first Parents and Friends meeting for the term will occur on Friday 28th April at 2.30 in the art room. All most welcome to attend. Volunteers will be required to assist with the Mothers Days stall planned for May 12th. Donations for the stall would be greatly appreciate. Please leave at the office.

Looking forward to another enjoyable term of friendship, fun and learning. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns.

Di Craig
Principal

MOTHERS DAY STALL
DONATIONS PLEASE

MOTHER'S
Day!

CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are available



PLEASE PAY
SCHOOL FEES

ORDER PHOTOS
MAY 17TH



RUNNING CLUB
TUESDAYS
8:00AM

BREAKFAST
PROGRAM 8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS



STARTS NEXT WEEK
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 first week of term 2. It has been a very settled start to the term and students need to be congratulated on this.

In Literacy, students have enjoyed learning more about the significance of our ANZACS and what typifies the "spirit". The students have been very enthusiastic and compassionate in their approach. Students have also been learning new class "Vocab" words this week and the deeper meanings.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on Area and Perimeter and Elapsed Time, both very handy life skills to have. As well as continued NAPLAN preparation in our Maths Groups.

Our weekly homework tasks again start this Thursday and homework will always be given out on a Thursday and due the following Thursday.

A couple more reminders: Anzac School Ceremony will be conducted on Monday the 24th of April at Assembly and that Tuesday the 25th is a public holiday for ANZAC DAY.

Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to term 2, we hope everyone has had a fantastic break over the holidays. This term is going to be an exciting and fun filled term. We will be learning about Australia and the World in our Integrated Studies unit this term. A couple of reminders for everyone - home reading needs to be completed 5 nights a week, hats aren't required in the yard in term 2 and our cross country will be held on Thursday 27th April.

We hope everyone has a wonderful first week back.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer

JUNIOR CLASSES

Welcome back everyone we are looking forward to a very exciting term two of learning and fun. Thursdays we will be attending JETS gym program. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately to take an active role in all activities (school colour leggings or shorts underneath) . Please remove or tape earrings. Children need to be able to put shoes and socks on and off with minimal assistance.

All children should have a drink bottle of water on their table each day to assist with hydration and their learning throughout the day. This limits the times that they need to disrupt their learning and leave the classroom.

We are studying entertaining reading this term including fables, legends, fairy tales and myths, it will be a term of imaginative and creative learning.

Don't forget to read with your child every night and this week a spelling book will be sent home with guidelines also.

Kim Manley, Joe Hartney, Felicity Burman & Kate Ward

PREP CLASSES

Hello all, welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing school holiday break and that you are ready for the busy term ahead!

Junior Gym Program

A reminder that the Gym Program is beginning this Thursday at Jets Gym. If you have not yet returned your child's note, please do ASAP so they can participate. Please dress students in comfortable clothing for the program e.g. closed footwear and socks, shorts or pants- no dresses, hair tied up etc...

This program has been a lot of fun in the past and we can't wait to be involved again this year!

Home Readers

Well done to all students with their home readers over the holidays. Some of you are up to 50 nights of reading and others are

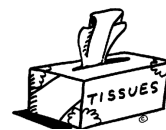
getting close to 75 nights which is fantastic to see! Remember it is an expectation that each student is reading to someone 5 nights a week at Specimen Hill P.S.

Running Club

Running Club will be on again for the whole of Term 2. It is a big hit and the whole family are welcome to come along and join in. There is a \$10 voucher given to students who run 100 laps!!

Runny Nose Season

We are approaching the season of runny noses and it would be wonderful if each family could donate a box of tissues for their child's classroom to see us through Winter. We would very much appreciate your donation.



Also, as it will be getting wet outside it might be a good idea to pack some spare clothes in your children's bag, just in case. Socks, pants and underwear are always good. Just remember to have them clearly labelled so we know who they belong to!

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.

A reminder that next Tuesday is a public holiday and the students will have the day off. We hope everyone has a wonderful week and settles back into their school routines nicely!

Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light & Felicity Burman

CANTEEN NEWS

*Could all parents please check children class details on QKR. Some have had wrong room numbers on them.

Could parents please remind children to check lunch bags for tokens to redeem items such as frozen treats and milo at after lunch sales if these have been ordered as part of their lunches.

* Please write order clearly for cash sales and put in window of lunch bag, so the order can be seen. (If order can be written on the paper the same size as the window that would be appreciated)

*Please consider purchasing a lunch bag from the office for your child's lunch order, They are only \$8 and make lunch orders a lot easier.

* Can parents please do one order per child.

*Any queries regarding lunch orders, please see the office or come and see Belinda at the canteen.

For example: If a lunch order is placed via QKR and a child does not come to school. contact the school or myself by 9am and order can be saved for the next lunch day.

*We have added a few new items to the menu this term! Check out the new menu. Soup and a Roll is coming in June, in time for Winter.

*** If your interested in helping out in the canteen let me know! New volunteers are always welcome!**



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

Preferred Payment Method



SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CANTEEN MENU

TERMS TWO AND THREE 2017

Mondays and Fridays



SANDWICHES

Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Salad Only	\$3.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Vegemite & Cheese	\$2.20
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Cheese	\$2.00

TOASTIES

Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
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Cheese	\$2.50

SOMETHING WARM

Nachos (Cheese & Salsa)	\$4.00
Meaty Nachos (Meat, Cheese & Salsa)	\$4.30
Twisty Bolognaise Pasta with Cheese	Small: \$2.00 Large: \$4.00
Mini Pizza (Ham & Cheese, BBQ Chicken & Vegetarian)	\$2.50
The Speci Chicken Burger (Chicken Burger, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo on a roll)	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets (5pack)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets & Salad (5 Nuggets, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot & Cheese)	\$4.00
Steamed Dim Sims	80c each
Corn on the Cob	60c each
Hard Boiled Eggs	50c each

YUMMY SALADS

Mixed Garden Salad and Egg	\$5.00
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AN AFTER LUNCH TREAT

Yoghurt	\$1.20
Banana Muffins	\$1.20
Blueberry Muffins	\$1.20
ANZAC Biscuits	70c each
A Bag of Freshly Popped Popcorn	50c

SOMETHING FROZEN

Moosies (Chocolate & Strawberry)	\$1.30
Zings	50c each
Zooper Doopers (Until Sold Out)	50c each

SOMETHING TO DRINK

Flavoured Milk (250ml) (Chocolate, Caramel, Strawberry & Vanilla)	\$1.50
Just Juice (200ml) (Apple, Orange & Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$1.30
Warm Milo	\$1.00
Water 600ml	\$1.00

Coming In June

Soup and a Roll
\$2.50

Homemade Chicken Noodle
or
Vegetable



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**IF YOUR INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT IN THE CANTEEN LET ME KNOW !
NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !**



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

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. The central Bendigo Post Office is the best to go to, during non peak times. Your photo will be taken on the spot and application finalised. Please ensure you take your identification documents with you.



Working with Children Check

About the Check

Applications

Cardholders

Home > Applications > Apply for a Check > Apply in Victoria

Apply in Victoria

Before starting your application read the following instructions:

1. Fill in the application form and verify your identity online
2. Check the email that will be sent to you with instructions on how to finalise your application at Australia Post
3. At Australia Post your photo will be taken at no charge to you
4. If you are applying for an Employee Check you will need to pay the application fee.



Get your smiles ready it's...

School Photo Day

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY



FAMILY PHOTO ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

The school does not process any of the payments for school photos.

All monies are processed by Leading Image Photography. Payment can be made on-line with your order or correct cash placed in the envelope – please ensure it is securely sealed.

All children will have their photo taken on the day - late orders can be made via the studio.

It would be appreciated if order envelopes be returned prior to the day a they need to be sorted into classrooms prior to the big day.

RETURN ENVELOPES TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE MAIL BOX

MOTHERS DAY STALL DONATIONS PLEASE



Only \$12 each

SENTRAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

CORRECTION ON ADDRESS

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.



SENTRAL
EDUCATION

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

To register for first time users

Then for future logins:

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

FREE DENTAL SCREENING

'The oral health of your children is important to us'

Bendigo Health is offering free dental screens to students at

Specimen Hill Primary School on April 26th, 27th, 28th & May 1st, 2017.

As part of this assessment a report will be provided to parents/guardians with our findings and recommendations.

Consent forms have been sent home. These need to be returned to school in order to have your child seen by the service.

If you have any questions

please contact

Bendigo Health Dental Service

Ph: 5454 7994.



STARTING NEXT WEEK! 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!

2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
Thurs 20th Apr	GYM PROGRAM STARTS PREP-2
Fri 28th Apr	Parents & Friends Meeting 2:30pm
MAY 17TH	SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

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.

School Council

Extra Ordinary Meeting

Thurs 27th @ 5:30pm

STARTS NEXT WEEK
SCHOOL BUS
THURSDAYS 8:30AM

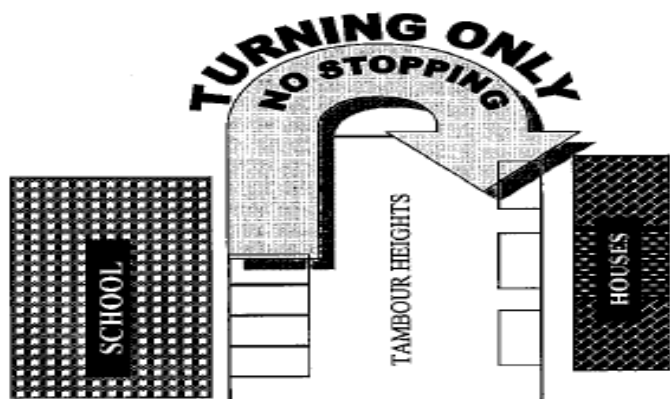


**PARENTS & FRIENDS
 PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE
 NEAR SCHOOL GATES**



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
 2.45pm every Monday in the Multi Room

**PARENTS - PLEASE OBEY
 PARKING RULES**



There are numerous exit points from the school. Students are required to exit via the side gates, NOT through the office building please. Please seek alternative collection points for your child. Utilise the rear entrances of the school, accessible from Hasker Street and from Henderson Street via Chum Street. Older children are more than capable of walking the few extra metres.

After School Classes
 FUN Sport + Fitness Programs for Kids Aged 5-13

GECKO SPORTS BENDIGO

Youngsters (5-8) Thursday 4-4.45pm	Midsters (9-13) Thursday 5-5.45pm
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Venue: Bendigo Major League Multisports
 1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square
Cost: \$16 per session (\$160 for a 10 week term)
Bookings: Please call Nat on 0437 743 775 or email natalie@geckosports.com.au to secure your place
 To find our more please visit our Facebook page 'Coaches Nat & Lani'

geckosports.com.au Franchise opportunities available

SCHOOL VALUES: Resilience, Excellence, Persistence, Honesty & Respect