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To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 11 which is the final week of the term and for the year.

Grade 6 Transition

Last night the Grade 6 Graduation was held at the Bendigo Club. It was a most memorable evening as all students presented a speech reflecting on their time spent at Specimen Hill over the past 7 years. The students spoke with such confidence (although they were nervous) and sincerity about their time at Specimen Hill. A number of students during the preceding weeks were unsure whether they were able to present but they absolutely shone on the evening. There were a number of award winners: Dux for 2018 - Xavier T.

All of the students were dressed so resplendently and absolutely blossomed on their special night. A special thank you to all of the parents for supporting the students on the evening and right through their primary education. To Mr Pysing, Mrs Kinsmen and Mr Tanner for the wonderful job in organising the evening and for preparing the students so well. To all of the Grade 6 students, you should be so proud of your presentations last night and for your years at Specimen Hill and we wish you all the success, happiness and opportunities for your future.

Food fair and Concert

The Food Fair and concert held last Thursday evening was a huge success. An enormous thank you to the families who assisted with donations or with their services for the Food Fair. It was a delightful evening of scrumptious food. It looks like the school raised just over \$4000 on the evening which is a fabulous result.

Following the fair was the concert and what a sight to see over 500 people present. The students did a wonderful job with their performances. Once again, it was a great climax for the year.

Hampers

Today and tomorrow, we will be sending 10 hampers home to families. These have a mix of treats for Christmas. Many people have been extremely generous in their donations towards the hampers and we hope that the giving and receiving will bring great joy and happiness to many families over Christmas.

Fun Day at the pool

Tomorrow is the fun day at the Golden Square pool for everyone in the school community. This is a celebration of a wonderful year at Specimen Hill. The students will be bused to and from the pool. The juniors will leave Specimen Hill at 11.00 and return at 1.45. The seniors will leave at 12.00 and return at 2.45. There will be a BBQ starting at 12.30 at the pool with a sausage or hamburger for every child. There is no cost for the day.

Students will need to bring their:

Bathers, towel, bag, sunscreen, **hat**, a snack, a drink and some money for the canteen if they want to. All staff members will also be at the pool. Family members are most welcome to come along and to join in the fun.

School will resume for students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 on the Wed 30th January. The new 2018 preps will start on Friday 1st February. The school will be open from Wednesday 24th January if you need to contact the school.

Mrs Ball Retiring

Mrs Jenny Ball is retiring at the end of the year. Mrs Ball has been at Specimen Hill for over 20 years and has taught a huge number of students during that time. She has worked in all areas across the school including Reading Recovery and Phys Ed which demonstrates her wide range of skills and interests. Jenny has been on leave this year and will finalise the year with 2 final days of working on Thursday and Friday this week. Jenny has been an outstanding teacher over this time with many students having the fondest memories of their time spent in her classes. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mrs Craig Retiring

After a period of deliberation I have decided to retire at the end of this year. I will take leave during Term 1 and then not return. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every child, parent and family who has been part of the Specimen Hill community over the past 17 years for being such a wonderful part of my Specimen Hill journey. I arrived at Specimen Hill in 2000 as a classroom teacher and then became the Assistant Principal and Principal. I have enjoyed every one of the roles that I have fulfilled mainly due to the wonderful students and families that I have worked with and the staff. It has been a privilege, a joy and a pleasure to be part of each child's learning journey and I wish them all happiness and success in the future. I have taught for about 35 years so it really is the end of a very long career and one that I have enjoyed working with and alongside others every day.

I would also like to thank the staff at Specimen Hill. Within the education fraternity the staff at Specimen Hill are highly respected and valued and for good reason. They have been an outstanding team of professionals, people and friends. The school is in a wonderful position having achieved so much academic success and I know that this will continue to be built on in the future.

Mrs Jackson has been appointed the Acting Principal for Term 1 in 2018.

Tomorrow I will send out a note listing staff and grades for 2018. This is still being finalised at this minute.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on: 54 435353

Di Craig

Principal



Reminder - Early dismissal at 1.45pm Friday

CLASS NEWS

SENIOR CLASSES

Greetings and welcome to the last week of the year! Can you believe how quickly this year has flown by? Students have been enjoying a slightly more relaxed classroom regime this week, with lots of 'finishing off' tasks and projects. Students must be congratulated on continuing with their excellent work ethic right until the very end of the year.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who graduated last night! What an amazing night we all had. All of the students presented so well!!! And delivered their speech with such confidence, it was amazing and we are all very proud of them!

The pool fun day is tomorrow so please ensure students are being sun smart. All students must wear a rashie and have sunscreen on. It is also recommended to bring a drink bottle to the pool.

Thanks so much to all of the Senior students for their excellent work throughout the year, and good luck to everyone for 2018!

Scott Pysing, Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner and Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to week eleven, term four. It's the final countdown!!!! Wow wasn't last week a busy week?! On Thursday we had our School Food Fair and Concert. The night was a fantastic success. Well done to each of the dancers and a huge thank you to the students and families who helped out at the stalls or donated items. We have also been gearing up to today's talent quest and have sent out the end of year reports.

With only days left until the end of the year the Gr 3/4's are busy getting everything wrapped up by the end of the week. Students will be bringing items home from school, having class parties and wishing their friends a safe holiday.

Tomorrow students will be having a final assembly in the morning before heading off to see their new classrooms for next year. Then after lunch the 3/4/5/6's will be changing into their bathers and making their way to the Golden Square swimming pool for a pool party. Students will need to make sure they wear sunscreen and bring a towel, as well as a bag to place their wet belongings in.

On Friday it will be the last day. Lunch will take place at the normal time however recess will be early, from 1:00-1:30 as school will finish at 1:45. From all the teachers in the Grade 3/4 department we would like to wish all of the students and their families a safe and happy holiday.

**Last week for the food fair there were two identical light green plastic Tupperware bowls (roughly medium sized) used that have not been located. If anyone knows where they are if they could please let me know as they belong to a student or if you have any items from the night if you could just take a quick look through them that would be great!*

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton

JUNIOR CLASSES

This week students are enjoying some fun activities with their class for the last week of the school year.

Junior students all did an amazing job at the school concert last week and should be very proud, well done! Thank you also to all parents and students who helped out or made donations to the Food Fair.



On Thursday this week all students will be attending the Golden Square pool for our Fun Day. This will occur from 11am and students are reminded to bring their bathers, a towel and their school hat.

Could students who have any home reading books from the school, that have not been returned in a while, be brought back. We are missing a number of these books and it would be great to replenish our stocks before the end of the year.

Thank you to all 2017's 1/2 students and parents for an amazing year of learning and socialising. The staff would like to wish you a safe and happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

Joe Hartney, Kim Manley, Kate Ward Felicity Burman and Judi Garwood.

PREP CLASSES

Hello and goodbye to our wonderful Prep families!

What a year it has been. From tiny little Preps at the beginning of the year that were all tears and snotty noses wanting mum and dad to stay, to confident, bright and wonderful Grade 1 students now! What a pleasure it has been to watch and support them all grow. We would like to thank all the parents and families of our students. It's the partnership between home and school that makes all the difference to your child's education and without your support at home their growth would not be possible. So, our biggest thank you.

We hope you have all enjoyed the year as much as we have and are looking forward to a safe and enjoyable school holidays and the adventures that await you in Grade 1!

Just a few reminders:

Fun day at the pool:

This is tomorrow (*Thursday 21st December*). The Preps will be heading to the pool at 11am until 1:45pm. Please send along their hat, bathers, a towel and sunscreen. We will be having a BBQ at the pool for lunch. Parents and families are more than welcome to attend.

Home Readers

Please have a look for any home readers that you might have at home as we will be collecting these in the next few days. We will also collect your child's blue home reading bag and pass it on to their teacher for next year.

Friday is the final day of school for the year and it is a 1:45 dismissal.

We hope you have the most wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Have a wonderful week!

Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence

*Thank you to
the sponsors who provide fresh
fruit through out the year
for our students.*



CLASS OF 2017



Phys Ed NEWS

Once again it has been a very busy year in PE with the students enjoying themselves completing various sports and activities, as well as participating in many divisional sporting events with outstanding results.

This year during the PE Program we continued to develop and improve the students' fundamental motor skills, tactics and knowledge of many sports. Throughout the lessons the students have also developed their teamwork, co-operation, leadership and last but not least, sportsmanship. All these qualities are very important to Specimen Hill Primary School and also to myself. It has been a delight to teach PE again at Specimen Hill Primary School and I'm looking forward to many more enjoyable years at Speci. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period and hopefully you can continue to practice your motor and sporting skills over the holiday break. Thanks again to everyone for another fantastic year.

Mr Broadbent



STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS 20 DEC

Star	
Room 1	
Room 2	
Room 3	Zoe McCurdy
Room 4	Layla Evans
Room 5	Jesse Macdonald
Room 6	Charli Roberstson
Room 7	
Room 8	
Room 9	
Room 10	
Room 11	
Room 12	
Room 13	Ariel Ruddick

POOL PARTY THURSDAY

Don't forget to bring your Hat, BATHERS, TOWEL & SUNSCREEN for the pool party tomorrow. This is a celebration of a wonderful year at Speci. The students will be bused to and from the pool. The juniors will leave Speci at 11.00 and return at 1.45. The seniors will leave at 12.00 and return at 2.45. There will be a BBQ starting at 12.30 at the pool with a sausage or hamburger for every child. There is no cost for the day.



OSHC BOOKINGS

All current bookings for Out of School Hour Care will be cleared at end of year.

New bookings will only be locked in once a new enrolment form has been returned to the office. New blue enrolment forms have been prepared for all current permanent bookings. Please ensure you collect yours on sign out of your child at the next session. Bookings will be allocated by order of receipt of enrolment form.

See *SENTRAL* for the *FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR*

2017

CALENDAR

Dec 21

*Last assembly 9.00am
Meet Classroom teacher
Pool party from 11am*

Dec 22

End of Term 1.45 pm finish

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL
SOME DAYS ARE FULL IN
After School Care**

**A REMINDER THAT PICK UP IS
BEFORE 6:00PM**

**NEW ENROLMENT FORMS
ARE REQUIRED FOR 2018**

**PLEASE ATTEMPT TO REDUCE
YOUR ACCCOUNT BALANCE BY
END OF YEAR.**

REGULAR PAYMENTS MAKE THIS
ACHIEVABLE

PREFERRED METHOD IS VIA QKR PAYMENT
APP

(Download to your phone/ipad)

BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561

ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636



*Wishing you all a safe and
happy*

holiday from everyone at

Specimen Hill



1.45pm Dismissal on Friday