

Speci Express

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY - WEDNESDAY NOV 1 - BENDIGO CUP DAY

PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

Congratulations Mrs Craig

Di Craig was awarded the Victorian Primary Principal of the year on Friday night confirming what we all knew. Di is a fantastic leader who has supported and empowered staff to deliver an excellent education for all students! Congratulations Di on this wonderful achievement.



To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 4 of Term 4.

Bendigo Show Art Display

On the weekend at the Bendigo Agricultural Show many of you would have taken the opportunity to view the Specimen Hill Art display in the schools' Art Exhibition. It was a wonderful display showcasing the talent and creativity of not only students from Specimen Hill but also from other primary schools. Although Speci wasn't the outright winner, a number of students from Specimen Hill received individual awards for their art work. Congratulations to them all and a thank you to Mrs Young and Mrs G for their hard work.

APPS Competition

On Friday Xavier T. and Connor G. were invited to attend the Finals of a Design and Present your Idea for an App competition. Mr Tanner accompanied the two boys down to Melbourne where they had to present their idea for an App. The boys did an amazing job and won First prize which is an incredible outcome. The boys both received an X-box as the First Prize winners. At Monday's Assembly they presented the pitch for their App at Assembly and Mrs Kinsman was able to hand over their prizes in front of the school. Congratulations boys this is a wonderful achievement.

State Athletic Championships

Yesterday Lindsay A. and Trey D. both attended the State Schools Victoria Athletic Championships in Melbourne. Lindsay was competing in the shot put and Trey in the discus. Both students put in their best efforts on the day and Lindsay is now 8th best in the state in her age group and Trey is 14th. *What fabulous results!* Congratulations to both students.

Junior Sports Afternoon

The Junior Sports Day last Thursday was great fun for everyone involved. Thank you to Mr Broadbent and the Junior team for your coordination and to all of the parents who attended to cheer on the children.

Cup Day Holiday

A reminder that tomorrow is a holiday and the school will be closed for the Bendigo Cup Day holiday.

2018 Prep Transition Day

Today was the first transition day for our 2018 preps. At the moment we have about 59 Preps enrolled and all seemed very excited to attend their first day of school.

At the end of each school year there are some families who leave our school community for various reasons. If you are leaving the school for 2018, can you please let us know as over the following weeks we are looking at finalising classrooms and we need to know the final numbers.

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

Di Craig, Principal

CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



SENTRAL EDUCATION

HAVE YOU LOGGED INTO SENTRAL?

NOTES TO RETURN
MELB ZOO
GR 5/6 CAMP

WALKING SCHOOL BUS
THURSDAYS
8:30AM



BREAKFAST PROGRAM 8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS



SPECI HILL PLAYGROUP
THURSDAYS
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, welcome to week 4 already!

We were just enjoying the warmer weather and now back into what feels like Winter!! The Senior department has been working super hard as usual, and focusing on a variety of concepts. In Literacy we are beginning work on our focus of analysis. This can be quite tricky but we are confident the kids will continue to impress. In Numeracy we are looking at mapping and timetables again, helping to get those Grade 6's ready for next year. Integrated sees us enjoying our unit on Space.

A reminder that 5/6 Camp is happening in week 6. Lists for 'what to pack' have been sent home, but if you need another one please don't hesitate to ask.

GRADUATION!!! Graduation night will be held at The Bendigo Club, Park St Strathdale, on Tuesday the 19th December. Tickets will be available in the near future.

Well done to Xavier T. and Connor G. who were the WINNERS of their age group at the Victorian Games and Apps Challenge, a fantastic effort!

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Adam Tanner, Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

The 3/4's have been working very hard during their gym sessions and have been loving every minute of it. We have received great feedback from both the instructors and the students. With only two Friday's left to go, everyone has been striving very hard to give it their best and all the 3/4 teachers have been thrilled with the level of effort and concentration that the students are giving.

With this week being the final week of October, the staff are encouraging the students to try and continue walking, riding or scooting to school despite the October competition coming to a close, as it really has made a positive impact on those students participating.

This week in Numeracy we will be concentrating on subtraction which requires regrouping. This is an important skill for the students to understand and master, and we would love to have as many students as possible feeling confident with this concept by the end of the week.

Also don't forget, this Wednesday is the Bendigo Cup. Just a reminder for all the students and their families that this will mean no school for the first of November. We hope that everyone has a great day and look forward to hearing what they got up to on Thursday.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton

JUNIOR CLASSES

Students have enjoying our integrated topic of animals this term with our literacy work this week focussing on students making inferences through texts.

Please remember to return your child's Learning Journal ASAP, so term 4's work can be added in as it is completed ready for the end of year. We still have a large number not returned.

The **Junior Melbourne Zoo** excursion is next Friday (10th of November), notes need to be returned to the office ASAP.

All children **must** have a hat this term as we are a sun smart school. They should also bring a drink bottle of water to have at their table each day to assist with hydration, and a piece of brain food that can be eaten during a designated class time; promoting their learning during the day.



Specimen Hill are participating in the Walk to School campaign this month. Students do not have to walk, ride or scoot the entire journey to and from school, but may like to be dropped a short walking distance from school to walk the remaining distance; encouraging them to build healthy habits for life.

Please don't forget to read with your child every night and fill in

their reading journal for teachers to see each day, students enjoy hearing their name when they achieve a reading award at assembly.

Students should be completing 5-10 minutes of spelling homework each night during the week. New words will be sent home with each student early in the week.

Joe Hartney, Kim Manley, Kate Ward & Felicity Burman & Judy Garwood

PREP CLASSES

This week we are focusing on making inferences in Reading. This is when we use clues to figure out what the author is NOT saying and using what we already know to help us. The Grade Preps have done a wonderful job of this so far. In Writing we are focusing on recount writing pieces. This is when we write about experiences we have had.

Hats - Its Term 4 and hats need to be worn at lunch and recess. If your child does not yet have a hat at school, please send one along with them. If you need to purchase a new hat, this can be done at the school office.

Home Reading Routine - Well done to everyone for maintaining a great home reading routine over the school holidays, we are impressed! We have a lot of students who have already read over 200 nights this year, I wonder how many nights we can read to by the end of the year!

Uniform - Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled and if your child accidentally comes home with another students' uniform, please return to the teacher so it can be passed on to its owner.

Drink Bottles - It is getting warmer! Please send a labelled drink bottle along with your child for in the classroom. We will designate a spot so that the students can grab a drink whenever they need one without disrupting their learning.

Swimming Program - The swimming program commences in week 8. Can we please ask families to encourage their children to dress and undress themselves in preparation for the swimming program so that they can do this swiftly before and after their lessons.



A reminder that Wednesday is a public holiday for all. Enjoy your day off with your children!

Have a great week!

Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence

ICAS Numeracy Tests

Results for these tests are back and the certificates will be presented at next Monday's assembly.

School Improvement Officer

Wendy Jackson

RECYCLED UNIFORMS STALL NOV 28TH

Recycled Uniform Stall will be conducted on Tues Nov 28th during a Prep transition morning. If you know of new families to the school that this may assist, please advise them to attend the stall to obtain some free items. There will be limits on the number of items allocated to each family as we need to share them around.





Congratulations to the 13 Speci students who “placed” in the individual art categories.

Recipients were:

- Akaisha L. 2nd Cherry D. 2nd
- Mikayla C. 1st Deborah C. 3rd
- Leah P. 3rd Georgia G. 2nd
- Trinity F. 1st Terri F. 1st
- Zara G. 2nd Kurtis C. 2nd
- Tahlia L. 3rd Aylah P. 3rd
- Aiden R. 1st

Well done to all students who had pieces in our school display representing Speci.

The artworks are on display in the passage way at school for this week.

A big thank you to Ginny Grillis-Marsalis for assisting me with the school Art Display at the Bendigo Thanks..... Sandy Young



STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS 30 Oct 2017

	Star	Value
Room 1	Joshua P.	Darcy M.
Room 2	Nivika L.	Lah eh K’Paw
Room 3	Maddison W.	
Room 4	Taylan S.	Nethani L.
Room 5	Avayah B.	
Room 6	Jovi B.	
Room 7	Alicia B.	
Room 8		
Room 9	Adam G.	
Room 10	Cooper C.	Amy E.
Room 11	Rachel & Angela	
Room 12	Lyam M.	
Room 13	Tahlia L.	
Nude Food	3/4W & 5/6K	



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Nov 1	BENDIGO CUP—PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Nov 14	Preps 2018—Transition Day 9:00am
Nov 23	Mens & Kids Night 6:00pm start
Nov 28	Preps 2018—Transition Day 9:00am

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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

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

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

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

HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERM 4 BSC & ASC

Children are welcome to leave named, broad brim hats at the program so they don't need to try and remember their hats every night. Some children will need to have extra food packed for ASC as the snack provided may not be enough. Please remember to avoid rice products due to a severe allergy in one of our children.

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

MENS & KIDS NIGHT

THURS 23 NOV

6:00 - 7:30PM
At Speci Hill PS

LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED
GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY
Held in the Multi-purpose Room.
Enjoy some special time with the kids,
just for you and them— with a few friends.

GUEST PRESENTER
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP!

This is our special night for fun & games at school!

Fun fitness & multi-sport after school classes

Our 45min after-school classes are sports science designed for primary school kids (aged 5-13), structured for maximum fun and real results!

Attend UNLIMITED classes weekly. Get fit. Get Gecko fit.

Mondays & Thursdays

Youngsters (5-6yrs): 4pm-4.45pm
Midsters (9-13yrs): 5pm-5.45pm

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