

# Speci Express

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FAMILY READING MONTH & NAPLAN - NEXT WEEK

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

### Cross Country

Last Friday the school cross country event for Grades 3-6 students was conducted around the streets near school. All of the students did a wonderful job with many previous records broken for the distance. All students put in their best efforts with very pleasing results. Congratulations to all participants for a wonderful effort. The students who did well will be heading off to compete in the Division Cross country event on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. We wish them all the best.



### Annual Report

The school's 2016 Annual Report was approved last Thursday by the school council. It is an outline of the school's financial, academic and wellbeing record for 2016. There are copies at the front desk if you would like to take a copy to take home to read. It will be added to the school's website and schools SENTRAL Management system, when final approval is given from DET over the following weeks, for easy access by all families.

### NAPLAN

Next week is NAPLAN assessment week for 2017 across Australia. All students in Grades 3 and 5 will complete assessments on Tuesday - Language conventions and Writing, on Wednesday- Reading, Thursday- Numeracy. We want all students to put in their best efforts on the days. Due to the high levels of concentration required we are asking that students go to bed earlier than usual from the weekend until next Wednesday so that they are refreshed each day. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings starting at 8.10 there will be Breakfast in the Multi Purpose Room for all Grade 3 and 5 students. Wednesday will be for all students as it will be the regular breakfast program. It is important that all students in Grades 3 and 5 are at school before 9.00 so that they are ready for the day. We want all students from Speci to have the best opportunity for success. But we do still need to be mindful that this is one form of assessment that your child will be involved in throughout the year.



If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to visit or to call me at school.

### Extra curricular activities

At Specimen Hill we pride ourselves on the extensive extra curricular program offered to the students at school. Although there may be some limitations on Grade levels or numbers for participation in some activities students have the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of extra activities. These include: Circus, guitar, junior and senior choir, Running Club, Volleyball, Netball, Perceptual Motor Program, Junior School Council, Swimming program, Gymnastics program, camps and excursions, incursions, inter school sports, Chinese, Team China - overseas learning experience and much more.

A large number of students are also involved in activities outside school hours. Some of the activities are: netball, volley-ball, football, cricket, martial arts, shooting, hockey, AUSkick, dance, cheer-leading, singing, drama and much more. This is an indication of the high level of interest, enthusiasm, fitness and participation demonstrated by the students at Specimen Hill.

### Family circumstances

If your family circumstances have changed since the start of the school year, such as home address, phone numbers, emergency contacts, illnesses, family situations, separations etc please can you let me know at school so that we can make easy contact if required and provide the best support for your child/children.

Can you please make sure that your child is wearing or has a school jumper (named) in their bag for cooler days. Last week we had a line of about 10 students wanting a warm jacket. If you require a pre-loved jacket we still have some in limited sizes at no cost - Please see Kaye and Wendy at the office.

Wishing you all a fabulous week ahead,

Di Craig  
Principal

MOTHERS DAY STALL  
DONATIONS PLEASE

## CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR  
Cash orders are available



## PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES

## ORDER PHOTOS MAY 17TH



## RUNNING CLUB TUESDAYS 8:00AM

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM 8:00AM WEDNESDAYS



## SCHOOL BUS THURSDAYS 8:30AM



**SPECI HILL  
PLAYGROUP  
THURSDAY 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 Third week of Term 2. In Literacy, our Reading focus this week has been Author's Purpose and Main Idea. Our Writing Groups have been busy developing their Narrative skills.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on 3D shapes, as well as continued NAPLAN preparation in our Maths Groups.

Our Integrated Unit on "We are Global Citizens" is starting to evolve and students are getting excited about the coming weeks when they get to "take action" on an important Global issue.

Congratulations to all students who participated in last week's school cross country. There were some great results with the students who excelled going through to the District Cross Country later this term.

A couple more reminders:

**Year 6 students and families are reminded that the Year 7 Information Evenings for State Secondary schools will be held TONIGHT ! Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 7pm at the relevant Secondary Schools.** Also Year 6 families should receive their Secondary School Placement information for 2018 this week in the mail. Please fill in these forms as soon as possible and return in the provided self-addressed envelope. Please see Mr Pysing if you have any queries.

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

## MIDDLE CLASSES

Another busy week has flown by and we're into week three. Last week we had some fantastic results in our school cross country. All students that participated displayed fantastic sportsmanship and effort.

Next week the Grade 3 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN tests for Literacy and Numeracy. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time and having eaten a healthy breakfast. We will be providing the Breakfast Program before school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students as well.



*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

Learning Journals. Students are enjoying sharing your thoughts and statements with their teachers after sharing their wonderful work samples with you. PLEASE RETURN THESE ASAP, so term Two's work can be added in as it's completed.

Our JETS Gym visits are showing improved confidence by many students to have a go and extend their skills and co-ordination. The sessions are wonderful fun for all.

All children **must** have a drink bottle of water on their table each day to assist with hydration and their learning throughout the day. This limits the times that they need to disrupt their learning and leave the classroom.

We are enjoying writing creative stories using picture seeds this week, with some fabulous tales being told.

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.

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

## PREP CLASSES

Hello everyone and welcome to week three! This week the Grade Preps have been learning about making connections in Reading. The students have been making text to text connections where they connect books with other things they have read or watched, text to self connections where they make connections between the books they are reading and experiences they have had and text to world connections where they make connections with events in the real

world. In Numeracy, the students have been learning all about the number 11. They have been making 11 in different ways and counting objects to make collections of 11. The Grade Preps have also learnt about positional language. We went out and took photos of the Preps under, on top of, above, inside, going through different things around our school and created a class poster. It was lots of fun!

## Home Readers

Well done to all students who are continuing to keep a good home reading routine. Many students will be receiving awards for 50 and 75 nights of reading at next week's assembly which is fantastic!

Remember it is an expectation that each student is reading to someone five nights a week at Specimen Hill P.S.

## Running Club

Running Club will be on again for the whole of Term 2. It is a big hit and the whole family is welcome to come along and join in. There is a \$10 voucher given to students who run 100 laps!!

## Runny Nose Season

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.

A reminder that it is getting wet outside and it might be a good idea to pack some spare clothes in your children's bag, just in case. Socks, pants and underwear are always good. Just remember to have them clearly labelled so we know who they belong to!



## 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.

## Working Bee

We are having a school working bee next Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, from 3:20- 4:30. We would love to see the Grade Preps and their families come and volunteer to help us tidy our school's gardens and play areas. If you're available for the afternoon or part of it, please let your child's teacher know.

We hope you have a wonderful week!

Thanks,

*Courtney Lawrence, Zoe Light & Felicity Burman*

| STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS |                              | 1 MAY                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                          | Star                         | Value                       |
| Room 1                   | Paw Tha Yu                   | Bentley W.                  |
| Room 2                   | Kiya G.                      | Isabella R.                 |
| Room 3                   | Beth S.                      | James R.                    |
| Room 4                   | Nate S.                      | Chloe F.                    |
| Room 5                   | Ty Ty C.                     | Skye T.                     |
| Room 6                   | Devlan B.                    | Natalie M.                  |
| Room 7                   | Andie P.                     | Terri F.                    |
| Room 8                   | Logan D.                     | Jasper S.                   |
| Room 9                   | Charry C.                    | Jackson B.                  |
| Room 10                  | Ben C.                       | Brilee T.                   |
| Room 11                  | Paige C.                     | Bella L.                    |
| Room 12                  | Lane F.                      | Jordy A.                    |
| Room 13                  | Isabella M                   | Lindsay A.                  |
| OSHC                     | Zoe McC.                     |                             |
| NUDE FOOD                | Week 1 5/6K<br>(18 wrappers) | Week 2 5/6P<br>(9 wrappers) |





Get your smiles ready it's...

## School Photo Day WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY



### FAMILY PHOTO ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

# Working Bee

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May

### 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. We will be meeting in the staff room at 3:20 sharp.

# 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.



*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.**

## FAMILY READING MONTH

*May is a celebration of Families Reading together. A really fun way to develop an important life long skill. Parents modelling reading is a fabulous example to the children.*

*Shared reading can be one page each, parent then child then parent etc.*

*Picture cues are important for all readers. Talk about what you see in the picture, it helps to develop understanding of the words.*

*Word finds—get your child to find a word on a page. Is that word repeated on the page? How many times can they identify that word helps to reinforce that knowledge.*

*Book Club makes available lots of examples of child suitable reading approximately twice a term. Look out for catalogues in your child's bag. You have about a week to get your order and money to school. Delivery could be two weeks later.*

*Good luck with the family reading.  
Sandy Young*



## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

**Donations are now being requested.  
Please leave any donations on the table outside of the office.**

#### Suggestions:

For the Pampered: Candles, Shower gels, Hand creams, Soaps, Travel size toiletries

For the Gardener: Small plants, Gloves, Seeds, Pots, Gardening tools

For the Cook: Oven mitts, Pot holders, Cookie cutters, Tea towels, Hand towels, Aprons, cookbooks

For the Fashionable: Scarves, Beanies/hats, Jewellery

Bulk buys: Mugs/cups, Face washers, Stationery, Individually wrapped chocolates and lollies, Individual serves of coffee and tea

#### On the stall day:

Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$5

Children will be provided with a paper gift to bring their gifts home; these will be decorated by the children prior to the stall day.



**VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED FOR  
GIFT WRAPPING ON MON 8TH**

*Thank you for your support, Parents and Friends Members*

## 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> |                          |
| Friday May 12th                                 | <b>MOTHERS DAY STALL</b> |
| MAY 17TH  | <b>SCHOOL PHOTO DAY</b>  |
| Thursdays                                       | <b>Gym Program P-2</b>   |
| June 5  | <b>Pupil Free Day</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.

**After School Classes**

**GECKO SPORTS BENDIGO**

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|---|--|
| <b>Youngsters (5-8)</b><br>Thursday<br>4-4.45pm | <b>Midsters (9-13)</b><br>Thursday<br>5-5.45pm |
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**Venue:** Bendigo Major League Multisports  
1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square  
**Cost:** \$16 per session (\$160 for a 10 week term)  
**Bookings:** Please call Nat on 0437 743 775 or email natalie@geckosports.com.au to secure your place  
 To find our more please visit our Facebook page 'Coaches Nat & Lani'

geckosports.com.au

**SENTRAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

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.

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>

*Thank you to those families who have sent in family information changes. We are currently working through them to show the correct information.*

**TONIGHT**  
*State Schools are Great Schools!*

Year 7 Information Evenings at the following Colleges  
**Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm:**

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
|  | <b>Contact</b><br>5447 7722<br>crusoecollege.vic.edu.au |  |
|  | <b>Contact</b><br>5446 8099<br>eaglehawksc.vic.edu.au   |  |
|  | <b>Contact</b><br>5443 2133<br>weeroona.vic.edu.au      |  |
|  | <b>Contact</b><br>5443 4522<br>bse.vic.edu.au           |  |
|  | <b>Contact</b><br>5442 1311<br>kalianna.vic.edu.au      |  |

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Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:

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