To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 4 of Term 2.
School Values: excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect.

PREP STUDENTS FOR 2014
We are seeking enrolments from any Pre-school students starting school next year. If you have a family member, a friend or neighbour who is currently attending Kinder can you please remind their parents to visit the school and to collect their enrolment forms from the school office. We are always keen to show prospective parents around the school to highlight the many programs that we have to offer. New families are also encouraged to attend our Open Morning during Education Week (May 19th to 25th). The Open morning for all family and friends is Thursday 23rd May from 9.00 to 11.00am. Further activities for Education Week will be highlighted in next week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The school photos ran very smoothly last Friday. Thank you to the Parents and Friends group- Hayley, Kerrie and Danielle for their coordination on the day. The photos will not be arriving until a couple of week’s time. We will let you know as soon as we know a definite date.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The Parents and Friends are running the Mother’s Day Stall once again this year and we are currently seeking any donations from families. The Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 10th May. A table situated at the front of the office is available for any donations. Your generosity is appreciated. The gifts donated have been wonderful. There are some very thoughtful and generous people in our school community.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION INFORMATION EVENINGS
Transition for Grade 6 students is now getting underway. There is a meeting for all secondary schools (years 7-10) tonight- Wed 8th May. You are encouraged to attend the meeting at the school where your child will be attending in 2014. This is an important meeting as it gives you a ‘snapshot’ of what the school has to offer and expectations for your child’s transition into secondary school.

NAPLAN
Next week the NAPLAN tests will be administered at school. These will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. It is important that children are well rested before these tests with a good night’s sleep. A breakfast program starting at 8.15 to 8.40 for all Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will be held next week on the 3 mornings before the tests. We expect all students to put in their best effort so that they can be proud of their results and achievements.

READING
At school we are continually stressing the importance of regular reading for every child. After reading some recent research from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development it was confirming to read that:

Research indicates that children who read more often do better as they age compared to other children. Children who are read to regularly by their parents have better developmental outcomes regardless of cultural or economic circumstances and also have the benefits of a shared bonding experience with adults.

These are compelling reasons for children and parents to be engaged in regular reading together. Endeavour to make reading a routine and joyous occasion for everyone involved.

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)
**CLASS NEWS**

**SENIOR DEPARTMENT**

Room 11 was buzzing with excitement last Friday as the red carpet was rolled out for the student premier of *Camp Movies*. Some of the movies will be screened at assembly next week but be sure to ask your child for a private viewing at home.

Last term our focus was on being a responsible digital citizen. Our topic this term looks at citizenship in a different way by investigating our influence on the environment and the need to work together as global citizens. Through our unit **Sustainability: Taking care of our earth together**, students will begin to develop their understanding of the concepts of sustainable futures, global footprints and personal and social responsibility.

**HOMEWORK**

In Maths we have been revising addition and subtraction. This week we are also working on 3D shapes. Ask your child to find some in the house. (eg cone-carpot, cylinder-tin of soup, cube-printer, rectangular prism – block of cheese etc) Let us know if you find a pyramid.

Our students need to be doing ‘kilometres of reading’, 20-30 minutes every night. Thank you to the parents who are monitoring this. Mix it up a bit with newspaper articles, weekend sport reports, magazines, the school newsletter, recipes, instruction manuals, picture books as well as their current novel. Keep showing an interest in what your child is reading by talking about it with them.

**REMINDER:** Year 6 (Year 7 2014) information session at your local secondary school - Wednesday 8th - 7.00pm

Scott, Matt and Anne

**MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT**

Thank you to parents for ensuring their children are coming to school with healthy and nutritious lunches each day. As we are coming up to NAPLAN in week five of this term, can parents please continue to monitor this. It is also extremely important that students are having a restful sleep each night before coming to school. Likewise, students need to be eating a healthy and substantial breakfast to ensure their brains are fed and ready to be active during all learning situations.

Currently, our students are learning about Australian history as part of their Integrated Studies topic. If parents have any historical artefacts they are happy for their children to bring along and share with the class, that would be fantastic. In particular we are looking at the historical impact Indigenous Australians have played in our history, the First Fleet and also the Gold Rush.

Can parents please continue to supervise their children read each night. Students should be reading 'just right' books for at least 15 minutes each school night.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

3/4 Department
Leah, Hayden, Rebecca & Adam

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**JUNIOR CLASS**

**LITERACY**

We have been having some fun times with the Theme of Pirates. Some very expressive writing has been produced. The students loved listening to the stories especially about Captain Pugwash. We even had some pirate jokes.

What is the pirates favourite subject at school? (Arrrrrrt)
Why are pirates called pirates? (They just arrrrrrgh! )
What are pirates afraid of? (The Darrrrrrrk!)
Why couldn’t the pirate play cards? (Because he was standing on the deck!)

**MATHS**

Our focus this week has been on Division and Area. It was great the way the students divided the Chocolate Block into equal parts to share with their friends at the Pirate Party and the creative ways they designed the Pirate lollie bags.

**INTEGRATED STUDIES**

‘Looking Back in Time’ - This week we are looking at ‘Transport in the Past’. If anyone has anything of interest to show the students on this topic could you please bring them along to school.

**REMINDERS:**

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

**HOME SCHOOL JOURNALS** - return to school with a parent comment as soon as possible. Many students already have brought them back. Thanks to parents for their positive, encouraging comments.

**NUDE FOOD DAY** - every Thursday.

**HOME READING** - regularly each night.

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES** - Monday 2.45 pm.

Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim.

**PREPS**

This week in the Prep area we have been focusing on the letter ‘Oo’ and the words ‘go’ and ‘on’. Children should also be reading through their key ring journals to school for the term 2 work to be added, can you please do this ASAP.

We are also noticing that some students are not bringing brain food or water bottles each day for helping feed their brains for wonderful learning. Can parents please check when packing the wonderful nude food lunches and make sure that a piece of fruit/vegie is in for brainfood. Prep Lavell will now be having their ‘Share in the Chair’ on Thursday, so please pack something special for your child to share on Thursday rather than Friday.

Natalie, Di and Kim
STARS OF THE WEEK
Room 1  Andy P
Room 2  Aisha M
Room 3  Regan W
Room 4  Zinnia L
Room 5  Haile M
Room 6  Braedon W
Room 7  Tiah M
Room 8  Ella T
Room 9  Mitchell R
Room 10  Michael B
Room 11  Zara W
Art Award  Ben B & Jacob C
P.E. Award  Will J
Class of the Week  5/6 R
Nude Food  3/4 Eastley

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
THIS FRIDAY 10th MAY

Gifts priced from $1.00 to $5.00

Raffle tickets available - 50c each at the stall.

THANK YOU for the many wonderful gift donations that have already been dropped off at the office.

AFTERNOON TEA
17th May at 2.30 pm in the Staffroom.
All Welcome.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM
EVERY WEDNESDAY
All children are welcome from 8:15am

FOUND
A vintage ring has been handed in at the office. A full description will be required upon pick up.

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.

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 May and Friday 1st of 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.
NAPLAN

Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. All students have been well prepared for these tests by classroom teachers. We are asking, if your child is sitting the tests, to take the time to discuss the tests with them and reassure them if they are feeling anxious. Students can only do their best on the day and that is all we should expect of them on the day as teachers and parents.

You can assist us to make sure students do their best in the following ways;

Ensure students are well rested
The school is providing breakfast for students in the senior classrooms to ensure that everyone has had their breakfast and are physically prepared to do their best. (Refer to Di Craig’s section in the newsletter)

Please make sure students arrive at school on time and in a calm state ready to do their best.

If your child is ill on any of these days, please keep them at home. There is some provision for them to complete the test at a later date and we would much prefer this, rather than students who are not well sitting the tests.

Any questions or queries please see your child’s teacher or myself.

Wendy Jackson, School Improvement Officer

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’.

RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA

Run Around Australia is part of our “Let’s Live Better” initiative, an inspiring program which aims to help communities adopt healthier and happier lifestyles. Run Around Australia encourages local schools - supported by friends, family and the local community - to compete in an online ‘race’ around the country for the chance to win prizes. The school that travels the furthest wins!

How to Get Involved
Shop at Bendigo Marketplace between Monday 15th April and Sunday 26th May and present your receipts to the Customer Service Desk or Centre Management. Every dollar you spend goes towards kilometres for your school. Just for playing you could be a winner too, with a $1000 Gift Card up for grabs. All you need to do is register your details and nominate your school.

Prizes
What your school can win
1st Prize - $10,000
2nd Prize - $3,000
3rd Prize - $2,000

Check out which local school is leading the Run Around Australia on the interactive map.

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.
PREPOSITION POEMS by 5/6R

**NETBALL**
Over the tall goal defence’s head
Into my waiting arms
Until I get ready to shoot
Up the ball flies
Through the goal ring it goes
SCORE I got a goal!
(by Grace)

**THE STORM**
Along the rail is a storm
Through the storm it will be dark
Before you get out of the storm
Into the light you will have to get
Off the rail
Into your house
(by Logan)

**SCHOOL**
Through the gates
Round the corner
Up the ramp
Through the door
I’m at class
(by Kayne)

**GOING HOME**
Towards the gate
Aboard the plane,
Down the aisle
Beneath the rows of carry on luggage
Above the clouds
In the turbulence
Among the trees
Within the airport
After my family is in the car
Behind the wheel is Dad
Next thing we know
We’re home
(by Stephanie)

**THE BURROW**
Into the bush
Past the old wattle tree
Across the little river
Over the boulders
Beyond the hill
In the burrow
An echindna!
(by Edward)

**CLASSROOM**
Through the carpark
Past the office
Across the eating area
Up the concrete stairs
Take a right
Into the classroom!
(by Zac)

Through the air goes the ball
Over everyone’s head
In my hands
Up in the air the ball goes
Towards the netball ring
Through the netball ring
Goal!
(by Chelsea)

**PLAYING WITH MY DOG**
In the lounge
On the floor
Beside the couch
Toward him I crept
Across the cold, hard floor
Onto the carpet
Until he jumped up
Out of his bed, My Dog
Across the floor
I ran chasing him happily.
(by Ruby)

**THE LOST IPAD**
Down the hill
Through the door
In the room
On the bed
Under the pillow
Ah. Ipad!
(by Kaylem)
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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Important Dates to remember for School:

- Thursday 23rd May - Open Day & School Tours 9.00 - 11.15 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

**GOLDEN SQUARE POOL INC**

**OUR FIRST MASSIVE EVENT - GARAGE SALE**

Come to our MASSIVE COMMUNITY EVENT, AT the GATES of the POOL, where YOU can sell YOUR unwanted goods! Buy a ‘site’ for $15.00! Contact us to buy a site, by getting in touch with us BY FACEBOOK, PHONE, EMAIL

**WORKING BEE** - Come and lend a hand by mowing the lawns, trimming the trees and completing general maintenance around the pool. We’d love to see you there - so why don’t you offer a hand

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE** - Eat a yummy sausage in bread while buying a bargain in our sale and lending a hand at the working bee! Drinks also available

**SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2013 - POOL CARPARK 8 AM - 2 PM**

Contact us - c/-18 Kirby Street, Golden Square phone 54635123 goldensquarepool@hotmail.com

**NEXT PUBLIC MEETING**

MONDAY 13th MAY @ 7.00 PM
GOLDENS SQUARE FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS

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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

It is expected that all players attend training sessions, unless prior written notice has been handed to the Coach or the Netball Coordinator

**Draw, Court and Times - Saturday 11th May**

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

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