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CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT - 6PM TONIGHT

Welcome to students, parents and friends to week 8 of Term 1,

Cyber Bullying PD

Today Tracey Porter (a police officer) will be visiting the school to speak to the grade 5/6 students about the concerns and issues around cyber bullying. This is an ongoing concern and one that every child and parent should have clear and updated knowledge about. It does not just involve Grade 5/6 or secondary school students but any child who is on the Internet or social media.

Tracey will provide a PD for the students during the school day and this will be followed by a parent session from 6.00pm to 7.00pm for all parents. (regardless of your child's grade level) It is important that parents take the time to attend this parent session as information and sites are constantly changing and the dangers and effects of cyber bullying are real and impacting.

Baby sitting will be provided for all families. (please bring your child/children to the multi purpose room.) Please take the time to attend this session as it is crucial information for all parents. Parent session will be conducted in Rooms 12/13.

Student Leaders activity Day

Last Friday the Junior School Council Members received their badges and certificates during the JSC Investiture. This Friday the JSC leaders from Grades 3 to 6 will be attending a student Leadership Day at Marong Recreation Reserve along with other student leaders from Kangaroo Flat, Marong, Big Hill, Lockwood, Lockwood South and Golden Square Primary Schools. The student leaders from Crusoe college will be organizing activities for group participation and there will also be guest speakers and a barbeque lunch. This is a wonderful occasion for students to connect with others and for our students to develop their skills and experiences in leadership.

School Level Report

This week I will share the school data around the Attitudes to School survey responses averaged out over the past 4 years derived from the Grade 5/6 students' perceptions and experiences at school. The results are quite positive but the school is undertaking ongoing improvement to address any areas of concern.

Survey area	Student Response
School connectedness	72% positive response
Student Motivation	81% positive response
Connectedness to peers	81% positive response
Student Safety	67% positive response

Werribee Zoo

All students and staff members who attended the Werribee Zoo last Thursday had a wonderful day. The travelling was tiring but the time spent at the zoo was informative, exciting and engaging. The experience has given the students a first hand experience to deepen their understanding of Endangered Species.

Last week of school and Easter Raffle Draw

Next week is the final week of Term 1- the time has flown! There will be the usual Assembly on Monday afternoon followed by an extra assembly on Tuesday morning starting at 9.10 to hand out awards and to draw the Easter Raffle. Thankyou to all families who have so generously donated items for the raffle and to the children who have sold tickets for the raffle. We usually have a large number of prizes so everyone is in with a chance.

School will dismiss at 1.45pm on Friday 31st March and the first day back for Term 2 will be Tuesday 18th April (following Easter Monday.)

Next Wednesday 29th March is the final Prep rest day for the term/year.

Hoping that everyone has a wonderful week ahead and if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Di Craig
Principal*

CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are available
**NO CANTEEN
LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY 30
MARCH**



**PLEASE PAY
SCHOOL FEES**

ORDER PHOTOS



**RUNNING CLUB
TUESDAYS
8:00AM**

**BREAKFAST
PROGRAM 8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS**



**WALKING SCHOOL 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!

We hope to see as many parents as possible at the Cyber information session this evening. It begins at 6pm in room 13. It is a very informative session and in the past, parents have found it very valuable.

Some students are heading to volleyball tomorrow with Mr Broadbent. We wish them the best of luck and know that they will represent the school very well.

On Friday, our Junior School Council Representatives are attending a leadership day at Marong. This day will allow them to improve their leadership and cooperation skills.

Please assist your child to read regularly at home and complete all weekly homework tasks.

Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Werribee Excursion

Thank you to all of the staff and students who attended the excursion on Thursday of last week. The sun was shining bright and all students demonstrated the school values whilst on their excursion. It is always a pleasure to take our students outside of the school, and Thursday was no different. I think all students would say they had a wonderful time and increased their knowledge on endangered animals and some of the ways we can help to conserve our beautiful wildlife, both locally and globally. Thank you to Mr Regan, Mr Stringer, Ms Williams, Mrs Kinsman, Mr Broadbent, Mrs Jacobs, Mr Warne, Ruth East and Kaiden Antonowicz for helping organise and supervise such a wonderful excursion. Thank you also to parents for ensuring all students were organised and on time.

Home Reading

It is fantastic to see so many students completing wonderful home reading. There has already been a number of students reach 25 nights, with some students nearing the next milestone of 50 nights! Some students will achieve this by the end of this week. This is a great result at this time of the year. Building up those reading miles at home helps to reinforce those practices that we are developing at school. Home reading not only develops their comprehension and fluency, but also expands the vocabulary of students, in both written and spoken form. With holidays just around the corner, it is very important that these reading miles continue to happen right through the holidays. We look forward to working closely with parents over the course of the school year and appreciate all the support you provide to your children.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer

JUNIOR CLASSES

This week was a little different to normal as teachers plan and participate in professional learning to help prepare for the term ahead. Teachers worked together as a team today carefully planning Term 2's classroom activities, whilst students enjoyed the Great Galaxies incursion and a range of specialist activities.

Today has seen another milestone, with some dedicated readers achieving their 50 nights of reading! It is a great achievement to reach 50 nights of reading within the first term, demonstrating the dedication of many families towards our reading program. Teachers really enjoy reading parent comments each day, as this can help keep track of how students are going with their reading.

Teachers are seeking small boxes for use in construction

throughout the junior school. Biscuit, museli bar or sandwich wrap boxes are examples of the size boxes we are after. The box bin is located outside of Room 3. We are also collecting old magazines, such as fashion magazines, special interest magazines and lifestyle magazines. These are used for their letters, numbers and pictures. Please ensure content is appropriate before dropping them off at the classroom!

Thanks again for all of your help.

Kim Manley, Joe Hartney, Felicity Burman & Kate Ward

PREP CLASSES

This week the Grade Prep students enjoyed showcasing their numeracy skills while investigating the number 8. Students had fun making scarfs with 8 parts as well as beetles with 8 spots. Students were required to find two numbers that when added together equal 8.

Investigations

As part of developmental play we have been exploring different themes and play based activities to provoke students thinking and writing. Some of these themes include an ice-cream shop and a flower shop where students have had to work together to create both settings. We have explored different language that is required in these settings and the experiences have been a great writing seed to generate ideas.

Great Galaxies Incursion

This week the Grade Preps thoroughly enjoyed learning about the solar system during the fantastic and very interactive Great Galaxies incursion. From this we were able to write about the experience and new learning.

Prep Rest Days

Wednesday the 29th March will be the last rest day for the Preps. Prep students do not attend school on this day.

Reminders:

Nude Food Day is every Wednesday. Families are encouraged to avoid packing foods in wrappers on these days.

Students can bring 50 cents along to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to buy an icy pole.

The canteen operates on a Monday & Friday.

Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light & Felicity Burman

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Room 1	Riley W.
Room 2	Darcy M.
Room 3	James R.
Room 4	Archie C.
Room 5	The You Kee
Room 6	Miley D.
Room 7	Trey D.
Room 8	Ty S.
Room 9	Elijah E.
Room 10	Noah K.
Room 11	Hayley P.
Room 12	
Room 13	Sebastian C.
Music	TJ S.
Nude Food	5/6 P 1/2 M



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

Junior School Council Fundraiser

Last Day of Term—Casual Dress Day

GOLD COIN DONATION PLEASE



Bright Clothing Put a bit of sunshine in your day!

Funds raised will be donated to the Bendigo Food Share program. This community program supports so many families' in need, including some from our school community. We appreciate their support so much, it will be fabulous to return a donation for their fabulous service.

We collect food that would otherwise go to waste, and distribute it through charities, community organisations and schools throughout Central Victoria



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>

Cultural Diversity Week Act Of Kindness Week

Throughout this week students have been learning about Cultural Diversity. Students have spent time in the classrooms learning about the diverse cultures within Australia and also about the importance of inclusiveness, respect and developing a strong sense of belonging for everyone.

Next week is the beginning of 'Act of Kindness' week. Throughout next week students and teachers will be learning about and promoting Acts of Kindness across the school and the wider community and also completing classroom activities to allow students to develop a deeper a richer understanding of how we can be kind to each other.



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
March 22nd	<i>Cyber Safety Presentation</i>
March 22nd	<i>Great Galaxies Incursion</i>
WED 29TH	<i>PREP REST DAY –LAST ONE!</i>
MAY 17TH	<i>SCHOOL PHOTO 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.



VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC



When: Tuesday 11th April
Where: Bendigo Stadium (Court 4 & 5 Inglis Hall)
Time: 9am – 12pm (arrive at 8:45am to sign in)
Age Group: 8 – 12 years olds
Price: Free

Nothing to do over the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?
 Then come along and enjoy the fantastic sport of VOLLEYBALL.
 The clinic will be a structured program designed for junior inclusion, skill progression and game play being conducted by Australian and Victorian coaches and players.

Morning tea and water will be provided and all participants will receive a volleyball at the conclusion of the clinic.

If interested please email to ddb@live.com.au to receive registration form.



The Junior School Council will be selling Zooper Dooper Icy-poles on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school

50c each



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Gecko Sports Bendigo

Easter Holiday Program

Gecko Sports Bendigo is running a half day holiday program in the Easter School Holidays.

The 3 hour session will include a fun fitness and multi-sport program and morning tea for each child.

DATE: Wednesday 5th April 2017

TIME: 9.30am-12.30pm

COST: \$35 per child (\$30 for Multiple Siblings)

LOCATION: Specimen Hill Primary School

Email natalie@geckosports.com.au to book your place or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/geckosportsbendigo for more details and special offers.

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