Dear students, families and friends,
Welcome to week 10 of term 4.
The countdown is certainly on.

Food Fair and School Concert
The Food Fair and concert will be held tomorrow - Thursday 12th of December.
The Food Fair will start at 5.00 till 6.30. If you are available to give some time to help set up the tables etc or to serve on the night can you please contact Kaye or Wendy in the office. Following the Food Fair the concert will start at 7.00 till 8.00. Please invite family and friends to come along to enjoy the evening. Students can sit with and be closely monitored by their parents but they will need to come up to the stage promptly when called. All students will remain in the basketball court area for the duration of the concert.

Speci Pool Party
The Pool Party will be held on Wednesday 18th December. All students will be bussed to the pool. This is a celebration of a wonderful year of fun, friendship and learning. There is no cost to students. The Junior students session will be 11.00 to 1.00. The seniors will go from 12.00 to 2.00 All children will require a towel, their bathers, school-hat, sunscreen and a suitable bag to carry items in. All clothing should be named.

2014 - Next year there will be 13 classrooms once again. These will be as follows:
Prep, Prep, Prep/1, 3X 1/2s, 2/3, 2X 3/4s, 4/5, 3X 5/6
Class groupings of students are currently being finalised along with teachers for each class.

Thankyou:
A special thankyou to the many wonderful people who offer their time to complete jobs around our school. These jobs include things like whipper snipping and mowing. These people complete these tasks without prompting because they have a key interest in keeping our school looking and being the best it can. The people involved in this include students, parents, grandparents and family friends. Thank you to all of these people and the wonderful contribution you make to our school community.

Reminders:
Monday 16th Dec
Parent Helpers Morning Tea 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. 6:00PM Sharp please.

Wednesday 18th December
Student reports will go home.

Thursday 19th Dec
Transition Morning to meet 2014 class and teacher. Class lists go home. 9.00- 9.45. Final Assembly for certificates and farewells.

Friday 20th Dec
Final school day for the year. The school will dismiss at 1.45pm. Please book for After School care if required.

Wednesday 29th of January is the first day back to school for students in grades 1 to 6 for 2014. Preps will receive an interview date in the mail during next week.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Di Craig - Principal

SPECI CONCERT
This years theme is
Rock and Roll
Starting at 7:00pm
December 12th
after the food fair
Commencing
7:00pm
CLASS NEWS

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Graduation is NEXT WEEK !
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.
Final payments should be made - $29 PER PERSON

What an exciting time of year!
We hope to see you at tomorrow night’s food fair and concert. The students have been working on fine tuning their performance and the music chosen for the night will take you on a trip down memory lane. Please check with your child’s class teacher to see what assistance is needed on the night.
Next Tuesday is the long awaited Year 6 graduation night.
6.00 pm sharp at the Foundry Hotel so a group photo can be taken before the meal.
Neat casual dress code – please contact us with any concerns.

Food Fair Class Activity:
Grade P/1 Manley: Sausage Sizzle.
Grade 1/2 Taylor: Fairy Floss.
Grade 1/2 Mullen: Spiders.santa
(All 1/2 M. Students to bring a bottle of soft drink please.)
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
A BIG thanks to the families who have supported this program every week. Thursdays is when the big count happens.
Until next week.
Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim.
1/2 Teachers.

PREPS
We are very busy this week practising for our concert this Thursday. We are all very excited about the evening. We hope to see every student there and all students need to wear their school uniform. This week we are revising all of the words and blends that we have covered this year. Keep discussing these at home. Next week we will be collecting the keychain words from your child, as these will be used next year with our new preps. Please ensure that your child brings their reading bag each day next week so we can detach the key chains.
There are still some students who have not returned their communication journals. These are to be sent home next week with your child’s final work from Prep. It would be a shame to miss out. Please return ASAP.
Natalie, Di and Kim.

MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT
The end of the year is coming by very quickly! Students have been working on author's study projects and have been completing lots of maths challenges.
Well done to the students that competed in the Milo Cricket Carnival last Friday. All students participated enthusiastically and we were lucky enough to come home with some great results!
Students are reminded to dress in their school uniform for the concert tomorrow night. They also need to add on their Rock and Roll item:
3/4E and 3/4B girls - Rock and Roll skirts
3/4E and 3/4B boys - leather or denim jacket and black sunglasses.
3/4P - Tie or jacket
3/4T - Sunglasses or jacket

Please remind students to return all library books before the holidays and all classroom library books that they have been reading at home.
Leah, Hayden, Adam and Rebecca

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT
INTEGRATED STUDIES-
"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS"
Food Fair and School Concert- THIS THURSDAY!
Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help on the night by preparing, serving or selling food. The students are also very excited about their act at the concert. Wear your dancing shoes as you might like to dance along with the students.

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WEDNESDAY 18TH DEC
DON’T FORGET YOUR TOGS!!
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 and Party Pies

2013 SPECI CONCERT

This years theme is

Rock and Roll

Starting at 7:00pm
December 12th
after the food fair.

Commencing 7:00pm
All grades will be performing,
plus junior and senior choir.

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

Christmas

FOOD HAMPERS

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

MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES WHO HAVE MADE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FOOD FAIR.

Thank you to the families of the school community who have also made generous donations towards some of the food stall items. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN IS CLOSED FOR THE YEAR

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
3/4 Camp 2014

Students in Years 3 and 4 in 2014 will have the opportunity to participate in a 3 day/2 night 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 playgrounds 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.

CHINESE HOME STAY
BENDIGO SENIOR STUDENTS

Bendigo Senior Secondary College are currently looking for Expressions of Interest from families in the Bendigo area to host international students as part of their International Program. Students in this program are usually 16-18 years of age and come to us from other countries (with most coming from China) to complete our English Language Centre course and their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). Students are usually with us for 2 ½ to 3 years and may stay with one or more different families across this time. Each student needs to be placed with a caring homestay who will look after them as a member of the family. The homestay experience not only benefits international students in gaining an understanding of Australian life and improving their English, it also provides an opportunity for the homestay family members lives to be enriched by learning about another culture. If the family have children who are learning an Asian language such as Chinese, it can also be a great opportunity for the children to progress their intercultural understanding and language skills.

To become an eligible homestay family, you will need to be able to:

· help the student integrate themselves into Australian life
· provide a bedroom for each student (with a desk, bed etc.)
· provide three meals a day plus snacks
· have a current Working with Children Check for all family members 18 or older (or be eligible to apply)

Each homestay family will receive a financial payment per student per week to assist with any associated costs.

For further information regarding the BSSC Homestay Program please contact Christina Xie (BSSC Homestay Coordinator) on:
B: 5443 1222 / M: 0429 524 075 /
Email: xie.christina@bssc.edu.au or Linda Lyons (BSSC Assistant Principal) llyons.linda@bssc.edu.au

Q: What did Santa say when he read the reindeer’s report cards???
A: “Rudolph, you’ve gone down in history!”

MISSING

CALL Fiona: 0437 074 061
ANY TIME

Skye is originally from Tasmania, but is lost after only 3 days in the Kangaroo Flat/ Bendigo area, she was being cared for while her owner is abroad.

Q: What did Santa say when he read the reindeer’s report cards???
A: “Rudolph, you’ve gone down in history!”

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

Our children’s future in the very best of hands………………
A great day for cricket....

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

STARS OF THE WEEK 9/12/13
Room 1  TAHLIA K.
Room 2  KAI DEN T.
Room 3  SHAKYHLA R
Room 4  TARRAS P.
Room 5  LIAM B.
Room 6  
Room 7  AUDREY S.
Room 8  TAYLA H.
Room 9  SEAN B.
Room 10  DYL AN M.
Room 11  SOPHIE J.
Room 12  KAYNE B.
Room 13  BAILEY B.
Nude Food “Consistently Awesome” P/1 MANLEY 3/4 EASTLEY

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS
ROOM 1  LILLYBELLE B.
ALICIA B.
MAGGIE F.
TYLER S.
DALLAN W.
CALEB W.
ROOM 2  AMY E.
LOGAN K
RYAN M
AMALI P
GEMMA P.
BREANNA R.
TREI S.
ROOM 3  BRODIE A.
TREY D.
LOGAN D.
JAMISON F.
WILL J.
ASHTON MC
TIFFINY P.
SHAKYHA R
ROOM 4  MIKAI C.
SOPHIE E.
HANNAH E.
HAYLEY H.
RYAN T.
LACHIE N.
TARRAS P.
ROOM 5  BLAKE D.
LANE F.
CONNOR G.
COREY M.
KIRTHS C.
BAYLEE F.
TIANA PC
XAVIER T.
ISABELLE M.
COREY M.
BAYLEE F.
SOPHIE W.
ROOM 6  AKAISHA A.
JORDAN A.
KYNAN H.
COHAN M.
RILEY H.
LUKE J.
ROOM 7  TIAH M.
THOMAS R
SHARNI W.
KOBE R.
BAILEY C.
TRASIAH C.
JAKE N.
KOBE R.
BROADI T.
ROOM 8  JASMIN B.
ZACH C
JACOB C.
AARON F.
PAIGE G.
CALEB W.
DARCY R.
TAYLA H.
SHAYLA T.
BAILIN M.
GEORGIA W.
ROOM 9  ABBEY E.
KIRA H.
SHAKIRA N.
BRYLIE C.
ROOM 10  HAYLEY C.
CODY N.
HOPE L.
KAITLYN W
ROOM 11  ANTON P.
ISOBEL MC
MAXINE C.
BREANNA M.
WILLIAM M.
ROOM 12  KAIISHA B.
EH KLU
SHANIA B.
JESSICA S.
JACOBIE R.
KAYLEM T.
JENNAH-LI
DECODA W.
JASMIN A.
LOGAN B.
KIET C.
MARLI F.
CHYAN W.

If your child has good uniform they have grown out of, we would certainly appreciate items being washed and handed in for recycling in our second-hand uniform cupboard.

2014 UNIFORM ORDERS
UNIFORM ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE PURCHASE OR CAN BE ORDERED FOR NEXT YEAR. YOU CAN DECIDE TO COLLECT BEFORE THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR OR AT THE BEGINNING OF 2014.
PAYMENT ON COLLECTION PLEASE SEE WENDY OR KAYE IN THE OFFICE.

School Bags $28.00

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.

THE LIBRARY IS NOW CLOSED FOR 2013
Borrowing will begin again next year. All school books need to be returned immediately. The students listed here have overdue books which must be returned.
There is a fee for LOST BOOKS = $10

Please Return
Have You Returned Your Library Books?

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

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### CASUAL DRESS DAY FRIDAY 13TH DEC

Gold Coin Donation please. Money raised will go to the school well-being program. Students still need to be dressed in appropriate Sun Smart clothing.

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### GRADE 3 NETBALL BREAK UP

Grade 3 Netball Break up will be held on Friday 13th December

**Dragon City Lanes**

Ten Pin Bowling 4:30pm

On behalf of the Grade Three Netballers, we would like to thank **Liz Warne** for coaching during the Twilight Competition.

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**Q:** Who is the most famous of Santa’s helpers?

**A:** Elfvis.
Join us for our CULTURAL FOOD FAIR

THURSDAY

5.00—6.30pm @ Specimen Hill
Primary School

CASUAL DRESS DAY

FRIDAY 13TH DEC

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