Dear students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 3 of Term 1, 2013.
It has been clearly noticeable that students and staff are really settling in to the year now. Classroom rules have been established, the leadership selection process is taking place, children have reconnected with friends and developing new ones, the netbook process for 5/6 classrooms is being finalised and everyone is ready for a year of learning. It is great to see.

School Council
Nominations for School Council close tomorrow (Thursday 14th February) at 4pm. At the front office there are a number of nomination forms for interested people to collect, fill out and to return by 4pm tomorrow. If we have beyond the required number of nominations (4) we will continue with an election process. If you would like to discuss School Council with me at any time please make a phone call or drop in to see me.
For all current School Council members.
The next School Council meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday 26th February at 7pm in the staffroom. The meeting will start with a thank you to retiring members and then the Annual General Meeting will begin. At the completion of the meeting there will be a second meeting to discuss co-opted members on Council.

AEU Stop work
The Australian Education Union (AEU) work bans are still in place including the Stop Work occurring tomorrow. (Thursday February 14th). There will only be 3 classrooms operating tomorrow. (please see list included in the newsletter. Out of Hours School Care will operate its regular hours as normal.

Playgroup
Due to the Stop Work tomorrow the Playgroup will be cancelled for tomorrow only. If you wish to participate in the Playgroup the only requirements are pre-school aged children - from babies to pre-schoolers and interested parents. Friends and grandparents and families from outside our school community are also welcome to attend. Anne is the coordinator and she can be contacted through the school on: 54 435353. The operation hours are- Every Thursday from 9.00 to 10.45. Come along for a morning of fun, friendship and learning.

Pancake Tuesday
Yesterday we had an enthusiastic group of Parent and Friends who came along to make over 300 pancakes for Pancake Day. A huge thank you for their support as they were well received and appreciated by every student (and staff!). Great effort.

Tissues
Could all children please bring along a box of tissues to be handed to class teachers to be shared in the classroom. This is a great help to the school budget.

Chinese Teacher
Mr. Juncai Lin our school’s Chinese teacher started at Specimen Hill on Monday. All Grade 5/6 students are now learning Chinese whilst classes from Prep to Grade 4 learn Indonesian. There will be one multi aged group of students from Grades 3/4 that will also learning Chinese each Monday.

Research shows that when we learn a second language we usually do far better in first language due to the experience and extended skills learnt in a second language acquisition. The LOTE program will also include a focus on cultural aspects.

School Values: excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect.

At the end of 2012 the Grade 6 students had their Grade 6 Graduation during the final days of the school year. During the Graduation Ceremony a number of awards were given to high performing and achieving students, I would like to congratulate these students and to also acknowledge the success of all of the Grade 6 students of 2012. The Graduation ceremony is always a most rewarding occasion where all students share their memories of their years at Specimen Hill.

The following students received outstanding achievements in a particular area:

- Dual Dux of the school - Jet C/ Makeelie D
- Matthew Harrington Memorial Award - Mitchell C/ Douglas D
- Kangaroo Flat Y’s Club Citizenship Awards - Kayla R/ Kasharni C
- The Spirit of Speci Award (Parents and Friends Club) - Kayley S
- PE / Sports Award - Ryan B
- Art Award - Blake McC
- Crusoe College Excellence Award - Paris S
- Bendigo Masonic Scholarship Award - Kaily G

Congratulations to all of these recipients and we wish all 2012 Grade 6 students all the success and happiness in the future.

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Parking
A reminder that there is NO parking or drop off in the turning circle in Tambour Heights. This area is for turning only. The police randomly check school areas during drop off and pick up times and people will be fined if they are breaking road rules.

If you have any concerns or celebrations please do not hesitate to contact Corey Warne or myself - Di Craig to share.

Wishing you all a fabulous week ahead.
Di Craig (Acting Principal)

STARS OF THE WEEK
Rm 1 Mitchell H
Rm 2 Trei S
Rm 3 Will J
Rm 4 Hannah E.
Rm 5 Braydee T
Rm 6 Liam T
Rm 7 Bailey C
Rm 8 Daimen W
Rm 9 Eh Khee
Rm 10 Holly B
Rm 11 Paige A
Rm 12 Chyan
Rm 13 Connor
Art Award Olive D, Connor K, Brodie A
Nude Food Room 07—3/4 E

LIBRARY BAGS
To protect our books we encourage all children to have a Library bag. Some will be available for sale for $2 from Mrs Young next week. Children are welcome to use a plastic shopping bag, pillow case or other containers to protect books from drink bottles and sandwiches.

.... Sandy

UNIFORM ORDERS 2013

The Uniform shop is open before and after school for purchases.
We are still waiting on the supply of short sleeve polo shirts.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
NEW ENROLMENTS FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR 2013
ASHC Phone : 0447 788 636
Please ring Leah Johns for bookings/cancellations.
BSHC Phone : 0438 062 561
Please ring Karen Emerson for bookings/cancellations.

Staff at After School Care this year will be Leah Johns, Karen Emerson and Michael Lawlor (Monday - Wednesday) and Leah Johns, Michael Lawlor and Lil Smith (Thurs and Friday nights)
Children have all settled in very well but being the end of the day are often very tired - especially the preps!!!
The ASC phone is now up and running again so any bookings/cancellations can be made on 047788636 (please leave a voicemail message)

Children at After School Care have been enjoying exploring broken electrical equipment. They have so far explored laptops, hard drives, Video player, DVD player and a record cassette player (this led to a discussion and demonstration on what records and cassettes are!!!) They are loving this activity!!!!! They have also pulled a video cassette apart and enjoyed measuring the tape from inside it, inside around the oval.

For afternoon tea on Monday we had a tasting platter which included beetroot, capsicum, gherkins, mushroom, cherry tomatoes, seaweed crackers and cucumber. It is great to see all children trying different food and some even finding they like it!!!! We find they will try food for us that they wouldn't try at home!

We have also been learning about the country of Georgia - where it is, the flag and how to say "hello". We practise saying hello in many different languages and children are very good at remembering many of them. We can say hello in Danish, German, Greek, French, Italian, Maori, Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hungarian, Turkish, Vietnamese and others !!! We will continue learning about other countries, their language and culture this term.

Please remember to pack an extra snack on the days your child attends ASC as they are often still hungry after the snack that is provided.
Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries about the program.

All day care will be provided on the Student Free Days (Curriculum Days) - February 22nd, March 12th—8.00am—6.00pm.

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Nude Food

Our Nude Food focus will again be apart of 2013 for all at Speci. It will occur each Thursday throughout the year but we encourage students to bring Nude Food (wrapper free) to school everyday!!! Please note that the reusable Zip Lock bags are acceptable.

Nude Food Day is a fantastic opportunity to teach children about how their actions can impact the environment and their health. Focusing on the positive message of ‘nude food = a healthy body + a healthy planet’, we want our students to be empowered to choose healthy, rubbish free food for their lunches and snacks.

For more information on Nude Food please see your child’s teacher or Mr Pysing.

CLASS NEWS

SENIOR CLASS

The Grade 5/6 Netbook Program has now started up for 2013 with the grade 5 students and parents attending the information sessions last week and the netbooks now distributed to the very excited students. The children have been learning the different programs that the netbooks come with and also discussing appropriate and effective uses for their new learning tools. We will look for the grade six students to show their leadership skill and expertise with the fives as they continue the journey through the program for 2013.

Homework for Year 5/6 Just a reminder that students need to read 30 minutes each night to build their reading skills and stamina. Year 5/6 students should also work on their times tables so they can easily remember their number facts not just during maths at school but in real life contexts such as shopping and sport. When students know 2s, 5, and 10 times tables the easiest order to learn the others is 3x, 4x, 9x, 6x followed by 8s then 7s.

In the buddies program the Year 5/6 students are supporting the Preps in their transition to school life. They are being terrific role models for the younger students and we encourage them to continue modelling the school values for all students.

Matt, Scott and Anne

Middle Years Department:

A sincere thankyou to all families and students for such a fantastic first full week at Speci! This week we are learning to infer. This is where students think deeply about things and imply their personal knowledge to a scenario or object. We are asking that students bring in 3 small objects that best describe themselves. These are going into brown paper bags and will be a part of a written activity on Friday.

A reminder that tomorrow is a AEU stop work day. 3/4 E 3/4 B and 3/4 T students will not be required at school, however children in 3/4 P will need to attend. Could parents please be wary of the warm weather we are still experiencing. Students need a bottle of WATER at school. Any other liquid will not be acceptable and it is not hydrating the students properly.

Over the next week we will be developing a spelling program that will be a weekly homework task. Please ensure that you are finding the time to check over the words and sentences that your child has written.

Have a great week!
Leah Backas, Hayden Polglase, Rebecca Eastley and Adam Tanner.

Grade 1/2

LUNCHES

Nude Food Day is every Thursday. This means no wrappers in their lunch. Food can be brought in plastic food containers.

Could you please ensure the students have enough food in their lunches daily. Some students are eating all their food at 11.00am and have nothing left for the afternoon recess snack. A bottle of water is necessary in this hot weather as students can access them during class time in their rooms.

TISSUES

Thanks to the families that have brought along the box of tissues for our classroom.

MEET AND GREET

We hope to see you all at the Meet and Greet Sessions coming soon.

Until next week
Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim.

1/2 Teachers.

PREP NEWS

We have had another busy week and the children are starting to learn our school routines. Please ensure you assist this by listening to your child read each night and record this in their Reading Diary. The diary needs to be returned to school every day. This week we are focusing on the letter ‘M’ and the word ‘MY’. Please discuss these with your child. We have NUDE FOOD DAY each Thursday and we hope to have zero wrappers in the Prep Rooms. Please ensure that your child’s lunch is packed with no wrappers so that we have a chance at winning the weekly award at assembly!

Natalie, Di and Kim

NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION

are available from our website:

www.shps1316.vic.edu.au
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!
The school requires a number of volunteers in order for our Canteen to run successfully. Please consider assisting Karen Emerson if you are available on Monday or Friday mornings. No qualifications necessary, just a pair of helpful hands and a helpful personality.

HEAD LICE PROGRAM:
In order to control Head Lice among school students (and families) we would like to conduct hair inspections at various times of the year. Any assistance would be appreciated.

PLEASE COMPLETE VOLUNTEER FORMS BELOW AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE.

SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPELLARY FOR TERMS ONE & FOUR

WHERE IS YOUR HAT???

$10 FROM UNIFORM SHOP
PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM—
15th March @ 1.15pm followed by a general meeting @ 2.15pm in the Staffroom.
PARENTS & FRIENDS Afternoon tea in the staffroom
Friday 1st March @ 2.30pm.
Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able.
Tea, coffee, milo and cordial provided.
Toys available for toddlers. ALL WELCOME.

PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP—Don’t forget to keep collecting caps and dropping them in the box at the school office. Thanks to all those families who regularly collect caps. Last year Pauls donated $1390.00 to our school for caps.

GR. 6 POLO SHIRT (New) FOR SALE
Size 14—$30 Please enquire at the office

COMMUNITY SPORTS NOTICES
SANDHURST HOCKEY CLUB INC
Sandhurst’s pre-season training starts Wednesday 6 February at 6.30 – 7.30 pm
for junior and senior players at the hockey complex, Ashley Street, Ironbark. New
and returning members are invited to come along – teams will be entered in Under 11,
13, 15 and 17 and Men’s and Women’s A and B grade winter competitions. Please note
that the time for Junior training will change on 6 March to 5.30 – 6.30 pm and senior
training will continue to be from 6.30 – 7.30 pm.
Sticks and shin guards will be available for new players to borrow if needed. Mouthguards are required.
All welcome to come along and try the fabulous and exciting game of hockey with Bendigo’s family-friendly hockey Club.
For more information contact President Kylie Evans on 0438 584664 or Treasurer Sharon Welsh
on 0407 342552

NEANGAR PARK GOLF CLUB
Neangar Park’s Junior Golf Program recommences on Wednesday 6 February at 4.00 pm (until
approximately 5.30). Meet at the Club House in Averys Road, Eaglehawk. New players are always
welcome and equipment is available to borrow for those without their own sticks.
Come along and try golf. No ongoing commitment is required, just come any Wednesday night that suits you.
Contact Ray Garcia for further information on 5446 3670

The Maiden Gully Junior Football Club’s registration day for 2013 will be held on Sunday, February
17 from 10.30am and 12.00pm at the Maiden Gully Junior Football Clubrooms.
Registration is for Under 9’s, 10’s, 12’s. Past and prospective players are encouraged to attend.
Please refer to the Maiden Gully Junior Football website www.maidengullyjfc.vcfl.com.au for further information and/or
contact Jason Lee 0403624207.

NEW HOCKEY PLAYERS NEEDED
Michael from OSHC is looking for primary school aged children to form a new hockey team. There
will be a come and try day on Thursday 21st of February at 6.00pm at the Ashley Street Hockey
complex (behind the Fruit Shack). No experience is necessary, and equipment can be supplied.
For more information, contact Strathdalehc@gmail.com or phone 0419048628 or see Michael at
OSHC.
Me Poems by Gr 1 and 2B

I used to be little but now I’m big.
I used to be 6 but now I’m 7.
I used to be in Grade Prep but now I’m in Grade 1.
By Lara
I used to be 6 but now I’m 7.
I used to be in Grade 1 but now I’m in Grade 2.
I used to be small but now I’m big.
I used to be naughty but now I’m nice.
By Jordyn
I used to be in Grade 1 but now I’m in Grade 2.
I used to be six but now I’m seven.
I used to be bad but now I’m glad.
I used to me mean but now I’m nice.
By Rogan
I used to be in Room 1 but now I’m in Room 6.
I used to be 5 but now I am 6.
I used to be little but now I am big.
I used to be a baby but now I am not.
By Hannah
I used to be in Prep but now I am in Grade 2.
I used to be little but now I am big.
I used to be 0 but now I am 8.
I used to be a baby but now I am a kid.
By Riley
I used to be in Prep but now I am in Grade 2.
I used to be clumsy but now I am alright.
I used to be naughty but now I am good.
By Kurtis
I used to be in Grade one but now I am in Grade two.
I used to be 6 but now I am 7.
I used to be chubby but now I am not chubby.
I used to be small but now I am tall.
By Sophie
I used to be lazy but now I am not.
I used to be in Room 5 but now I am in Room 6.
I used to be 6 but now I am 7.
I used to be messy but now I am clean.
By Siena
I used to be in Grade 1 but now I am in Grade 2.
I used to be clumsy but now I am smart.
I used to not write neatly but now I write neatly.
By Tia
I used to be in Room 4 but now I am in Room 6.
I used to be 6 but now I am 7.
I used to be in Grade 1 but now I am in Grade 2.
I used to not be clever but now I am clever.
By Liam
I used to be 6 but now I’m 7.
I used to be in Prep but now I’m in Grade 2.
By Chloe

PHOTOS FROM OSHC

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
Room 12—5/6R
We have been working with the school values:

**Persistence**: Not giving in; keep on trying in spite of difficulties no matter how hard it is. The people of Queensland show outstanding persistence because they keep on rebuilding after the floods. Then another flood will come but they never stop persisting and don’t give in. They keep on rebuilding.  

**Honesty**: I think that honesty is the most important value because of all the freedom and relief it brings if you tell the truth all the time. I like honesty for one particular reason: when somebody is honest they have no problems and they don’t have to hide anything from other people in society.  

I’ve experienced honesty when my friend from kindy saw an elderly man drop a 2 dollar coin and a $20 note when he got an ice-cream. She went to pick it up and give it to him, but he turned around and said “Keep it. It’s a gift from me.”  

By Cas-sidy

**Excellence**: Excellence is being very good at something. It is people never giving up at what they are doing and keep trying. My Nan could not horse ride so she kept trying and now she is excellent.  

In Maths we were revising strategies for addition and Kiet had this to say: “Playing Maths Cricket was fun and I had learned more sums and connecting to another grade was my favourite thing so in theory it’s was a great game for maths.”

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### AEU STOPWORK ACTION

**Thursday 14th February (whole day)**

The following classes WILL NOT be required at school tomorrow.

- Prep Lavell
- Prep Gleeson
- Prep/1 Manley—Room 3
- 1/2 Taylor—Room 4
- 1/2 Mullen—Room 5
- 3/4 Tanner—Room 10
- 3/4 Backas—Room 8
- 3/4 Eastley—Room 7
- 5/6 Pysing—Room 11
- 5/6 Rochford—Room 12