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PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MONDAY 12TH JUNE

Dear students, parents and friends,
Mrs Craig's leave has been extended until Thursday of this week. We look forward to her return.

Ministers Visit

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we had the education minister, James Merlino, along with several media outlets visit last Wednesday. You may have seen the school featured on WIN news. This visit focused on the way in which the school has spent its equity money to address student needs. A large focus was on the Explore program, a one to one program for students in Year's 3 to 6 who, for whatever reason, are encountering reading difficulties. This program is unique to Specimen Hill. Other ways the money is spent to enrich students' school life is the Wellbeing program, the Circus program and the employment of a speech pathologist one day a fortnight which is followed up by an Educational Support Officer several times over the fortnight. As a school, we endeavor to cater for all of our students so that they can be the best that they can be.

Prep Information Evening

This was held last Thursday night. We had several new families attend along with some of our past families with younger children. If you know of a new family that is considering Specimen Hill Primary School for their child, could you please encourage them to make contact with the school. Knowing what our Prep enrolment is for the year ahead helps us to put plans in place.

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2018

Reports

The reporting process is well underway. On Monday classroom teachers spent the day writing student reports. A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, the 28th of June so please keep an eye out for times etc. and details about booking an interview with your child's teacher. Students are not required to attend school on that day, only for the interview. **Bookings are not open yet.** Out of School Care will operate on this day and bookings can be made at the office.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Once again the school will be entering the challenge. This is just one way we endeavor to foster a love of reading. Nothing substitutes for practise when it comes to improving reading skills. Developing a love of reading ensures that students will become life-long learners. We have had many students sign up for the challenge and these forms are being processed and students will receive their passwords and packages within the next week. Please encourage your child to sign up and participate. Forms should be taken to Room 6 and handed to Mrs Manley as soon as possible.

Draw for Canteen Voucher

The draw for the winner of the early School Fees payment has been conducted. The winners of the Canteen Vouchers are:

Wright Family : Jeremy & Jackson \$100 Lamb Family : Mia \$50
Diss Family : Miley \$25



Wendy Jackson
Acting Principal

CANTEEN MON & FRI

PLEASE ORDER VIA QKR
Cash orders are accepted



PLEASE PAY SCHOOL FEES

HUNGRY CATERPILLAR EXCURS



SENTRAL
EDUCATION
HAVE YOU
LOGGED INTO
SENTRAL?



RUNNING CLUB
TUESDAYS
8:10AM



BREAKFAST
PROGRAM 8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS



SHOOL 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 8th week of term 2.

A visit from the Education Minister, Mr James Merlino had the Senior Rooms buzzing. Our Year 6 students showcased Passions and Pathways and did an excellent job.

In Numeracy, we are revising the "four operations" over the next few weeks; Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Students have also approached our Global Citizens integrated unit with much enthusiasm and vigor. Well done!

Parents are encouraged to ask their child, "What topic have you chosen and what action are you taking to be a Global Citizen?" Also, Year 6 families are reminded that their Secondary School Placement forms for 2018 are now well and truly overdue. Transition activities will commence in Term 3. The students are very much looking forward to this. Please see Mr Pysing if you have any queries about transition.

Rebecca Kinsman, Adam Tanner, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

Another week has flown by and we're up to Week 8. Students have been learning about the climates of African and South American Countries as well as their populations and the capital cities of these countries.

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. Recycled clothing pile has been diminished at school.
- Students should be aiming for 5 nights a week of home reading
- Home spelling needs to be completed weekly as well

We hope everyone has a great week.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Brad Stringer

JUNIOR CLASSES

The Very Hungry Caterpillar : We are so excited to be attending this special show. Please make sure you return your notes and payments for this ASAP.

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 : 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 8. We are continuing to learn about Dot the Giraffe this week in Reading. The students have been helping this by making sure we are using the punctuation to read with expression!

In Numeracy we are looking at graphing and sourcing information from graphs.

Home reading routines are fantastic! We are proud of the students who are putting in so much effort to read at home. Most students are reading 5- 7 nights a week which is wonderful!

If your child is still struggling to identify the letters of the alphabet and their sounds, please practice the 'Ants on the Apple' Alphabet Song with them each night as part of their routine. If you have lost your copy, just ask us for another.

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.

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.

Communication Folders

Thank you to those parents who have looked through your child's communication folders and brought them back to school. If you haven't done this yet, can they be returned ASAP as we have to begin putting work samples from this term in.

Parent Helpers

We would love some parent helpers to assist with reading in the first half hour of the day. If you think you would like to come into your child's room to help out please talk to your child's teacher. Remember you have to have a Working With Children's Check to be able to volunteer in the classrooms at Speci Hill.



You can apply for a free volunteer one online at:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/utility/>

Have a great week!

Zoe Light, Courtney Lawrence & Felicity Burman

PLEASE SUPPORT
NUDE FOOD DAY
WEDNESDAYS



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.



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.



Welcome to the Premiers' Reading Challenge

Inspiring children and young people to read more books



Please support your child

CANTEEN SOUP AVAILABLE

Chicken Noodle Soup

Vegetable Soup



\$2.50

served with a bread roll



2017 GRADE 6 SHIRTS

SPARES AVAILABLE

3 X SIZE 14

1 X SIZE 12

NOW \$25

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.

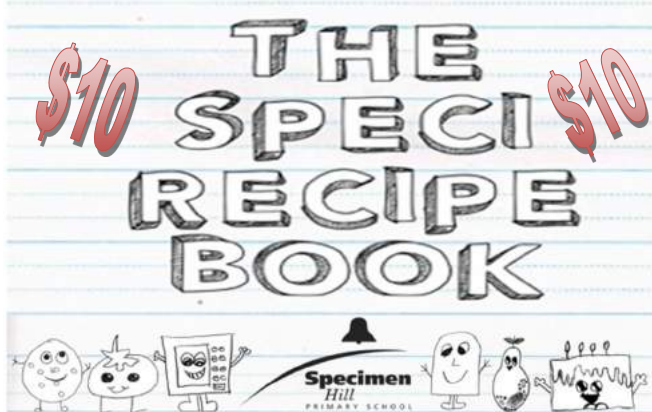
We also pick up along the way!



IF IT IS RAINING....??? WALKING SCHOOL BUS WILL BE CANCELLED

2017	EVENTS CALENDAR
<i>See SENTRAL for the FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i>	
Mon June 12	Public Holiday
Mon June 26	School Council Meeting
Tues June 27	Very Hungry Caterpillar Prep—2
Wednesday June 28	Parent / Teacher interviews

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.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

2.45pm every Monday in the Multi Room

School Council **26th June**



LADIES NETBALL

Ladies wishing to play social Netball on Monday mornings??



Creche is available for FREE
 Team fees = \$45

No games in school holidays
 Single players or Teams welcome

Contact Marg : Ph: 5443 7379

SCHOOL TERMS	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 TIMES	9:00 - 11:00am
First Recess	11:00 - 11:45am
Second Recess	1:45 - 2:15pm
School Finish	3:15pm



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.

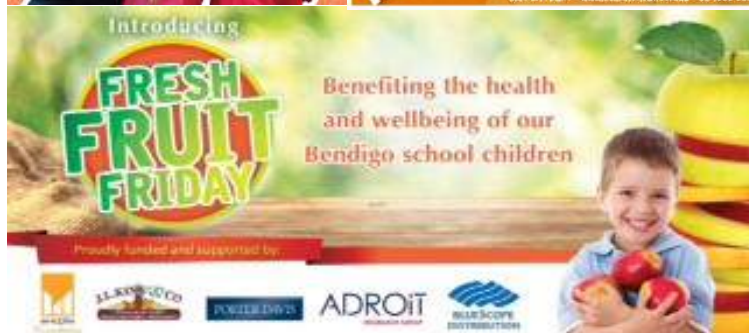
Youngsters (5–8yo): 4.00–4.45pm
Midsters (9–12yo): 5.00–5.45pm

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

Book online at geckosports.com.au
 or email natalie@geckosports.com.au
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SCHOOL VALUES: Resilience, Excellence, Persistence, Honesty & Respect