Dear students, families and friends,
Welcome to week 6 of term 4.

Cyber bullying Information session
Last Thursday we invited Tracey, who is a Victorian Detective, to come to speak to the Grade 5/6 students and to the parents about cyber bullying. Tracey spoke with firsthand knowledge and experience in relation to inappropriate sites that children and adults access and about inappropriate internet behaviour and the consequences. The presentation was excellent with a clear and informative message. Unfortunately at the evening session we had very few parents attend. This is very disappointing and of concern, as all parents need to be aware of the digital world that their children will have access to. The more aware and educated we are as parents the more we are able to put boundaries in place at home to protect our children. We do intend to invite Tracey back to school next year as her message was so pertinent and crucial for all parents and students.

Students leaving at the end of the year.
If you know that your child/children will not be attending Specimen Hill in 2014 can you please let me know as soon as possible. We are looking at classes and student numbers for next year and exact numbers for classes is necessary.

In the Speci Hill Wellbeing program all children are taught to ‘Name It’ to another person if they feel uncomfortable with the other person’s behaviour towards them. If it is too difficult to name it in the situation the child needs to name the behaviour to an adult. If it is named to a staff member the staff member is expected to follow up on what has happened. If the child names it to a parent we expect the parent to come to see the classroom teacher or Corey, Bernadette or myself to follow up. If we know about the behaviour we can deal with it so it is important for children to share their concerns with someone. Can you please encourage your child to share with you or a school staff member if they are concerned about something.

Senior gymnastics program
This week the senior school will be heading off for the start of their gymnastics program. To avoid missing out can payment of costs be paid to the office as soon as possible please.

Speci Reading Challenge
On Friday Mrs Pelly will be celebrating with all students who participated in the Speci Reading Challenge. This will be a celebration for outstanding reading achievements and a commitment to regularly reading and an acknowledgement of reading enjoyment. For those involved - a great effort. Thank you to Mrs Pelly for her coordination of the program. Students names will be in the Bendigo Advertiser next week.

Remembrance Day
On Monday our two school leaders, Grace W. & Josh W. attended the Kangaroo Flat Remembrance Day ceremony, laying a wreath on the cenotaph. A short remembrance reminder was shared across the whole school community at 11:00am, read by Mitchell R.

Pupil Free day
A reminder that Monday 25th November is a pupil free day. The Out of Hours School Care will be operating on the day (8.00 to 6.00pm) but bookings are essential to Leah or Karen.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Di Craig
(Principal)
Senior Department
Dear Parents,

We are half way through the term and it is a busy time with Milo T20 cricket finishing and the gym program starting. Students need to be bringing their drink bottles each day (with water please).

Last Thursday the Year 5/6 students had a safety online session with Tracey Porter. She really stressed with students not to add photos of themselves to their sites but use avatars instead. This is a message we have been reinforcing with students all year, however a number think this doesn’t apply at home. Please check with your child they are following this online safety measure.

The parents who attended the evening session all feel a little better equipped to deal with the important issue of online safety. Tracey highlighted a number of apps which are dangerous for teenagers and should ring alarm bells if your child has them. These apps are Kik/Vine/Omegle/Tumblr. For further information visit her website www.studentonlinesafety.com.au

Remember if your child has any concerns about transitioning on to secondary school follow up with his/her teacher so we can put their minds at ease.

Reminders:
Thursday is nude food day. No wrappers please.
Homework – nightly reading, number fact revision and spelling.
GRADE 6 - CLASS OF 2014 POLO ORDERS RETURNED PLEASE
Thanks
Matt, Scott and Anne

Middle Years Department
The next few weeks will be a busy and exciting time for the Grade 3/4 department. We began our first gym session today. It is great to see most students attending this with enthusiasm and showing exemplary behaviour.

Our major excursion to Werribee Zoo takes place next Tuesday. We are currently confirming final numbers and will hand out a note outlining the finer details of the day, later in the week.

Congratulations to April S, Lachlan M and Tiarni B from our department who have been selected to visit China in 2014. We wish them the best of luck and know that they will represent our school well.

This year’s end of year Food Fair and Concert will take place on Thursday the 12th of December. The theme for this year’s concert is “Rock n Roll”. Students can begin collecting items such as black sunglasses, leather jackets and flannelette tops. As we get closer to the date, we will let students know exactly what item they will need for their part of the performance.

As usual, students are reminded to read for at least 20 minutes each night. They all have reading goals which they can work towards at home. They also need to make sure that their weekly spelling words are completed.

Leah, Hayden, Rebecca and Adam

Junior Department
“Celebrations”
With this week being the end of our engaging ‘Under the Sea unit’ which included the wonderful Aquarium excursion, we begin our study of world celebrations. With the much anticipated Christmas approaching rapidly, we will be researching and learning about the many celebrations that happen around the world in all cultures. This will be a fascinating conclusion to our year.

Communication journals:
A few of these have still not been returned. Please return these ASAP. These journals are a beautiful keepsake for you and your child into the future. It would be very disappointing to not have a completed journal to take home on the last day of the school year.

Food Fair and School Concert
All classrooms are now preparing for the biggest event of our school year “The Food Fair and Concert” please offer to help your classroom teacher as it would be much appreciated. If all families offer to assist in a small role either with planning, preparation or on the night with some time spent in a stall, the night will continue to be a great success as in the past.

NUDE FOOD DAY THURSDAY - every week.
Have you considered making a nude food lunch for your child every day? By buying in bulk and giving a small portion in a container/ziplock bag each day rather than pre-packaged expensive snacks you will save $$ in your household budget, whilst providing your child with a healthier lunch.

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

Preps
The children made such beautiful masks last week to celebrate our Under the Sea theme. They will bring these home sometime this week to share with you. This week we are focusing on the word ‘they’, the blend ‘tr’ and ‘in’ words. Please discuss these with your child. Please continue to monitor your child practising their handwriting in lowercase letters. We are currently assessing children and would like to see improvements in this area. Let’s try to match Prep/One Manley’s Nude Food record of ZERO! Please try to take an active role in this as our students get very excited each Thursday when we check lunch boxes.

Natalie, Di and Kim

Toy & Book Sale
Tues 19th & Wed 20th Nov

Time: Before & After school, lunchtime
Where: Under the shade sails
Prices: No more than $5.00

Wanted
We would like donations of used toys or books in very good, clean condition or new toys or books valued at no more than $5.00. If each family could donate just one toy and/or a book it would be wonderful.

Donations can be left at the Office or Room 6

Thanks from Mrs Bergin, Ms Ball and Room 6 class.
STARS OF THE WEEK

Room 1  Alicia B.
Room 2  Caleb J.
Room 3  Riley Mc
Room 4  Ella V.
Room 5  Baylee F.
Room 6
Room 7
Room 8  Bailey C.
Room 9  Kaylem PC
Room 10  Lachlan M
Room 11  Paige A.
Room 12  Kaisha B.
Room 13  Tanneika M.

Nude Food  Prep 1M  Most Improved: Prep P

OSHC  Liam T.
Reading  Laine F.  Corey M.  Sophie W.  Liam B.

LUNCH WALLETS $7

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 and 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  TBA
Room 10  Nachos
Room 11  Kebabs
Room 12  Lolly Bags
Room 13  Drinks
Other stalls: Hot Dogs & Mini spring rolls
Sausage Rolls and Party Pies
School Council  Tacos

READING CHALLENGE
The Reading Challenge Celebration will take place THIS Friday - 15th Nov.
If all families could bring a plate of food to share (to be left in their classroom until Friday afternoon) that would be great.
Certificates will be handed out and Award Winners announced.

Starting primary school?
Immunisation information for parents enrolling a child

How do I obtain an immunisation status certificate?
From the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

- phone 1800 653 809 or
- email acr@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit your local Medicare Office.

HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERM FOUR - $10 FROM UNIFORM SHOP

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

1/2 Mullen

Melbourne Aquarium was fun. We saw crocodiles and stingrays and hermit crabs and turtles and Blue tongue lizards. We had lunch at the Yarra River. Corey M

First we went on a bus. We had lunch then we went into the Aquarium. We looked at the fish then we went into the rainforest. Later we had our play lunch. Then we went on the bus and finally arrived back at school. Lane

Q: Why does an eastern long necked turtle have long necks?
A: Because he has smelly feet.

Yesterday I went on a bus to Melbourne. It was a double-decker bus. When we got there we had lunch. After that we went into the Aquarium. We had to take our hats off before we went in. When we went in we saw a big shark. It was blue with red gums. In the Aquarium there were ten red lights. I saw a big stingray, a catfish and a clown fish. Zander

Yesterday the Junior Department went to the Melbourne Aquarium. I was very excited. We went on a double-decker bus. When we got off the bus we had lunch. We got into our groups. It was called the Crocodiles. There was an eel that was camouflaged. We sat in a fish called Mr G. He ate three sharks. I liked it where you could see the penguins under the water. There was a big stingray that scared me! Then we went on a walk and saw jumping water. We went back to school on the bus and watched Sturt Little. Trinity French

Q: What do fish take to stay healthy?
A: Vitamin Sea

Q: What did the spoonbill say after he went shopping?
A: Put it on my bill.

Yesterday our class went to the Aquarium. We saw stingrays and other fish that had patterns. The patterns were cool! I liked the sharks. There were turtles. The turtles were awesome and then we saw a giant awesome crocodile! Then we went to the penguins. I saw a big furry penguin. Then we went on the bus. Corey B

Q: Why did the shark spit out the clown fish?
A: Because it tasted funny!
T20 Cricket!
Last Friday the 8th of November, 25 our senior Specimen Hill children went to the T20 Cricket day, at Strathdale Oval. We had three teams overall, one for each competition, the boys, girls and the mixed. All teams played extremely well, with the girls team and boys team winning 2 out of 3 games each. These teams then made it through to the final to battle for the title in their section. Both teams were successful and won to claim 5th place in their competition. The mixed team weren’t so lucky, but still fought hard winning 1 out of 4 games they played. The rain was bound to come at some point, but luckily it held off until we played our last game. We all had a fantastic time representing Specimen Hill PS and would like to thank Michael, Miss Eastley and Mr Pysing for coaching us and supervising us on such a fun day.
By Abby Wicks and Ebony Rose

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

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

PREP ENROLMENT 2014
Enrolment forms are available from the Office for any families that have school age children ready for school next year.

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.

Please note bookings for most sessions are almost at capacity. If your child is unable to attend After School Care please let us know by calling the ASC number or the school office. Some nights we are refusing bookings as we believe we are full, only to find some children aren’t attending and we haven’t been notified. If a child is booked in and doesn’t show we must ascertain that your child has in fact been collected, taking up staff’s valuable time making phone calls to parents and/or contacts. You will usually be charged if this occurs as we have refused bookings from other families. This also inconveniences other parents who are requiring child care. Also please note, the service closes at 6.00 pm. Late pick ups may be charged by the minute.

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
ALL DAY CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR $35

Please continue to pack EXTRA FOOD for After School Care. Children are often still hungry after the snack provided by us - especially in this cooler weather.

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**Walking School Bus - THURSDAYS**

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’.

**GOLDEN SQUARE SWIMMING POOL FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**

6:30 - 7:00PM START

**TWO COURSE DINNER**

$50 PER HEAD

Guest Speaker: Aussie Jones
Silent Auction, Major Auction
Tickets available from:
Golden Square Newsagency & Golden Square Dry Cleaners
Enquiries: 54635123

**GOLDEN SQUARE CRICKET & SPORTS CLUB INC.**

PO Box 335 Golden Square Vic 3355
ABN 16 194 335 161

**Milo in2CRICKET Program**

The Golden Square Cricket Club is excited to be running an in2CRICKET program again this year. The program is aimed at providing primary age children with basic skills around cricket in a fun and family friendly environment. The program will also provide broader skills that will aid participants in other areas.

Details are as follows:

- **Where:** Wade Street Oval
- **When:** Tuesday nights.
- **Dates:** 12th November 2013 through to the 17th December 2013, 4th February 2014 through to the 19th February 2014
- **How:**
  - Registration is completed in two ways as follows:
    - On-line by going to the following link: [http://www.in2cricket.com.au/](http://www.in2cricket.com.au/) and entering post code 3355 for Golden Square (our centre will be the first that pops up); or
    - Attending our registration night on the 8th November 2013 at Wade Street from 4pm through until 4:30pm.

We ask that even if you register on-line that you attend registration night in order to pay costs associated.