

# Speci Express

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FATHERS DAY STALL DONATIONS PLEASE - RAFFLE TICKETS

To families, students and friends,  
Welcome to week 6 of Term 3.

### Parent Opinion Survey

A reminder to the families who have been selected to complete the 2017 Parent Opinion survey. It does have to be completed online by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August and it is important that we have this data for future planning. It is anonymous and we do value your opinions. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact Kaye or Di.

### Book Week Parade

The Book Parade will be held at school at 9.10am on this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. All students who would like to dress up as their favourite book character are encouraged to do so. There will be awards for the best dressed student in each class and some other awards. Parents and friends most welcome to attend.

### Sandwiches

There are a large number of students coming down to the office at lunch times seeking sandwiches for their lunch. Whilst we would never turn students away if they are hungry, can you please check with your child as to whether they require extra food in their lunch-box each day. We do have a limited supply of fruit available at the front desk on some days of the week but it is not available every day.

### Science Day

Science Activity Day was cancelled last week and will now be rescheduled to next Tuesday. The students will rotate through a range of science activities in multi age groups. The focus for the activities will be Our Earth.

### Book Fair

The school Book Fair will start next Monday. Every year that we hold this event the range of books and supplementary items for sale just gets better and better and there is always a fabulous array for all age groups. The school community has embraced this activity by supporting it and the passion for Reading shared across the school is evident.

### Walking School Bus

Don't forget to 'catch' the walking school-bus every Thursday morning at the 3 pick up points. Although it has been rather chilly it is a great warm up for the day. See you at 8.30 tomorrow!



### Our valued Education Support Officers

This week we are celebrating Education Support Officer's Week in our school. We are so fortunate to have the best ESO's possible who show patience, kindness, consideration and joy when working with the students at Speci. They are a very valuable key to the success of our school's progress supporting both students and teachers and they always show such flexibility in the wide range of tasks that they carry out. We wish them all a wonderful week at school and please take the time to catch up with: Leah, Karen, Louise, Ruth, Rhiannon, Caitlyn, Kaiden, Kaye and Wendy throughout the week. My sincere thanks to them all.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead,  
*Di Craig, Principal*

## BOOK WEEK PARADE - FRIDAY 9:10AM

## CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



## PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES



## SENTRAL EDUCATION HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO SENTRAL?



## 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

Welcome to Senior News - Week 6

This week students are beginning to create poetry books during Writing, working with fractions during Numeracy and continuing their comparing and contrasting during Reading.

The Passions & Pathways Projects are continuing tomorrow with students going to four different business to take a look and get experience with some hands on activities. Grade 6 students explored these projects on Monday and are all excited to get things underway and explore the ins and outs of day to day life at their allocated business.

The District Athletics Carnival was last week which saw many students from Speci participate at the next level to showcase their sporting talent. All students displayed sportsmanship and rigour to walk away from the day with a great sense of achievement. It is great to see all students enjoying themselves on occasions like this.

Book week is this week and we will be celebrating with a Book Parade on Friday. If students can get into the spirit of the day and dress up as their favourite book character it will allow them to engage in and enjoy the parade's festivities.

Transition activities are beginning for Grade 6 students so please be aware of any notes coming home regarding these days.

Thanks for reading and enjoy the rest of the week.

*Adam, Rebecca, Scott & Sophie.*

## MIDDLE CLASSES

**Camp**— A note has gone home with information about next year's camp for children in Years 3 & 4. The cost of the camp has been broken into instalments. Please read the note and contact Kaye or Wendy in the office if you have any concerns about the payment schedule. This will be a very exciting experience for the students.



**Homework** - Please continue to support your children with their home reading and spelling homework each night. We know just how much of a difference this makes in the overall learning of your child. If you are having any issues with creating a consistent routine at home, please contact your classroom teacher and they will be more than happy to assist you with this extremely important and beneficial practice.

*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

There has been lots of active learning this week, with students enjoying reading a variety of narratives as part of our Book Week celebrations. The students have also had the opportunity to use the iPads to make their own animated narratives using Toontastic. It has been wonderful to see their stories come to life!

In Maths we have been working on finding the fraction of a collection. This has involved fractions such as  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ . The students have also been working on a Time Book, which will be included in their learning journal.

It has been great to see students running around with friends in the yard at break times. Please remind your child to make sure they have a jumper, as it is still very cold outside. Ensuring jumpers are named will help them get home at the end of each day.

Ms Burman, Mrs Ward, Mr Hartney, Mrs G and Mrs Jacobs

## PREP CLASSES

Welcome to week 6, the second half of term 3! Preps L&Z have had lots of delicious fun on Tuesday reading a procedure to cook lemonade scones and then eat them.

In Reading we are also practising retelling and summarising non-fiction (Facts) and fiction books (stories). See if your child can find them at home or observe if their readers are fiction or non-fiction. The skill of retelling what they have read is essential to assist students making progress to read more challenging books.

In Writing rooms 1 & 2 are writing about a toy they would like to bring to life and describing what it would do and why. In room 3 the Preps are writing short stories to turn into little movie animations on the iPads. They are working on the three parts to a story; the beginning, middle and end. We are also working on letter blends such as th and ch.

In Maths we are learning to tell the time on the analogue clocks to 1 hour, of course what's the time Mr Wolf is involved! We are also working on number 17 and counting by 5s.

This Friday is book week and many children will enjoy dressing up as a book character for our parade. This can be as simple or detailed as you like but please remember students will need to manage themselves and their costume independently.

Have a great week,

*Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence*



## Music News

This term is very busy in music with a focus on dance, movement, mime and drama. Students are enjoying finding out about different dance styles, choreographing their own dances and exploring the variety of ways elements of dance can tell stories and entertain. Students are investigating putting movement to different types of music and using these to reenact a story or situation. Lots of fun and very energetic!

Both Junior and Senior choirs are working hard learning new songs to present at assembly. Choir is very popular and it is wonderful to see students enjoying singing together.

Kylie Gould - music teacher.

Dear parents, students and friends,  
**Help celebrate Book Week**  
**FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST**  
**Dress up parade!**  
Come dressed up as your favourite book character for a parade under the shade sails from  
**9:10AM - 9:30AM**  
Award certificates for the  
**Best Dressed Boy and Girl**  
as well as for  
**The Best Dressed Grade overall**

**ENDING SUNDAY**

# Parent Opinion Survey 2017

**WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK**

The survey will be conducted **online** by **ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

It is important that all randomly selected families complete the survey by the end date for their results to be considered. All school family members of parents who have completed the survey will receive a small surprise at school.

For further information, please speak to Di Craig or Kaye Blackley

or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>



## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL INVESTITURE

Parents are welcome to come along to celebrate with an afternoon tea on **FRIDAY 8TH SEPT @ 2:20PM** IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM



Room 3	James R. Mackenzie Y.
Room 4	Lucas H. Caitlin G.
Room 5	Skye T. Jameson B.
Room 6	Peyton F. Jovi B.
Room 7	Lilly-belle B. Ashton McM
Room 8	TBC
Room 9	Maggie F. India P.
Room 10	Henry C. Tahlia K.
Room 11	Hannah E. Tiffinay P. Bella L.
Room 12	Sophie W. Makenze T. Jordyn A.
Room 13	Sienna F. Rohan T. Connor G.

## SPECI RELAY FOR LIFE FRIDAY 15TH SEPT

Supporting families who have lost members to Cancer or those who are fighting the battle.

- community walk @ 2:45pm
- Badges & Ribbons available to purchase

Please support this great community event by participating and donating to the cause.



### STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS 23 Aug 2017

	Star	Value
Room 1		Hannah C.
Room 2	Jesse W	Nivika L.
Room 3	Gurnaaz S	Ashdon B.
Room 4	Jemma R.	Rhiley GR
Room 5	Augustus W.	
Room 6	Belle R.	Lily B. Charlie R.
Room 7	Loki F.	
Room 8		
Room 9		
Room 10	Tahlia C.	Noah K.
Room 11	Aidan R.	
Room 12	Charli S.	
Room 13	Lindsay A.	
Nude Food		



## WORKING BEE

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
**from 3:20pm- 4:30pm**

We would love to see as many families volunteering with their children as possible. If you are free for the afternoon or part of it, please come along and help us tidy our school. If you have gloves, a shovel or rake please bring them along to use as the school has a limited amount. We will be meeting in the staff room at 3:20 sharp.



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Aug 25	<b>Book parade—9.10am</b> Return Fathers Day Raffle tickets
Aug 28	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>
Tues 29	<b>Science Day</b>
Sept 1	<b>FATHERS DAY STALL</b>
Sept 7	<b>SCHOOL WORKING BEE</b>



## Tuesday 29th August

We will be celebrating  
**National Science Week**  
(12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of August)

by following the theme of 'Future Earth', which focuses on the changing world and sustainability for the future.

All students will be involved in three different science investigative experiment rotations on this day, between lunch and recess; in groups including Prep to Grade 6 students.

If any families have spare plastic bottles, cardboard boxes or plastic containers available, donations would be greatly appreciated. These can be given to the office, where a box will be left for all resources.

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Important Notice

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

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



Please phone the office for casual bookings, as there are days that are currently full. Our licence with Children Services permit only 30 bookings per night.

ACCOUNT BALANCES SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$100  
or student may be excluded from attending

**ABSENCES NOT NOTIFIED PRIOR TO  
2:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE BOOKING  
WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE SESSION.**

THERE IS A WAITING LIST FOR THE DAYS  
THAT ARE FULLY BOOKED.

PLEASE MAKE REGULAR PAYMENTS  
PREFERRED METHOD IS VIA QKR PAYMENT APP  
(Download to your phone/ipad)

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAY'S 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**

## FATHERS DAY STALL DONATIONS

Parents and Friends will be running the

**Father's Day Stall - Friday September 1st**

**Calling out for donations of items for stall please**

Some item suggestions are mugs, hankies, toiletries, chocolate, biscuits, tools, fishing gear, notebooks, pens, and key rings.

Anything you think your Dad might like!!

All donations can be left at the office.

Thank you in advance for your donations. Parents and Friends committee

### RAFFLE TICKETS

**Tickets will be 3 for \$1.00**

Raffle books have been sent home.

**Books need to be returned by 25th August**

**Prizes will be drawn on 28th August**

Tickets will NOT be available for sale during the Fathers Day stall.

