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**PUPI FREE DAY - MONDAY JUNE 5**

## Dear Students, Parents and Friends, Education Minister Visit

Today we had a visit from the Victorian Education Minister Hon James Merlino who spent part of the morning visiting the school, talking to the students and teachers and observing various support programs operating across the school. It was wonderful to see him engaging with students and our school community and observing programs across the school such as Reading Recovery, Life Skills and the Passions and Pathways program throughout the day.

## Education Week - Thankyou

A big thank you to all parents, staff and students who were involved in the various healthy living activities that were held during Education week. The feedback that has been received from students and parents was that everyone thoroughly enjoyed participating in the various engaging classroom activities and the additional programs that were run throughout the week. It was pleasing to see so many families attending and enjoying the community breakfast with their children.

## School Uniform

As the colder weather begins to present it is important for students to be dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. There has been an increase in students beginning to wear jackets and jumpers that are not a part of the school uniform. The school uniform shop is open each morning for parents looking to purchase warmer clothes for their children. This shop has available both new and pre-loved clothing.



## Prep Information Night - 2018 6:30 – 7:30pm

This Thursday night at 6:30pm the school will be holding the Prep information session for 2018 enrolments. If you have a student beginning in Prep in 2018 or know of families who do, this information session is invaluable in developing a clearer understanding about the structure of the school and how the classroom operates.

This session will also provide parents with a better understanding of how to correctly prepare students prior to the commencement of school in 2018.

## Importance Of Breakfast

Research is saying more than 40% of children miss breakfast at least one school day a week and skipping breakfast results in reduced learning, reduced attention and poor food choices for the rest of the day. The importance of making time for children to enjoy a healthy breakfast before going to school is an important part of preparing children to begin their day ready for learning.



The school breakfast program is held on Wednesday mornings from 8.15am. This program is available to all students and is a wonderful way to start the school day. Students and teachers enjoy the opportunity to share nutritious food and also have valuable conversation around the table.

## Pupil Free Day

A reminder to all parents that this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June the school will have a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be spending the day busily writing student reports for the end of the semester.

Corey Warne  
Acting Principal



## CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are accepted



## PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES



Don't forget!  
Book Club  
orders  
are due:  
**TUESDAY 9:00AM**  
**NO LATE ORDERS**



## RUNNING CLUB TUESDAYS 8:10AM



## BREAKFAST PROGRAM 8:00AM WEDNESDAYS



## 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 all and welcome to the 7th week of term 2. What a busy week! A visit today from the Education Minister, Mr James Merlino. The Minister looked at a variety of programs that our wonderful school has running and he spoke to a number of students who helped showcase our school in an excellent fashion. In Numeracy, students are engaged in their "Angles Project". Students have also approached our Global Citizens integrated unit with much enthusiasm and vigor. Well done!

**Year 6 families are reminded that their Secondary School Placement forms for 2018 are now well and truly overdue.** Please see Mr Pysing if you have any queries about transition.

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

## MIDDLE CLASSES

Welcome to week 7. We have been very busy in the past week with our Integrated Studies unit moving from studying Australasia to now going beyond that and studying the similarities and differences between Australia, Australasia and South America and Africa. Students will be learning about the climates of these regions, populations and the capital cities of countries within Africa and South America.

*A few reminders for students to remember :-*

- Fidget spinners are not to be used in the class or in the school yard
- Jumpers need to be coming to school with all students as it is getting colder

If families would like to donate tissues to our classes that would be greatly appreciated too.

We hope everyone has a great week.

*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer*



## JUNIOR CLASSES

Wow Week 7 already!

**Brain food:** Each morning our classrooms have time to eat a small piece of Brainfood. This needs to be packed in your child's lunchbox. Brainfood is fresh fruit or vegetable, dried sultanas, cheese is ok. It is a **quick finger food snack**, as it's only an hour before lunch.

**Naming clothing :** Please make sure all children come to school with a **named** school uniform jacket for play times. It is very cold outside especially in the mornings when coming to school.

**Nude Food :** Please help us lessen the amount of rubbish in our lives by joining in the nude food challenge. Each day it would be fabulous if your child had no wrappers in their lunchbox but especially on a Wednesday. Zip lock bags do not count but must not have any wrappers inside them as this will count.

**Reading:** Permission notes have been sent home for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Please encourage your child to be involved and support their reading throughout the program. Forms need to be returned to the office.

Don't forget to read with your child every night. All students will have brought home their personal spelling words for the week. Please assist your child with these. They will be expected to be returned in reader bags to school on **Friday** ready for teachers to view and check off. Students will bring home spelling books on Mondays. So no spelling homework over the weekend, reading only.

*Kim Manley, Joe Hartney, Felicity Burman & Kate Ward*

## PREP CLASSES

Welcome to Week 7. The Preps are enjoying their last week with Mark and Maddison (*student teachers*) in their classrooms. The Preps have loved having them teach them. We thank the LaTrobe students very much for their efforts over the last 3 weeks.

In Numeracy, this week the students will be learning about 2D shapes and the Place Value of numbers. In reading we are learning

all about Dot the Giraffe and how he helps us to read. Ask your children about him while reading with them at home!

There has been quite a bit of rough play happening with the Grade Preps over the last week. We have revisited the school rules with all students and we would love you to support us at home too by having a conversation about what those rules are and why it's important to follow them.

## Recycling and Boxes

We have been doing a lot of construction during Developmental Play and the Juniors have run out of boxes and recyclables to use. We would appreciate if you could bring in anything that could be used. There is a box outside Room 3 for these to be stored.

## Prep Information Evening

**This Thursday from 6:30-7:30 there will be a Prep information evening for next year's prospective Prep families.** If you have another child starting, or if you have friends who might like to have a look around and talk to us please come along. All are welcome.

## Tissue Donations

Thank you to those families who have donated boxes of tissues. We still need many more boxes so if you haven't yet donated any, we would greatly appreciate it.

## Magazines


We are still looking for some old magazines to use for different learning activities. If you have any old ones laying around that you might like to donate we would appreciate it. Just bring them to your child's classroom.

Have a great week!

*Zoe Light, Courtney Lawrence & Felicity Burman*

# PLEASE SUPPORT NUDE FOOD DAY WEDNESDAYS



STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS		15 MAY
	Star	Value
Room 1	Indy H.	Riley H. Ruby G.
Room 2	Tyler R.	
Room 3		Simon M.
Room 4	Aiden W.	Caitlin G.
Room 5	Austin W.	
Room 6	Aaliyah J.	
Room 7	Georgia G.	Caleb W
Room 8		
Room 9		
Room 10		
Room 11	Mikai C.	Zinnia L.
Room 12	Taylah G.	
Room 13	Tahlia P.	Corey M.
PHYS ED	Mackenzie A.	



# SCHOOL FEES NOW DUE

Our School Council has in place a Materials and Requisites fee which is compulsory for every child. This fee pays for the requisites that children use in the classroom. By the school purchasing in bulk this minimises the cost for parents.

**FAMILY STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TO FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID THE \$100 COMPULSORY SCHOOL MATERIALS & REQUISITES FEE FOR 2017.**

*It would be appreciated if this could be paid ASAP. If you cannot pay the full amount at the moment, we are happy for you to pay in instalments.*



You can pay via our payment App – QkR; by either cash or EFTpos at the school office, or by direct bank transfer.

## LAST CHANCE TO ENTER DRAW

*If fees are paid/or part paid by May 30<sup>th</sup>, your family name goes into the draw to win one of 3 prizes – a \$100 canteen lunch voucher; a \$50 canteen lunch voucher or a \$25 canteen lunch voucher.*

Our school relies on these fees to be paid, as we have already provided for every child.



## Specimen Hill Primary School

### Prep Enrolments 2018 Information Night

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**

6:30pm—7:30pm  
In the Prep Room

*Babysitter available - children welcome*



EDUCATION MINISTER JAMES MELINO VIEWED VARIOUS PROGRAMS RUN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL TODAY.



## Please support your child

### Victorian premiers' reading challenge

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

EVERY THURSDAY 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



2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Thurs 1st June	<b>Prep 2018—Information Night</b>
Monday June 5	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
Monday June 12	<b>Public Holiday Queens Birthday</b>
Thurs June 28	<b>Parent / Teacher interviews</b>

**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.**

**SENTRAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

If you are unsure about how to access the student portal for your family please feel free to call the school office.  
 To register for first time users <https://sentral.shps1316.vic.edu.au/portal/register>  
 Then for future logins: <https://sentral.shps1316.vic.edu.au/portal/login>  
 Notes have been sent home to families who are yet to access the system. Please take five minutes to enter your code to login and view your current information.

**School Holiday Program**  
 Bendigo | Moama | Kangaroo Flat | Castlemaine  
**July 3 - July 14, 2017**  
 BOOK NOW [www.bendigo.ymca.org.au](http://www.bendigo.ymca.org.au)

SCHOOL	2017
TERM ONE	30 JAN –31 MAR
TERM TWO	18 APR –30 JUN
TERM THREE	17 JUL –22 SEP
TERM FOUR	9 OCT –22 DEC
SCHOOL	9:00 - 11:00am
First Recess	11:00 - 11:45am
Second Recess	1:45 - 2:15pm
School Finish	3:15pm

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**  
 2.45pm every Monday in the Multi Room

**GeckoSports**  
 curious fun for kids

**PARENTS & FRIENDS PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES**



**School Council 26th June**



Introducing **FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY** Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:

**After school classes**  
 Fun fitness and multi-sports classes for kids aged 5–13!

Our 45min after-school classes are sports science designed, structured for maximum fun and real results. Learn a new sport each week in a fun, supportive and non-competitive setting. Get fit. Get Gecko fit.

**Youngsters (5–8yo): 4.00–4.45pm**  
**Midsters (9–12yo): 5.00–5.45pm**

Thursdays at Bendigo Major League Multisports  
 1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square

Book online at [geckosports.com.au](http://geckosports.com.au)  
 or email [natalie@geckosports.com.au](mailto:natalie@geckosports.com.au)  
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