Dear students, families and friends,

Welcome to week 9 of term 4. Only 2 more weeks to go!

**Transition**

Yesterday was the State wide Transition day for every state school in Victoria. It was the final transition day for the year for the 2014 Preps. The Preps remained at school until 11.45 and spent lunchtime and some class time with their 2014 Grade 5 and 6 buddies who did a great job welcoming them to Speci. The Grade 6 students moved on to their Secondary schools and the rest of the school students all moved up to their 2014 year level for 2 hours of learning. As I roamed around the classrooms all students seemed extremely calm, focussed and wide-eyed about their next level of learning. At the moment all staff are looking at class groupings of students for next year. On Thursday 19th of December the children will move up to their next year’s class from 9.30 to 10.30am. We are planning for the 2014 teachers to be present for this occasion.

**Food fair and school concert**

The Food Fair and concert will be held on Thursday 12th of December. This promises to be an excellent evening starting off with the Food Fair at 5.00 until 6.30pm. Then the highlight of the evening will be the school concert which will start at 7.00 till 8.00. This is always a fun evening for everyone. Please invite family and friends to join us for a fabulous evening. The Food Fair menu will be even more extensive than last year with plenty to eat and drink. The concert will be run on a Rock and Roll theme so it promises to have great tunes for everyone. See you at the Fair!

**Speci Pool Party**

During the final week of the year the school is planning on bussing the students to the Golden Square pool for a couple of hours of water, fun and friendship. Last week I advertised two separate days for the junior and seniors but this has changed. All students will go to the pool on Wednesday 18th December. The juniors will go from 11.00 to 1.00 and the senior grades will go from 12.00 to 2.00. Parents are most welcome to attend and join in the fun.

This is a celebration of a wonderful year of fun, friendship and learning. Unfortunately students who misbehave beforehand will not be attending.

**Student Sociograms**

At this stage of the year all students have an opportunity to select a group of students that they would like to be in the same classroom with in the following year. Usually the children are matched up with at least one child from this selection. This year the students will still complete their friendship list but this will be used only as information for teachers. The teachers will decide on the best placement for each child based on each student’s academic progress and needs, attitude, interaction with others and friendships. The sociogram will be used as a cross referencing tool for staff only.

**Some reminders:**

Wednesday 4th Dec – 4.30 School Budget evening.

**Thursday 5th Dec**

3.30pm - 6pm is the School Working Bee. Please come along and give some time to prepare our grounds for the Food Fair and concert and in preparation for the end of the year.

**Friday 6th Dec**

Parents and Friends will hold their final meeting for the year in the Library. All welcome.

3/4 Kanga 8s will be competing on the day.

**Monday 9th Dec**

Final day of the school canteen. No further lunch orders.

**Monday 16th Dec**

Parent Helpers Lunch at school. This is only a small but sincere thank you to all parents and friends who have made a contribution in some way to the school. Individual invitations will be sent home but I would like to encourage everyone who has assisted to attend. It is a great opportunity to catch up with many people to say ‘thank you’ before the end of the year.

**Tuesday 17th Dec**

Grade 6 Graduation at the Platinum Room Foundry Arms hotel.

Student reports to go home.

**Thursday 19th Dec**

Transition Morning to meet 2014 class and teacher. Class lists go home.

**Friday 20th Dec**

Final school day for the year. The school will dismiss at 1.45pm.

**This week is the final week for the Breakfast Program on Wednesday and the Walking School-bus on Thursday.**

**Wednesday 29th of January** is the first day back to school for students in Grades 1 to 6 for 2014.

A very busy schedule before the end of the year.

Enjoy the week ahead.

**Di Craig - Principal**

**LAST CAIEN DEY**

**MONDAY 9TH DEC**
Our children's future in the very best of hands

**Canteen Roster**

**Friday 6 Dec**
Karen, Roz HH

**Monday 9 Dec**
Karen, Linda L.

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**Class News**

**Senior Department**

Graduation is fast approaching for our Year 6 students and their families.

**Tuesday, December 17th**

6.00 pm at the Foundry Hotel

so a group photo can be taken before the meal.

*Neat casual dress code – please contact us with any concerns.*

Payments need to be made by December 10th

**School lunches**

When we encourage independence in children we are letting them know we believe they are capable and this helps build their confidence. A number of students are making their own lunch which is terrific but please continue to give them guidance about what to pack so they have the food they need for the energy levels and ability to concentrate all day. A packet of chips and a muesli bar is not lunch despite what some students would like to think. For children, who do not always understand the health consequences of their eating habits, junk food may appear especially appetizing but do little to help their learning or behavior.

Suggestions include:

- Fresh fruit
- Crunchy vegetables
- Water
- A meat or protein food such as slices of lean meat or hardboiled egg
- Dairy food such as a cheese stick or slice, grated cheese, milk or yoghurt
- Starchy food such as bread, a roll, pita or flat bread, fruit bread or crackers.

Thanks - Matt, Scott and Anne

**Middle Years Department**

We are busy practising our song for the school concert next week! It is great to see the students participating with such enthusiasm and we are sure that it will be a fantastic night. Could all students begin bringing in the following items for the concert: please name them so that we can return them after the concert.

- Neck ties and bow ties
- Black sunglasses or black framed glasses
- Black, denim and suit jackets
- Rock and roll skirts

We are also looking for volunteers to assist in the food stalls. Please advise your child’s classroom teacher if you are available to help. The 3/4 classes are looking for donations of the following items:

- 3/4E: Spaghetti, Bolognese pasta sauce, grated cheese.
- 3/4T: Grated cheese, corn chips, salsa.
- 3/4P: Grated cheese, sour cream, coleslaw, bacon, garlic butter, potatoes

- 3/4B: please bring in any items that you can donate to any of the above stalls.

Please ensure all donations are brought to school by next Monday.

Some of the 3/4 students are attending the Milo Cricket this Friday. All students need to ensure that they pack plenty of food and water, their school hats and sunscreen. Please ensure that all students are at school by 8:30 on the day.

Leah, Hayden, Adam and Rebeca

**Junior Department**

**Integrated Studies - “Christmas Celebrations”**

This week we have started decorating our rooms ready for end of year celebrations and Christmas. All our students are still working hard in the two hour literacy and the one hour maths block daily but in the afternoons we will be creating, constructing, designing Christmas activities and tasks. Fun! Fun! Fun!

**Food Fair and School Concert**

Your classroom teachers would appreciate assistance with preparation for the food fair and concert night. Please let us know if you are able to take a role by selling or helping prepare both before and on the night. The students are very excited and working hard to learn words and dance moves for the concert.

**Food Fair Class List:**

- Grade P/1 Manley: Sausage Sizzle.
- Grade 1/2 Taylor: Fairy Floss.
- Grade 1/2 Mullen: Spiders.
- Grade 1/2 Bergin/Ball: Ice-creams.

**Water Bottles**

With the hot weather arriving please make sure your child has a water bottle in the classroom.

**Nude Food Day Thursday - every week.**

Don’t forget to pack your nude food lunchbox every day, but especially Thursdays when the big count happens.

Until next week.

Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim.

1/2 Teachers.

**Preps**

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are busy rehearsing for the school concert on Thursday 12th December. This night we also have our food fair. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help out with our stalls. For the Cakes of the World stall we are compiling all of the notes this week and will inform you on Monday of all of the details.

This week we are still busy learning too! We are focusing on the words he/she, the blend ‘dr’ and ‘ip’ words.

Don’t forget to send a water bottle with your child to school as the weather is warming up and we need to stay hydrated.

Nat, Di & Kim

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**Thursday's**

Pack a healthy lunch on nude food day
Thank you for all being so prompt with placing your orders for your new class shirts. These will be arriving the first week of Term One - 2014.

FOOD HAMPERS
Any families wanting to donate food items for Christmas Hampers to be delivered over the Christmas period, please contact Corey.

WORKING BEE
Next Thursday evening
5th of December
3.30-6:00pm
We are running a working bee to tidy our grounds for the school concert. We need your help for even a short amount of time when picking up your child/children to neaten garden areas, raking and sweeping.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

FOOD FAIR STALL
5/6R are making up Lolly bags for the food fair
Donations of bags of lollies happily received in Room 12
Thank you

FOOD, FUN & ENTERTAINMENT
Thursday 12th December
Food Fair 5.00—6.30pm
School Concert 7.00pm onwards
Parents & Friends
Fresh fruit salad and cream
Room 1 & Room 2
Cakes of the World
Room 3
Sausage Sizzle
Room 4
Fairy Floss
Room 5
Spiders
Room 6
Ice creams
Room 7
Spaghetti
Room 8
Assisting Gr.3/4 classes
Room 9
Baked Potatoes
Room 10
Nachos
Room 11
Kebabs
Room 12
Lolly Bags
Room 13
Drinks
School Council
Tacos
JNR SCHOOL COUNCIL - Popcorn
Other stalls:
Hot Dogs & Mini spring rolls, Sausage Rolls

Join us for our CULTURAL FOOD FAIR
December 12th
5.00—6.30pm @ Specimen Hill
Primary School

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.................
Walking School Bus - LAST ONE!

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

1. At Specimen Hill Road at the school crossing.
2. At the corner of Chum and Maple Street
3. At the Marong Road 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’.

MONEY MATTERS

Money that is returned to the school along with permission forms, or excursion information sheets, must be enclosed in an envelope, zip lock or paper bag with students name & room clearly marked.

If the funds are not identifiable, we are unable to allocate against the correct student name.

Envelopes are then placed in the mailbox at the office. Please assist us in this important matter.

3/4 CAMP 2014

Students in Years 3 and 4 in 2014 will have the opportunity to participate in a 3 day/2night camp to Queenscliff staying at Cottage by The Sea during the first week of April 2014. This is a wonderful camp where students have the opportunity to go rock pooling with knowledgeable guides, visit the Marine Centre to experience marine animals up close, visit the Queenscliff Fort and conclude with a visit to The Fairy Park on their way home. In addition to this students will spend leisure time, enjoying the playground at the camp and playing on the beach, with their friends and teachers. A great time is had by all!

Expression of Interest

Next week, students who will be entering Years 3 and 4 next year, will attend an information session provided by teachers who have previously attended the camp. This session will provide students with an understanding of the activities that they will have the opportunity to participate in, along with details about Cottage by the Sea. This will include information about the meals, sleeping arrangements and the physical set up of the camp.

After the session, students will be given an expression of interest form. We are asking parents to complete the form to indicate whether or not their child will be attending the camp. We ask that a deposit of $50.00 be paid to secure their place on camp.

Prep/1 Manley are running a Christmas Hamper Raffle, full of Christmas treats and treasures to be drawn on the school concert night.

$5 book of tickets are available from the office. Can these please be sold and returned to the office ASAP. If you are a super seller and would like more tickets please see Mrs Manley or ask at the office.

LOST SCHOOL JACKET

MARCUS ROBINSON

Has misplaced his micro-fibre school jacket. Could students please check their jackets to ensure they have the correctly named jacket. Return to the office if found.

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**Ready Awards**

- Keenan S., Sophie E., Haylee J., Zinnia L.

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**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

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**UNIFORM ORDERS**

- Golden Square Swimming Pool Season Tickets Available from the School Office
- Thanks to the strong support of the community, the pool is open for the summer.
- Keep the support going by purchasing your family season ticket for easy admission to enjoy the facilities.
2013 SPECI CONCERT
IS BACK!!
This years theme is
Rock and Roll
Starting at 7:00pm
December 12th
after the food fair.
All grades will be performing,
plus junior and senior choir.

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS
General Meeting
FRI 6th December at 1:30pm
in the Library - All Welcome.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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END OF YEAR OSHC $ ACCOUNTS $

PLEASE ENSURE ALL OUT OF SCHOOL CARE ACCOUNTS ARE FINALISED BY THE 15TH DECEMBER

2014 ENROLMENTS
IF YOU ARE REQUIRING OUT OF SCHOOL CARE FOR 2014 NEW ENROLMENT FORMS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............

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,
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.

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