

# Speci Express

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CATCH UP SWIMMING DAY - MONDAY 11TH

To students, parents and friends,  
Welcome to week 9 of Term 4.

## Classes for 2018 – 2018 State-wide Transition Day

On the **12th December** it is the state-wide transition day for all students coming into primary school from pre-school and for those moving into secondary school. Also all students at Speci will move up a level to have a 'taste' of their 2018 year level. Children will not be placed in their actual classes for next year as these are still being finalised but will be in their next year's grade level.

Prep students will stay at school until 11.45am . They will spend much of the morning and lunchtime with their Grade 6 buddies.

## Swimming

The swimming program is proving to be extremely successful once again. Students are making excellent progress and the teachers have spoken very positively about the effort that all students are putting in to achieving their best and challenging themselves in the water. This week the weather has been a bit chilly but the focus is on water safety and awareness and children need to be going into the water on cold as well as warm days.

## Leaving Speci at the end of the year

If you know that you are leaving our school community at the end of the year can you please let me know ASAP so that we can plan for 2018 classes.

## Working Bee

The school is looking so much better since the working bee was held last Thursday after school. It was extremely hot on the night so we only had a couple of families who managed to participate, but we did have 8 staff members who generously gave up their time. Thank you to Torin and Cynthia Coakley and boys, to Michael Seymour and children, to members of the Karen Community, Mr Hartney, Mr Warne, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Jackson, Ms Welton, Mrs Young, Mr Pysing and the fabulous organisation by Mrs Light. There is more work to do for another cooler day. Thankyou to Jo Weinstock for her extra work over the weekend as well as during this week, accompanied by Cynthia yet again!

## Chinese students returning to China

This week is the final week for our Chinese students Rachel and Angela and Chinese teacher Aranda at Speci Hill. On Saturday morning all of the Chinese students and teachers will head back to China after their 8 weeks in Bendigo. Rachel and Angela have had a wonderful time in Bendigo hosted by the Lee, Lock and Baxter families and have had so much fun that they are very reluctant to return, although I'm sure that they have missed their own families very much. Both girls have loved attending Speci and the Speci students and teachers have embraced the girls in the school. On Friday there will be a farewell assembly for our Chinese students starting at 2.45pm to 3.15pm. All are most welcome to attend.

## Sleep Routine

It is such a busy time of the year but it is important that children are getting to bed at their regular time so that they remain concentrating and focused at school. If students are tired they tend to show less resilience and commitment towards their learning.

## Food Fair

A reminder that the Food Fair and concert will both be held on Thursday 14th December. Classes are getting organised for their concert items and the food for the fair. If you are available to assist on the night please contact your child's class teacher or Kaye or Wendy in the office.

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

*Di Craig, Principal*

**CANTEEN  
LAST DAY  
MONDAY**



**SENTRAL  
EDUCATION  
HAVE YOU  
LOGGED INTO  
SENTRAL?**

**NOTES TO RETURN  
GR 3/4 2018 CAMP**

**WALKING  
SCHOOL BUS  
THURSDAYS  
8:30AM**



**BREAKFAST  
PROGRAM 8:00AM  
WEDNESDAY  
FINAL WEEK NEXT WEEK**



**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 everyone. Can you believe we are already in week 9! Crazy!! Swimming was a little bit fresher this week but we are hoping for some warmer weather for Thursday and Friday. Well done to all the students for persisting through some challenging weather on Monday.

Students have been working on some project type activities while swimming is on, in both Literacy and Numeracy. As well as of course continuing on with their super fun Integrated topic of Space!

A couple of reminders: **Grade 6 Graduation!! Grad is on December 19th at the Bendigo Club in Strathdale.** Tickets are \$34 for an adult, and \$22 for a student, payments can be made at the office. Please RSVP by December 12th at latest. Tickets must be purchased prior to the evening for catering purposes.



State-wide transition day is on Tuesday the 12th December. All grade levels will move up on this day. **GRADE 6 STUDENTS-** Please note, you and your parents/guardians are responsible for organizing transport TO and FROM your high school on Tuesday. It is sure to be a great day for all involved.

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

## MIDDLE CLASSES

Greetings all. We trust you are enjoying the lovely weather this week as much as we are! Unfortunately the weather last week had impacted our Term Four Swimming. Due to last Friday's missed lesson we have rescheduled for this next coming Monday. The temperature this week has been a bit cool so we are hoping with fingers crossed that it continues picking up. Students will need to keep applying their sun protection because even on a cloudy day our skin can still become damaged. A lot of belongings are being left at the pool, if anyone is missing any items they can be now located at the front office.

Next week, on Thursday the 14th of December, is our School Concert and Food Fair. Thank you to all the families who have contributed already or are donating their help on the night, it has been greatly appreciated.



Students have been continuing with A Healthy Me in Integrated Studies and loving all the fun learning they have been doing.

In Numeracy they have been strengthening their learning about analogue time and progressing onto lapsed time. With only two weeks to go till the end of the school year, students will be participating in the State Wide Transition day next Tuesday, in preparation for next year.

*Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton*

## JUNIOR CLASSES

This week students are continuing their persuasive text writing, focussing on choosing a side to an argument and writing supporting sentences.

Students have been progressing their skills on addition and subtraction worded problems and 3D shapes in maths this week, continuing to build on previously learnt knowledge.

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 school Swimming Program has continued this week, with students thoroughly enjoying learning new skills and building on

knowledge of being safe around water. The program will conclude next Monday, December 11th.

All children must have a hat this term as we are a sunsmart 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.

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.

Could students who have any home reading books from the school, that have not been returned in a while, be brought back. We are missing a number of these books and it would be great to replenish our stocks before the end of the year.

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

Welcome to Week 9! Only 2 weeks left of Grade Prep! Hasn't the year gone by quickly.

**State Wide Transition** - Next Tuesday the 12th of December is the State Wide Transition day where all students 'step up' and spend the morning in a Grade 1 classroom so that they can get a taste for 2018. All staff and students are looking forward to the morning.

**Food Fair & Concert** - Next Thursday the 14th of December is our annual Food Fair & Concert. Students in rooms 1 and 2 are asked to come dressed in very colourful clothing to reflect the Trolls song 'Can't Stop the Feeling' that we will be performing to.

Rooms 1 and 2 are responsible for the pizza stall. Please return your note to your child's classroom teacher if you are able to volunteer any of your time serving on the night. Your support is much appreciated.

**2017 Swimming Program** - Our swimming program has continued this week down at the Golden Square swimming pool. Although the weather has not been as warm as last week the children have shown a lot of resilience and persisted with their lessons. The swimming teachers have been getting children to practice some skills outside of the pool which is called a dry lesson. The students have responded well to this and been keen to demonstrate their knowledge. There is a catch up session on Monday 11th.



**Reader Bags** - At the end of the term all classroom teachers will be hanging onto each student's reader bag and Magic Words book so that it can be passed onto your child's 2018 teacher.


Have a wonderful week!


*Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence*

# Catch up swim day

# Monday 11th

*Please remember your swim gear.*

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS		27 Nov 2017
Star	Value	
Room 1		
Room 2		
Room 3	Ashdon B.	
Room 4	Nethani L.	Layla E.
Room 5	Avayah B.	
Room 6	Natalie M.	
Room 7		
Room 8	Nic C.H.	Jasper S. Daw L.
Room 9		
Room 10		
Room 11	Rogan W.	
Room 12		
Room 13		Connor G.
Nude Food	3/4 W with 4 wrappers	

 **SENTRAL** - Letters have been sent home to families who have not yet logged on to Sentral. The letter gives instructions for logging on to our school's parent portal and the access key for your child/children.

### END OF YEAR LIBRARY

All borrowed books will need to be returned to the library by the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Any issues please see Mrs Jackson.



## Christmas Hampers

This year, families are kindly asked to donate a range of non-perishable food items, health products and small gifts (books, pencils etc) so that Christmas hampers can be created and distributed across the school community.

The items donated by our community will create Christmas hampers for families within the local school community and will be distributed prior to the end of the school year. These hampers will offer extra support to the families at Speci who at this time of the year are in need of that little extra.

Collection boxes will be placed in classrooms for items to be left or alternatively products can be left at the school office. Any questions or enquires about these hampers please contact the office.





## WALKING SCHOOL BUS

### 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**

**Famous Tea Food**

Tea, originally served as a medicine in ancient times, is now not just a type of beverage, but also an excellent form of seasoning.



**Dragon Well Tea Shrimp**

one of the most well-known dishes in Hangzhou, using 'Dragon Well' tea to accompany the fried river shrimp



**Tea Eggs**

a famous snack, you can find delicious tea eggs being served by street vendors in almost every city in China.

**How to drink Chinese tea?**

- **Drink it hot.** It is suggested that you drink it hot to get the best out of tea.
- **Do not drink too much strong tea.** It might upset your stomach and cause insomnia.
- **The best time to drink is in between meals.** Do not drink tea soon after or before meals.
- **Do not drink with medication.**
- **Green tea is the best option for office workers.** It helps to prevent computer radiation and to supplement moisture content of the human body.

Please name all clothing, goggles, towels, bags etc.




# Swimming catch up session on Monday 11th!



# FOOD FAIR STALLS

The School Food Fair & Concert night will be held on  
**Thursday Dec 14th – 5:00 – 6:30pm**

*Preparations for the Food Stalls are underway. Teachers will soon be sending home notes requesting particular items to be donated closer to the event, as storage is an issue.*

Classroom	Food Stall	Donations Required
Room 1	Pizza	
Room 2	Pizza	
Room 3	Hot Dogs	 Tomato Sauce, Mustard
Room 4	Ice Creams	Ice Cream, toppings, cones
Room 5	Soft Drink	Cans of Soft Drink
Room 6	Spaghetti Bolognese	Pasta, Pasta Sauce, shredded cheese
Room 7	Spiders	Soft Drink, Ice-cream
Room 8	Cup Cakes	Cup Cakes
Room 9	Baked Potatoes	Potatoes, Sour Cream, Shredded Cheese, pasta sauce, cabbage, carrots, plastic forks
Room 10	Popcorn	 Paper cups, popcorn
Room 11	Kebabs / Fairy Floss	Wraps, shredded cheese
Room 12	Lolly bags	Variety of confectionary
Room 13	Nachos	 Corn chips, Mild Salsa, Shredded Cheese, plastic forks
School Council	BBQ – Sausages, Hamburgers	Bread, sauces
Parents & Friends	Mini Cheesecakes, Jelly Cups	
Karen Families	Karen Food	
Junior School Council	Fresh Fruit Salad	Mrs Jackson – Lasagne

**GRADE 3/4 CAMP 2018  
 SECOND PAYMENT  
 NOW DUE**

If your child will be in Grade 3 or 4 in 2018, second payments can now be paid for **Tandarra Camp at Halls Gap** in Term One of 2018. Second payment of \$80 can be made via QKR payment app or at the school office.



# CANTEEN LAST DAY

Our final canteen for the year will be Monday December 11th.

*Thank you to everyone for supporting the Canteen this year, we've had a wonderful year and look forward to coming back in 2018.*

*Have a safe and happy holiday. Belinda Seymour—Canteen Manager*



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<https://qkr.mastercard.com/store/#/home>



## CASUAL DRESS DAY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER THEME— FESTIVE COLOURS

*Junior School Council fundraiser*

**Dress in colourful clothing to suit the festive season. Sun smart clothing please**

**Gold Coin donation requested**



**Please note: Catch up session on Monday 11th December!**

Below are your session times for the swimming program and when the bus is leaving Specimen Hill and then leaving Golden Square Pool after the session. All the lessons will be 40mins.

<b>Session 1:</b> Room 4 1/2W Room 8 3/4R Room 13 5/6K	Swimming Time: 9:30am – 10:10am	Bus Times: 9:15am Leave Specimen Hill 10:20am Leave Golden Square Pool
<b>Session 2:</b> Room 5 1/2H Room 7 4/5W	Swimming Time: 10:10am – 10:50am	Bus Times: 9:50am Leave Specimen Hill 11:00am Leave Golden Square Pool
40mins	BREAK	
<b>Session 3:</b> Room 6 1/2M Room 12 5/6T	Swimming Time: 11:30am – 12:10pm	Bus Times: 11:10am Leave Specimen Hill 12:20pm Leave Golden Square Pool
<b>Session 4:</b> Room 3 Prep/1B Room 9 3/4P	Swimming Time: 12:10pm – 12:50pm	Bus Times: 11:50am Leave Specimen Hill 1:00pm Leave Golden Square Pool
40mins	BREAK	
<b>Session 5:</b> Room 1 Prep L Room 11 5/6P	Swimming Time: 1:30pm – 2:10pm	Bus Times: 1:10pm Leave Specimen Hill 2:20pm Leave Golden Square Pool
<b>Session 6:</b> Room 2 Prep Z Room 10 3/4W	Swimming Time: 2:10pm – 2:50pm	Bus Times: 1:50pm Leave Specimen Hill 3:00pm Leave Golden Square Pool

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2017 EVENTS CALENDAR	
See <i>SENTRAL</i> for the <i>FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Dec 4-11	<i>Swimming Program</i>
Dec 12	<i>Preps 2018—Transition Day</i>
Dec 14	<i>Food Fair &amp; Concert</i>
Dec 15	<i>Festive Casual Dress Day</i>
Dec 19	<i>Grade 6 Graduation Night</i>
Dec 22	<i>End of Term</i>

## BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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

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

**NEW ENROLMENT FORMS  
ARE REQUIRED FOR 2018**

**PLEASE ATTEMPT TO REDUCE YOUR  
ACCOUNT BALANCE BY END OF YEAR.**

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

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

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ENDS THIS SATURDAY!**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ONLY \$30**

**Enjoy kid-free Xmas shopping!**

Get all your last-minute shopping done, while the kids become GeckoNINJA-Warriors with us! 3 HOURS of non-stop fun and they'll also receive a bandana to channel their inner Ninja Warrior!

**Date:** Saturday 23rd December (1 day only)  
**Time:** 9am-12pm (3 hours)  
**Ages:** 5-13 years  
**Venue:** Specimen Hill Primary School, Inglewood Street, Golden Square  
**Cost:** \$40 per child (early bird special only \$30 until 9th Dec)  
**Bring:** Hat, water bottle and a healthy snack

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