To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 9 of Term 2.

**School Values:** excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect. During the Speci Wellbeing sessions at school the children are working on analysing the school values in greater detail. The students will be presenting these in a manner of their choice to be presented to the students in the class. Some may be presented at Assembly also.

**Student Reports**
Student reports will be going home during week 2 of term 3 this year. This is to enable more teaching and learning time before students are assessed and their progress reported on. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in week 3 of Term 3.

**School sores**
We are seeing an outburst of school sores across the school. These are highly contagious and a visit to the doctor is necessary for appropriate treatment. Students can not return to school until the sores are treated appropriately and they must be covered. If you are unsure please give me a call at school.

**School Uniform**
All students must be wearing the appropriate school uniform. Coloured sneakers eg bright pink shoes are not approved shoes. Children can wear brown or black shoes or runners. When you are purchasing new shoes for your child please make sure that they are appropriate for school. Dangly ear-rings and nail-polish are weekend treats but are not allowed at school. We are seeking your support in following through with this. If any students have outgrown some items of their school uniform and they are in good condition, can they please be brought along to school for our Pre-loved school supply. We are in need of size 8 to 10 uniform items in particular. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Men and Kids Night**
Next Wednesday night starting at 6pm we will be holding our Men and Kids night at school. We are asking students to invite their dad, step dad, grandpa or a significant male friend to come along on the night for an evening of fun and interaction. Pizzas will be supplied as a treat for everyone.

**China Visit**
I enjoyed a wonderful trip to Shanghai and Suzhou in China last week. It was late spring in China so the weather was in the mid 20s although very humid. The team of Principal’s (11 in total) was kept extremely busy visiting schools from the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) region and discussing with our Chinese counterparts about a planned visit by Bendigo students in 2014. On my visit to Sing Hai school I was met at the gate with a big hug from Lilis one of the Chinese students who spent 8 weeks at Speci last year. I also caught up with Tom, Mike, Marilyn and Esse and they all spoke about how much they had missed Bendigo and Specimen Hill. The children were very happy back home with their families but Speci and the wonderful Speci homestay families obviously had a huge impact on the Chinese students.

On the final Assembly for the term- Monday 24th June I will be presenting some photos and a quick report on my trip to China. The Assembly will start at 2.30 to enable extra time. 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)
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

CLASS NEWS

SENIOR DEPARTMENT
Dear Parents,

Last week Grade 6 students had their second transition session with Kylie Freer, the transition project manager with the Crusoe Cluster. This session was on managing and organising themselves to be successful learners. While the Year 6 took part in the transition session, the Year 5 began a program to work on their leadership skills.

The students are busy with their individual projects focusing on making a difference to the environment. Remember to ask your child about what they have chosen to do.

For the next few weeks fractions will be a focus in Maths but please continue to work on your child’s fluency with number facts along with nightly reading and spelling homework.

Reminder: Water safety is an important life skill and part of our PE curriculum and our swimming program begins next week. We notice a number of Year 5/6 students don’t seem to feel the cold and are not wearing jumpers but please make sure your child has a jumper to put on after their swimming session.

Thank you
Matt, Scott and Anne

MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT
Our students are currently completing Poster Presentations surrounding the topic of ‘My Place’. This topic looks at the changes our natural surroundings have endured over the past 225 years.

As we are now into the colder months, can parents please ensure their children have clean warm uniforms to wear each school day. The office has plenty of new and used uniforms that can be purchased by parents wishing to do so. Any students out of uniform will need to go to the office where they will be given a uniform to wear for the day.

Our school’s annual Swimming Program begins next week. The program will run on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. If there are any families yet to pay, can you please pay at the office as soon as possible. The Swimming Program is a school curriculum requirement that all students must participate in. Any students that cannot go due to health issues must have a note written by their parents and given to their classroom teacher prior to the program commencing.

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. By doing this at least five nights a week, it has been proven that students increase and consolidate their reading skills.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
3/4 Department

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

SWIMMING - The swimming program will begin next Monday 17th June. Yippee! Swimming days will be Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th

As this year’s Swimming Program is occurring during the colder season, we ask that students wear track pants and jumpers to and from the pool. Also make sure that you pack plenty of food on these days as the students get very hungry after using lots of energy at the pool.

INTEGRATED STUDIES - Dinosaurs are our major theme for the next five weeks. This week we have been constructing Dinosaur Dioramas and making paper Mache dinosaur eggs.

LITERACY - This week in reading and writing we have been learning to skim and scan the text to find out quickly what it may be about and to find specific information.

MATHS
Our focus this week has been on Fractions and Shapes.

TISSUES - Thanks to the many families who have already sent along a box of tissues to be used by the class. It would be great if all families could please send a box along to school.

REMINDERS:

SWIMMING: permission notes to be returned to school.

SPELLING BOOKS- back to school each week.

NUDE FOOD DAY- every Thursday.

HOME READING- regularly each night.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES- Monday 2.45 pm.

Until next week.
Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim.
1 /2 Teachers.

PREPS
This week in the Prep room we are studying the word ‘am’ and the letter ‘Gg’. Please search for these in your daily readers and life, as the children enjoy finding them. Swimming begins next week, can you make sure your child goes to bed early each night, has a full water bottle for the classroom and has plenty of food in their lunch boxes as they will be tired, thirsty and hungry during the program.

Make sure your child is able to change themselves and participates in packing their swimming bags so they know what they have including a plastic bag for wet towels and togs (with everything named!).

Thank you for your ongoing support,
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Natalie, Di and Kim
As part of Numeracy Week in Term 3, Year 1/2 T will be coordinating a 5 cent fundraiser. Each classroom is challenged to collect the most 5 cent coins between now and the beginning of Numeracy Week which will run from July 25th until August 4th. Students are encouraged to bring in as many 5 cent pieces as they can and place them in their classroom’s individual collection tin. There will be Level competitions between each of the 5/6, 3/4, 1/2 and Prep classes early in Term 3. As well as an award for the class with the largest tally of 5 cent pieces. All proceeds will be used to help with our students further learning.

Aaron Taylor

**PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS**

**An Afternoon Tea will be held in the Staff Room this Friday 14th June at 2.30 pm - All Welcome**

Parents and Friends Meeting - Friday 21st June at 2.15 pm.

**Magnetic Pocket holders are available from the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays - $5.00 each - great for storing Newsletters, school information etc.**

**MISSING SCHOOL BAG**

Zinnia L has lost her school bag. If you have found it, could you please hand it in to the office. It was last seen in the vicinity of the Library.

**PINAFORES**

Price - $52.00 each (GST inclusive)

For those who were interested, the school pinafores **HAVE ARRIVED.** They can be purchased from the office.

**FOUND**

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

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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.

Please 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. Not through the sliding front door of the school.

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.

Thursday 13th June Popcorn Group Games

Friday 14th June Chips Quiet Play

Monday 17th June Milo and Biscuits Group Games

Tuesday 18th June Fruit Music

Wednesday 19th June Nachos Group Games

**5 CENT FUNDRAISER**

Some of the activities we have taken part in over the last fortnight include finger painting, paper plate craft and construction. We were lucky enough to have an ex - student visit us and play her violin for us! The children loved this and most of them thought they would like to learn to play when they were older. We have 5 mini Ipad that have been purchased for After School Care and the children are enjoying some quiet time using them. They will continue to be developed and loaded with educational games and experiences over the coming weeks. The children have enjoyed running laps of the oval and trying to beat their personal best over 10 minutes. So far Trey has run the most with 10 laps, but many children are enjoying watching their fitness levels increase and being able to increase the amount they can do each night. Please continue to pack an extra healthy snack in your child’s lunchbox as the cold weather often means they are still hungry after the snack provided by us. If you have any queries or concerns about the program please feel free to speak to one of the staff.

**OUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE IN THE VERY BEST OF HANDS……………**
Walking School Bus - THURSDAYS

BE COOL WALK TO SCHOOL

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’.

School Holidays are almost here!

YMCA is taking bookings for the up and coming July School Holiday Programs as of Monday 3rd June. Get in quick so you don’t miss out!

Our program is available the following ways, on our website www.bendigo.ymca.org.au, call into one of our venues to pick up a copy or simply phone our friendly staff on 54458300 at YMCA House for a copy to be emailed or sent out to you.

Programs run from Eaglehawk, Kangaroo Flat, Mundy Street and Castlemaine

Call us now on 54458300 to make a booking

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

THE SPECI READING CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!!

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.

SWIMMING 2013

Payment is now overdue - please remit to office as soon as possible

The program begins NEXT 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 is $57 per student.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

All children are welcome from 8:15am
Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
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MENS AND KIDS NIGHT

When:  Wednesday 19th June 2013
Where:  Multi Purpose Room
Time:  6.00 sharp - 7.30 (Please note change of time)

Games and activities, Pizza supplied.

There will be a GUEST SPEAKER on the night.

SCHOOL SORES (Impetigo)

There have been a couple of reports of school sores in the middle to senior classes. Please be aware of any unusual sores or pimples that may appear on your child. Antibiotic treatment should be commenced in the case of school sores. Any sores on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.

Earn & Learn 2013

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school.

We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Bendigo Family Nature Club

Sunday 16 June 2013 10am - 12pm  Free event for kids & their big people

Bush Picnic
cooked damper & billy tea, bring your bike
**NETBALL**

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**Draw, Court and Times - Saturday 15th June**

13/Under
Specimen Hill Gold v Eaglehawk North Blue
Court 8 -11.00 am

11/Under
St Monica’s Yellow v Specimen Hill
Court 8 - 9.00 am

Grade 3 Clinic
Specimen Hill v Golden Square Blue
Court 12 - 12.00

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

All these students need to return overdue books as soon as possible or incur a fine for lost books. **Bookclub Orders** due next Wednesday. **NO** late orders accepted.

Keidon B  Breanna R  Bella L  Rickilee C  Sophie D  Jake N  Aaron F  Caleb W
Alicia B  Brodie A  Hayley H  Lane F  Sienna F  Audrey S  Akaisha A  Sebastian C
Levi G  Lindsay A  Haylee J  Connor G  Kynan H  Sharni W  Jordan A  Jayden B
Bailey H  Leah P  Ryan T  Savanna S  Xavier L  Riley M  Bronte B  Corey B
Charnize M  Deakon R  Zinnia L  Xavier T  Cohan M  Luke F  Ryan M  Michael E
Kasey M  Jamison F  Skye L  Isabelle M  Braedon W  Hannah E  Amali P  Tiarni B
Mackenzie P  Will J  Lachie N  Corey M  Riley H  Charlotte K  Gemma P  Ella V
Anderson P  Ashton M  Blake C  Baylee F  Charli S  Sophie W  Sophie E  Logan K
Dallan W

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

**PLEASE NOTE:**

There will be no canteen on Mondays for the rest of the term due to the swimming program.
Also there will be no canteen on the last Friday of term.

FRIDAY 7th JUNE
Karen
Kim T
Linda Lee

There will be a sausage sizzle on the last canteen of term - 21 June. Forms will be sent home next week.

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**GOLDEN SQUARE POOL INC**

We have raised over $8000 in a short period of time towards our fundraising target of $60,000. You can support the Golden Square Pool, by pledging to our POZIBLE pledge site. View a promotional video and read about our visions at www.pozible.com/goldensquarepool Our fundraising committee is organising many fundraising activities to raise the money required to repair the Golden Square pool and its facilities to reopen this December for the community. These include a trivia day on 7th July at the Golden Vine, BBQ’s, Shopping tours and more. The operations committee has also organised training of two Pool Operators, and many volunteer Lifeguards in time for the season. Please contact us if you are interested participating in our lifeguard training course. The maintenance committee is busy organising working bees and maintaining the grounds, and have also begun repairs on a number of items including the existing seized pump and the lawn mower. Donations can also be made via www.givenow.com.au/goldensquarepool

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**GOLDEN SQUARE POOL TRIVIA ARVO**

FUNDRAISING EVENT @ The Golden Vine Hotel cnr of King & Myrtle St.
Sunday July 7th @ 2pm
$10 Per Person & Kids Free with max of 8 per table

Contact The Vine on (03) 5445 6565 to book your table

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**NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION**

are available from our website:
www.shps1316.vic.edu.au

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