

# Speci Express

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FATHERS DAY STALL DONATIONS PLEASE

Dear families, students and friends,  
Welcome to week 2 Term 3.

We have had a very smooth start to the Term during week one. I have heard from Mrs Jackson and she is enjoying her Principal role at Winter's Flat Primary school although she is missing many at Speci Hill. Mr Stringer is getting used to his new open classroom and the staff and students at Port Melbourne PS and he is enjoying his experience so far.

Ms Ryan and Ms Welton have settled in well at Speci and the children and staff have made them feel very welcome.

### Fidget Spinners

A reminder that fidget spinners **can not** be brought along to school as they are a major distraction and an issue of contention between many students. We are treating them as a home object to be played with and enjoyed at home.

### Attendance

Already we have had a number of students who have been absent during week one. There are a number of students who have had up to seven weeks absenteeism this year which is almost one third of the year. When this occurs learning is interrupted and friendships and confidence have not had the opportunity to develop and flourish. All absences need to be recorded and notification sent to school.

### Reminders

The Walking School-bus has already started operating this term. The three pick up points at 8.30 on a Thursday morning are: Marong Rd crossing, Specimen Hill Rd crossing and the church in Chum St. Joining the 'bus' and walking with friends is a wonderful way to start the day. If it is raining there will be no school-bus on that day.

The Breakfast Program started today and will be held from 8.10 to 8.35 every Wednesday morning. Please make sure that students wear a jacket (or an extra layer under polo's) to school on very cold days. Many are shivering without a jacket and we are running out of pre-loved tops at the office.

### Before and After School Care

It is important that parents inform the school or phone the Before and After school care phone numbers (at the bottom of the page) before the children arrive for care. The program does operate by limited numbers and we cannot go over those numbers. It would be awful for us to turn your child away at 7.00am! Also parents must sign in students in the morning and sign out when picking up after school. Students are expected to behave appropriately to maintain their position in the program. All students cannot arrive before 6.30am in the morning and must be collected before 6.00pm. The OSHC policy also requires regular fortnightly payments to keep your account to a minimum.

### Pancakes

Next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August the Parents and Friends are cooking delicious pancakes for the students in the school. This is a real treat as pancakes seem to be enjoyed by everyone. These will be distributed at afternoon recess.

### Passions and Pathways

The Passions and Pathways program has started in a very positive and exciting manner for Grade 6 students. The students visited the Trade Centre and La Trobe University last week. Both places opened the students' eyes to possibilities in the future and inspired students to think further than primary and secondary school and towards tertiary education or employment. Tomorrow and Friday they will have a visit from the Young Ambassadors from businesses who will talk about their experiences in getting employed and what their job is about.

### Homestay Families

If your family is interested in being a Homestay family for a Chinese student who will be visiting our school in October to early December please refer to the handout that was sent home last week. You can nominate for a 4 week or 8 week period of time. The children of Homestay families do have priority if they are interested in travelling to China in their grade 5/6 year. Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like further information.

Wishing you all a great week ahead.

Di Craig, Principal



BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561  
ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636



## CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



## PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES



SENTRAL  
EDUCATION

## HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO SENTRAL?



RUNNING CLUB  
TUESDAYS  
8:10AM



BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM 8:00AM  
WEDNESDAYS



WALKING  
SCHOOL BUS  
THURSDAYS 8:30AM



SPECI HILL  
PLAYGROUP  
THURSDAY 9  
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 to all our readers!

It has been a fabulous start to yet another term. Students are in the full swing of things again and many have found their personal routines easy to settle back into. Please ensure your child has a productive routine when they come home from school and are incorporating their homework tasks to ensure they are meeting the requirements.

Well done to the girls and boys netball teams last week who had an enjoyable time competing against other schools. The students displayed all the Speci values and came away from the day with pride, enjoyment and empty lungs exhausted from effort.

Passion & Pathways was off to an exciting start last week with students visiting LaTrobe University and participating in a couple of classes to explore future career or studying opportunities. Students were engaged for the day and came away with some keen insights. This week students will have a visit from 4 Young Industry Ambassadors who will discuss with them their pathways they have taken towards their current job roles.

Grade 5 students continue to focus on their financial unit named Plan, Profit and Budget where this week they were discussing the differences between producers and consumers.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

*Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams*

## MIDDLE CLASSES

The children have settled in well to the start of the new term and enjoyed catching up with their friends. They are excited about our topic "Flight and Structures" and have been enthusiastically researching and discovering new information. As part of the topic they have generated questions for which they would like to find the answers. If you have questions you would like to ask about flight please send them along with your child. We will endeavour to find the answer for you.

Reading for this term is focusing on reading aloud. The children are encouraged to find a favourite picture story book which they will practise reading. This book they will then read to the class. When reading aloud they should try to read at an appropriate volume to be heard, read with expression, use different voices for the characters, and hold the book so that the pictures can be seen clearly. Please help your child with this by acting as an audience member and providing them with feedback.

As we are selecting new Junior School Councillors for our classes, the children will be writing speeches to be presented as candidates for these roles. A daunting process for most but rewarding as they gain self-confidence.

Just a gentle reminder that homework has commenced this week and the first round of spelling and reading is due this Friday. Good luck.

*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

It is amazing to think Week 1 whizzed by so quickly. A special thank you to all parents and friends who took the time to read with children over the holidays. It is amazing to see so many children with reading nights already into the hundreds, with some already passed 150 nights! This is what we are learning about this week:

**Reading:** This week we will be reading a variety of procedures. The strategy we are focusing on is reading for meaning. We will be following procedures to make things throughout the week. You might like to share a procedure with your child at home, such as a recipe.

**Writing:** We are continuing our focus on descriptive writing by writing to music. In this activity, students listen to music and write a narrative or descriptive passage. It should be fun!

**Maths:** Our focus over the next two weeks is addition and subtraction. We will be working together to solve a range of open

ended problems. We will also be learning about the characteristics of 2D shapes.

**Inquiry:** This term our big question is : -

*How do we communicate through music?*

This inquiry will give us the opportunity to make and listen to a range of different types of music.

As you can see, there are many things happening in our classrooms this week! As it is very cold at the moment, we encourage all students to wear a Specimen Hill jacket or jumper. Please no hoodies, as these are not in line with our uniform policy. Many thanks for your continued support.

*Ginny Grills-Marsili, Joe Hartney, Emily Jacobs, Felicity Burman & Kate Ward*

## PREP CLASSES

In Reading we are working on being fluent and expressive readers the strategies we are working on are Dot the Giraffe and Trying Lion. It has been so helpful for many students who maintained their home reading over the holidays, as they haven't experienced any set backs in their learning and are really moving on. Our letter sound this week is the underrated U sound. Help your child recognise this as the sound in umbrella or up.

In Writing children are encouraged to develop their own ideas from writing prompts, they come up with the most amazing ideas and are doing their best efforts to use letter sound for unknown words and use our word lists around the room.

In Maths we are exploring teen numbers to ensure we write them correctly with the 1 first. We are using strategies to make and break these. We are getting closer to 100 days of school in just less than two weeks. We will have a celebration of all things 100 on that day. Stay tuned for what your class will be doing and needing on that day.

**Please ensure your children have named jumpers and drink bottles** as these often get moved around and confused with other children's.



Have a great week!

*Zoe Light, Courtney Lawrence & Felicity Burman*

## STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS 24 July 2017

	Star	Value
Room 1	<b>Ethan McD.</b>	<b>M*.....</b>
Room 2	<b>Ruby-Jane H.</b>	<b>Marlee G.</b>
Room 3	<b>James R.</b>	
Room 4	<b>Evie-Lee H.</b>	
Room 5	<b>Addison F.</b>	
Room 6	<b>Peyton F.</b>	
Room 7	<b>Makenzie P.</b>	
Room 8		
Room 9	<b>Jacob W.</b>	
Room 10		
Room 11		
Room 12	<b>Taylah G.</b>	
Room 13		
Nude Food	<b>5/6K &amp; 5/6P</b>	

## 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.*

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 will be sent home this week.*

**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.**

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

**THURSDAY NEXT WEEK**

**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**



## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Important Notice

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

Please phone the office for casual bookings, as some days are currently full.

Our licence with Children Services only permits 30 bookings per night.



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



## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

Many thanks.



Parents & Friends committee



Welcome to the **Premiers' Reading Challenge**  
Inspiring children and young people to read more books.



**Please support your child**

# FOOTBALL / NETBALL CARNIVALS

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, the Girls Footy team travelled to Epsom for the Divisional Girls' Football Day. At the start of the day the girls were not very confident with the tackling and going for the ball. However, after the first game they got straight into it! The girls did a fantastic job, playing some great football and in various positions on the field. Overall we won two games for the day, which was a great result.

It was a very enjoyable day and Mrs. Jacobs and myself really enjoyed coaching the girls.

The following day the Boys headed to Epsom for their Divisional Football Day. This year we had a couple of Grade 4's participate in the day and all the students did an outstanding job.

Throughout the day the students played some great footy, getting one win and being competitive in most of the other games.

Overall the boys did a fantastic job. Thank you to Mr. Pysing for coaching the boys.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, twenty Specimen Hill students walked to Bendigo Stadium Netball courts to compete against other Primary Schools at the Divisional Netball tournament.

We had two teams competing - a 5/6 Girls team and a 5/6 Boys team, with teachers Ms. Williams and myself coaching on the day.

Both the teams did an outstanding job. Many of the boys' team hadn't played netball competitively before, however they picked it up very quickly. The girls showed some fast ball movement and excellent defensive skills against some really strong teams. The students' improvement throughout the tournament was impressive as was their ability to work together as a team.

All the students encouraged and supported each other, also displaying great sportsmanship to the other teams. They represented the school proudly, were well behaved and really enjoyed themselves, which was fantastic.

We look forward to many more divisional sports this term.

Todd Broadbent (Phys Ed)



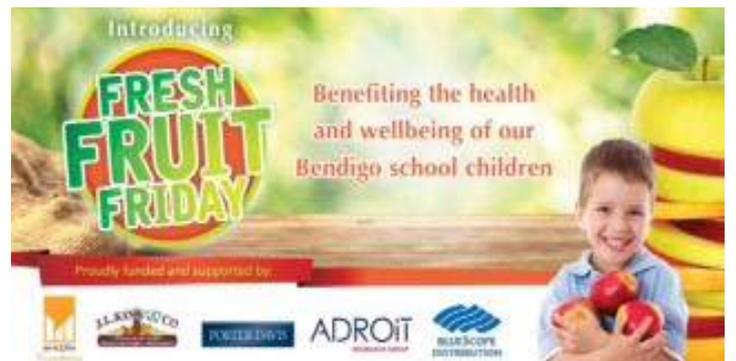
## ART NEWS

This term we are working on the element FORM. We will be working with some 3D materials.



Preps have made some paper puppets. Gr 1/2 have been making wire sculptures with recycled lids or aluminium foil. Gr 3-6 are working with wood, hammers and nails. If you get the opportunity you might discuss with your child how they made their FORM.

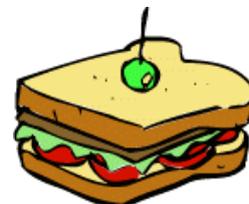
Sandy - Art Teacher



Preferred Payment Method



# SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU



TERM THREE 2017

**Mondays and Fridays**

## SANDWICHES

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

## TOASTIES

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

## SOMETHING WARM

Nachos	\$4.00
(Cheese & Salsa)	
Meaty Nachos	\$4.30
(Meat, Cheese & Salsa)	
Twisty Bolognaise with Cheese	Small: \$2.00 Large: \$4.00
Mini Pizza	\$2.50
(Ham & Cheese, BBQ Chicken & Vegetarian)	
The Speci Chicken Burger	\$4.50
(Chicken Burger, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo on a roll)	
Chicken Nuggets (5pack)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets & Salad	\$4.00
(5 Nuggets, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot & Cheese)	
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 Freshy Popped Popcorn	50c

## SOMETHING FROZEN

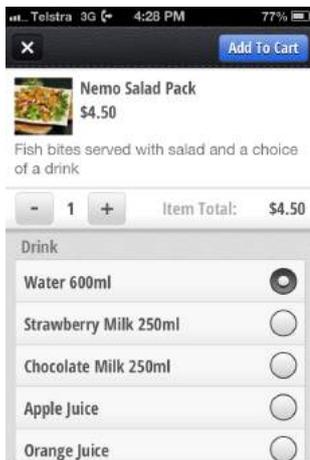
Moosies	\$1.30
(Chocolate & Strawberry)	
Zings	50c each
Zooper Doopers	50c each
(Until Sold Out)	

## SOMETHING TO DRINK

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

## SOUP

**Soup and a Roll \$2.50**  
Homemade Chicken Noodle  
or  
Vegetable



Preferred Payment Method



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Aug 8	<i>Regional Hockey</i>
Aug 28	<i>BOOK FAIR</i>

## Eaglehawk Hockey Club to celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Eaglehawk Hockey Club, which is now the longest running hockey club in Bendigo, will celebrate 50 years

**5<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

at The Exchange Bendigo, The Bendigo Bank Centre, and invites current & former players and members to attend.

Life Memberships have been awarded to Kaye Trimble and Sue Andrews, and membership now exceeds 150 males and females, playing in all age levels from 7 to 70+ years.

We look forward to sharing the evening with ALL present & past members and friends, and would really appreciate the contribution of any items, past equipment, records, memorabilia, stories and photos to share. Kindly contact Kaye Trimble (03) 5443 0596, find us on Facebook, or email:

### **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.**

## PLEASE SUPPORT NUDE FOOD DAY WEDNESDAYS



### 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](http://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. You can obtain a WWCC from the Eaglehawk Post Office – support one of our school community families business. Your photo will be taken on the spot and application finalised. Please ensure you take your identification documents with you.

## SECONDHAND JUMPERS ARE REQUIRED

With the winter chill well and truly set in, the school is in need of second hand jumpers. If you have any surplus to your needs, please ensure they are washed and clean enough to recycle to a family in need.



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*

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