WALKING SCHOOL BUS
This week is National Walk to School Day (Friday). Although we encourage as many students as possible to walk or ride to school every day we would like to see as many children as possible to join us on the Walking School-bus on Thursday.

THEFT
Unfortunately we had a theft in the school late last week where precious and expensive items were taken. This is tragic for our school and a violation of the trust in the community. We are putting extra security measures in place including-every adult who enters the school must report to the front-desk on arrival. They must then state their name to Office staff and sign the book on the desk stating who they are, time of arrival and then sign-out when leaving.

REGULAR WASHING
Unfortunately we are seeing more and more students arriving to school already ill. If your child is unwell the best place for them is home with some TLC. This helps the child for a speedy recovery and helps to keep bugs isolated.

It is important that all students are having nightly baths or showers. Unfortunately some students are arriving at school with signs of irregular washing, can this PLEASE be addressed.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Some students are coming to school out of uniform on a regular basis. Jeans, brightly coloured shoes, dangling earrings and other jewellery, mixed coloured tops and coloured scarves are NOT allowed.

We have spare uniforms to place on students who arrive out of uniform but if parents monitor this carefully it assists us immensely at school. Children need to be in uniform at all times which sends a clear message that they respect the school rules and that they belong to the school and are ready for learning.

Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact Corey or myself at school if you have any concerns or queries.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead,
Di Craig (Acting Principal)
**SENIOR DEPARTMENT**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to education week and global languages. Students are exploring where countries are on the globe and creating fact sheets to share their learning. A reminder: on Friday students are encouraged to dress in the national costume of a country. There will be a parade starting at 9am.

In Maths we are building on their current understandings of division and multiplication. Please keep reinforcing the times tables at home. It really supports the rest of their maths' learning in all areas.

In Literacy we are reading and writing information texts. This week is a focus on the features of information texts such as headings, index, images, tables and graphs. We will also be exploring how reading text on line has different challenges to reading hard copies.

A reminder that Thursday is Nude food day where we try and have a lunch box filled with food free of rubbish – try using reusable zip-lock bags or small containers. Each week a class wins the 'Nude Food' award and so far the seniors have not had the honour – let’s make this week our week.

Reminder to all parents of a year 6 child that the Application for Enrolment Year 7 2014 was due at the regional office last Friday.

Thanks for your continuing support

Matt, Anne and Scott

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**JUNIOR CLASS**

**EDUCATION WEEK**

Please come along and visit our classes on Thursday morning. This will be our literacy block and you will see the students involved in literacy activities.

**LITERACY**

In our literacy sessions we have been looking at Information Text. This requires searching and locating facts and writing factual text.

**MATHS**

Our focus this week has been on revising areas of number and counting.

**INTEGRATED STUDIES**

This week our theme has been on “Homes around the World. We have researched the internet and found information on many different houses in other countries. The students will be writing a Design Brief and constructing their own houses.

**REMINDEARS:**

**SPELLING BOOKS**- back to school by Fridays please.

**NUDE FOOD DAY**- every Thursday.

**HOME READING**- regularly each night.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**- Monday 2.45 pm.

**SWIMMING**- coming in June.

Until next week.

Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim

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**PREPS**

This week we are focusing on the word 'we' and the letter 'Q'. Can you please support your child’s learning by looking for these during your home reading and discussions.

Swimming notes are due back at school this week, if you haven't returned these do so ASAP. With the change in weather, make sure your child has a school jacket or windcheater (NAMED) for outside activities. We are looking forward to seeing parents and grandparents visiting and taking part in our classroom activities tomorrow during our Education week open day.

Natalie, Di and Kim

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**CLASS NEWS**

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**Collect Woolworths
Earn & Learn Points**

for your school

We're thrilled to invite you to participate in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

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Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

Room 1  Alicia B  
Room 2  Ryan M  
Room 3  Taleah M  
Room 4  Makenze T  
Room 5  Braydee T  
Room 6  Lily T  
Room 7  Ashlyn B  
Room 8  Mitchell C  
Room 9  Kira H  
Room 10  Dillon B  
Room 11  Sachin  
Room 12  Jennah Li  
Room 13  Tyler E  
PE Award  Abby W  
LOTE Award  Xavier L  
OSHC Award  Ebony R  
Nude Food  P1/M  
Reading Award  Will J  

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**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

ASHC Phone: 0447 788 636  
Please ring Leah Johns for bookings/cancellations.  
BSHC Phone: 0438 062 561  
Please ring Karen Emerson for bookings/cancellations.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Some nights and mornings are FULL, bookings are essential.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Limited positions are available this Term so late cancellations will incur a fee this term. 24 hours notice is required to cancel your booking.

As from Monday 4th March all parents/guardians will be required to enter the school from the top gate in Tambour Heights and through the end door of the Multi Purpose room when picking up your child/children.

The table and sign-out book will be placed just inside the Multi purpose room door.

The front sliding glass doors will be locked and will no longer be an access point for OSHC.

Parking in Tambour Heights for easier access may be more practical in future.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

May is National Family Reading Month...So read more in May. Read every day. Lead a better life. We encourage all families to get involved.

**ART SHOW**

Congratulations to Chantel S and Karli Y for winning their respective age groups in the St John of God Art Show. All children’s work and various local artists are on display in the hospital’s Atrium starting tonight and visitors are welcome to view the work. Presentation of awards is Thursday afternoon at 4.00 pm. Well done to Chantel, Karli and all the students who participated.

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**SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

All children are welcome.

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**SWIMMING 2013**

As part of our curriculum here at Specimen Hill Primary School, we are offering a Swimming Program in collaboration with the Eaglehawk YMCA. The program will be run at the YMCA in Eaglehawk and is offered to all students. The program runs for two weeks, with students participating in six sessions. The program begins on Monday 17th June. Swimming dates for the program are as follows: Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th followed by Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th June.

The cost for this year’s swimming program will be $57 per student which will cover them for all six sessions of the swimming program.
**MISSING MICROFIBRE JACKET**
Anderson P. has lost a microfiber jacket, if you have found this could you please hand it in to the office.

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**Walking School Bus**
Tomorrow morning (Thursday) the ‘Walking School Bus’ will be operating with pick up time at 8.30. There are 3 points of collection.

1. At Specimen Hill Rd at the school crossing.
2. At the corner of Chum and Maple St.
3. At the Marong Rd school crossing.

We look forward to meeting students at those points. Parents and friends are welcome to join in and come along for the ‘ride’.

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**THE SPECI READING CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!!**

Reader of the Week: KEIRA L.

Any children that would like to sign up can see Mrs Pelly for a permission note.

Junior students are not expected to read books on their own but to “experience” these books by a parent or sibling reading to them.

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**EOI for Pinafores**
Price would be $52-00 each (GST inclusive)
Could you please let the office know if you would be interested in purchasing a pinafore for your child for the winter months.

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**It’s On Again**

**Speci Hill Shopping Tour**
Once again Bu and Mrs Louise are running the shopping tour as part of the school’s fundraising program.

**Why not join us for a day of fun and bargain hunting?**

**Includes:**
- Bus trip to Melbourne
- A full day guided tour to approximately 10 factory outlets
- Great discounts
- Morning and afternoon teas – delicious homemade cakes and slices
- 2 course lunch at a hotel with a glass of wine or soft drink plus tea or coffee
- Free raffle- lots of prizes
- Good company and lots of fun

**Date:** Saturday Oct 19th 2013
This is the second weekend after the holidays.

**Cost:**
- $65.00 Adults
- $32.50 Children 17 & under
  (Not suitable for children under14)

Bring your friends for a great day out.

**Why not pay it off?** Just a few dollars a month and you will be able to have a great day out, loads of fun and take advantage of bargain prices at factory outlets.
$20 non-refundable deposit to be paid as soon as possible.
Final payment by September

See Wendy at the office or Bu Turpie

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**ATTENTION SHOPPERS**
If there are any places you would like included or changed from last years Shopping Trip please see Bu or Louise before next Wednesday.
Long, long ago there was a captain called Captain Cobra. He was the meanest, fiercest pirate who ever lived. His ship was called the Black Bounty. It had a purple and black dragon figure head with yellow eyes. One day later a storm arrived blowing the steering wheel to the left when he wanted to go straight ahead to Treasure Island. After four days Captain Cobra saw Toxic Island. This is where lots of toxic crabs lived. Suddenly he crashed into Toxic Island. His only option was to step onto the island. It wasn’t long before another pirate came along and he was named Captain Bone. He had a pet Bat. It was that minute that the pirates noticed that there were two of them. They had an argument and Captain Cobra chased Captain Bone to Treasure Island. In the end Captain Bone won and now he was the wealthiest person who ever lived. The End.

Xavier 1/2 M

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Tahlia 1/2 M

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PIRATES GO LOOKING

Long, long ago there were ten pirates and one pirate called Blackbeard. He was the strongest pirate and some people called him Captain Blackbeard. The pirates and Blackbeard said to the pirates that a big storm was happening outside of the ship. Then one pirate had an idea. Then Blackbeard said, what is your idea? I think we should sail away and look for treasure on another island. So they sailed away.

Corey. B. 1/2 M.

Why are pirates called pirates? They just arrrrgh!

One day there was a pirate called Blackbeard. His ship was called the Xalabar. His first mate was called Eleanor Crow. One day they went together and they found a treasure chest. They opened the lid and found treasure. There were diamonds, rings, necklaces and gold.

Isabelle 1/2 M

CAPTAIN SCOOBY

Chapter 1.
In a land, far, far away there was a pirate called Captain Scooby. He had a parrot called Tahlia. His first mate was Trinity. His second mate was Jad. The ship was called the Purple Dog. Captain Scooby was a good pirate. One day he found himself on a deserted island and it had lots of yummy things on it. But will Trinity and Jad find him?

Chapter 2.
Trinity and Jad found Captain Scooby and the treasure.
This is the end of this story. Arrrhhhh!!!! See you in the next Chapter.

Trinity 1/2 M

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Battle of the books begins at Speci Hill

Over one hundred Specimen Hill Primary School students will be participating in their own, unique reading challenge this year organised by classroom teacher Mrs Natalie Pelly. It’s called the Speci Reading Challenge, which encourages students to read as a pastime.

All students record the books that they have read and receive incentives at key stages. At the end of the challenge all participants’ achievements will be recognised in the Bendigo Advertiser highlighting their reading commitment.

Research shows that children who read recreationally experience greater educational success.

Mrs Craig, the acting principal of Specimen Hill Primary school says, “As a school we are committed to providing our students with the best possible chance to succeed. We know that we have to do everything possible to make our students readers by choice. This program aims to support and encourage a love of reading through practise and exposure to good literature.”

The school has invested their funds into building classroom libraries so that students have quality reading material to read on a daily basis. Every day, every child in every classroom at Specimen Hill Primary School spends 20-30 minutes reading independently, in addition to the normal reading programs run in classrooms. Teachers spend time with students on a daily basis, discussing their reading and helping them to set goals and improve their skills. Parents are also on board with the school’s home reading program, supporting students to read at home as part of the home/school partnership.

Students Electra, Mia and Olive with ‘Real Soldier’ Ray Trevaskis at the ANZAC assembly.

Specimen Hill Primary School - Bendigo Advertiser Saturday 18 May 2013.
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**NETBALL**

**Training**
- 13/Under: Wednesday night 3.20 pm - 4.00 pm
- 11/Under: Thursday night 3.20 pm - 4.00 pm
- Grade 3 Clinic: Friday night 3.30 pm - 4.00 pm

**Draw, Court and Times - Saturday 25th May**
- 13/Under Section 5 at 9.00 am: Specimen Hill Gold v Epsom Court 2 9.00 am
- 11/Under Section 5 at 10.00 am: Kangaroo Flat Pink v Specimen Hill Court 11 10.00 am
- GRADE 3 CLINIC AT 12 NOON: Specimen Hill v Cal Gully Blue Court 1 12.00 noon

**PARKING - PLEASE NOTE:**
On Saturday 18/5/2013 Police received complaints regarding vehicles parking along Marong Rd opposite the stadium. A large number of cars were illegally parked in the no standing zone on the East side of Marong Road. No parking tickets were issued but the matter has been brought to the attention of the Council. Parking restrictions will be enforced around the stadium and fines will be issued to anyone parking illegally.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
If unable to attend on your roster day please ring the office on 54435353.

**FRIDAY 24th MAY**
- Karen
- Roz H. H
- Terri-anne

**MONDAY 27th MAY**
- Karen
- Rebekah

**REMINDER:**
The normal menu **WILL NOT** be available on FRIDAY. Drinks and lunch time sales as normal.

**Canteen Special**
Ham and Cheese Pizza - $3.50

**Important Dates to remember for School:**
- Thursday 23rd May - Open Day & School Tours 9.00 - 11.45 am
- Thursday 23rd May - Parent Information Sessions - 6.00 pm
- Monday June 10th—Public Holiday
- 17th/18th/19th/24th/25th/26th June—Whole school swim program
- Friday June 28th—End of Term 2

**Term Dates—2013:**
- Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
- Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
- Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

**NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION**
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