

Speci Express

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PREPS START TOMORROW - THURS FEB 2

Welcome to the first Newsletter for week one, Term one 2017.

Once again we had a very smooth start to the school year. All students from Grade 1 to 6 returned excited about their new classrooms, teachers and class groups. The first activity was handing out the class requisites enabling every student to start the year well prepared for learning.

Prep students start school tomorrow. The junior department will be buzzing with parents and students for the first day of school. The doors will be open from 8.45am and we do encourage parents to leave at 9.05 once the room bell is rung so that the children can start their school day. This enables all students ample time to say good-bye and then to focus on school.



Gates locked

During Term 1 we are locking the school gates at 9.15am each morning. **All visitors, parents and late students must come via the school office (the front entrance).** The gates will remain locked until 3pm in readiness for the end of the day.

Staffing Structure

I would like to welcome three new staff members to Speci. Mrs Kate Ward is teaching a 1/2 class in room 4 and Mr Joseph Hartney who has a 1/2 class in Room 5. We also have Jo Daly who will be working with students on the EXPLORE program on a part time basis. Please make them feel welcome to our school community when you see them around the school. Mr Warne has returned from his three terms at White Hills PS and we welcome him back to Speci in the Assistant Principal role. Ms Emily Jacobs and Natalie Pelly have returned on a part time basis and Mrs O'Shea has two weeks to do before commencing Maternity Leave. Jenny Ball is on leave for the year and Helen Turpie is on leave before retiring. All other staff members have returned for another great year at Speci. We have started the year with 297 students across 13 classrooms. The specialist areas are: Juniors-PE, Art and Music, Seniors:- Art, PE and Chinese. All students will have Circus during their rotations on Wednesdays.

All students will still be expected to read for 5 nights per week and at Speci we are so fortunate to have the wonderful support from parents in assisting with this.

School fees

The school fees at Specimen Hill are \$100 per student. This amount pays for the student requisites that every child is supplied with at the start of each year. The school can purchase by bulk and this is a less expensive option for all parents and it allows every child to start their learning on day one with their requisites and every student has the same supplies so no child is disadvantaged. **There is a further voluntary fee of \$50** which provides the ICT devices and support that each child has access to on a daily basis. We would appreciate all fees being paid. We do have an incentive for any student who has paid their fees by May 30th, their name will go into the hat with a chance to win a \$100 canteen voucher.

The school needs to know any of the following:

If there are any Court Orders in place or disputes relating to your child or family, please let us know ASAP.

If Court Orders or family arrangements have changed over the past 3 to 6 months and the school has not been informed can you please contact the school to let us know.

If your child is receiving support from community services or independent professionals please let us know so that we can either work together or that we are aware of any support or intervention being provided.

Current/updated asthma, allergy, medical or anaphylaxis, diabetic, epileptic plans must be sent to the office ASAP. It is imperative that we know of any of these issues so that we can provide the best care for your child.

If you have a concern about your child or if there is a family issue occurring please make an appointment to see me so that we can discuss the matter.

The school requires current phone numbers and an emergency contact that we are able to contact if required. If any of these have changed can you update them at the office ASAP.



All private matters are strictly confidential.

WELLBEING

Bernadette is working 3 days a week this year and she is available to catch up with parents if there is a student/family concern. Please contact the office for an appointment. Corey Warne (Assistant Principal) and I are also available.

2017 promises to be a fabulous year at Speci. I look forward to catching up with all students and families and together we can provide the best learning opportunities for every child.

Have a great week,

Di Craig
Principal

Room	Class	Teacher
1	Prep	Mrs Courtney Lawrence
2	Prep	Mrs Zoe Light
3	Prep/one	Mrs Felicity Burman
4	1/2	Mrs Kate Ward
5	1/2	Mr Joseph Hartney
6	1/2	Mrs Kim Manley
7	4/5	Ms Sophie Williams
8	3/4	Mr Julian Regan
9	3/4	Mr Hayden Polglase
10	3/4	Mr Brad Stringer
11	5/6	Mr Scott Pysing
12	5/6	Mr Adam Tanner
13	5/6	Mrs Rebecca Kinsman
Artroom	Art	Sandra Young
Phys Ed		Todd Broadbent
Chinese		Hong Ma
Junior Music		Kylie Gould
Reading Recovery		Mandi Jennings
Explore		Jo Daley / Emily Jacobs
Circus/guitar		Craig Barker/Natalie Pelly
Principal		Di Craig
Assistant Principal		Corey Warne
School Improvement Officer		Wendy Jackson

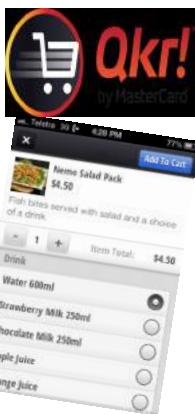
HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERM ONE

CANTEEN CLOSED THIS WEEK

PARENTS NOTES:

Please download the QKR app for all school payments, and Canteen orders.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CHILDS CLASSROOM NUMBER ON THE APP TO ENSURE LUNCH ORDERS ARE DELIVERED TO THE CORRECT ROOM



The Specimen Hill Primary App is your source to contact the school for Absences, notes to Teachers, and access the weekly school newsletter electronically.

Download the Speci App now!

Search for Specimen Hill Primary in the App Store.



GRADE 5/6 CAMP 2017

Cost = \$245

Baanya Biامي Adventure Camp

Pay by installment or in full

Deposit \$50 –

Eligible families must apply for Camps, Sports Excursion Funding in February to receive CSEF in time.
(Centrelink / Health Care Card holders)

LIBRARY - OVERDUE

Many students have not returned library books that they borrowed last year. This is a huge expense for the school and it means that these books are unavailable for others to borrow. Today, students who have not returned books from last year will bring home a note with a list of unreturned books. If your child is one of these students could you please assist them to find and return the book/books. **There is a \$10.00 charge for missing books**, this is well below the replacement cost so we would prefer that the books were returned. Any questions please contact Wendy Jackson. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Library Bags

We encourage all students to bring along a library bag to protect books that they borrow from the library. The bag would preferably be waterproof in case drinks etc are spilt in bags. If you could please supply your child with a bag for this purpose it would be appreciated.



COMPULSORY MATERIALS & REQUISITES FEE

PLEASE PAY
Our School Council has in place a Materials & Requisites fee which is compulsory for every student.

The fee is \$100 PER STUDENT

\$50 ICT Fee

Specimen Hill Primary School incorporate ICT into all areas of the school's curriculum. Students are exposed to using different devices such as iPads, desktop computer and netbooks in order to develop their digital literacy skills. To allow the school to continually stay up to date with current technology requires our community to help in our investment. The voluntary \$50 ICT fee helps us achieve this standard and allows for all students each year to improve their digital literacy as it is an important skill for their futures.

PLEASE PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES

Preferred Payment Method



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Welcome back for another year at Outside School Hours Care.

NEW ENROLMENT FORMS ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR

Before School Care runs from 6.40 - 8.30 Monday - Friday. Please note spaces are limited to 20 and children must be booked in to secure a space. Bookings can be made on **0438062561** or at the school office.

After School Care runs until 6 pm Monday to Friday. Preps are collected from their class rooms and older children make their way over straight from class. Bookings can be made on **0447788636** or at the school office. .

A snack is supplied but please remember to pack an extra snack as children are often hungry after a long day at school. A program will be in each addition of our school newsletter and is pinned on our noticeboard in the Multi Purpose room where the program is held. Hats are compulsory at After School Care in term one and four and children must either bring their hats from the classroom or they are welcome to keep a spare at the program. Entry after hours is via Tambour Heights back gate, via the rear door of the Multi Purpose room. Spaces are limited to 30 children.

Enrolment forms are compulsory. If your child has Asthma an Asthma management plan will need to be given to the service. All other medical conditions need to be listed also.

Accounts are sent out fortnightly and must be paid on a regular basis.



Accounts cannot exceed \$100

or your child may be excluded from the program.

2017

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thurs 2nd Feb

Preps Commence

WEDNESDAY

PREPS REST DAY

Fri 17th Feb

Pupil Free Day