DISCO - Thursday night 6.30

To students, parents and friends. Welcome to week 5 of Term 3. **School Values:** This week the key value that is focussed on in Mr Stringer’s classes is **resilience.** There have been a variety of activities highlighting the different aspects of resilience presented in the group activities.

**Asian Literacy:** I am currently attending a three day conference in Melbourne titled Asian Literacy. This is a priority of the new Australian Curriculum and is not an additional subject but rather a focus to be incorporated in subject areas already taught at the school. We have already developed strong connections with students from China, with our visits from the Suzhou school over the last two years. In addition students, from the 5/6 area are studying the Chinese language on a weekly basis and other students from the 3/4 area also are having weekly Chinese lessons. We are well on the way of raising an awareness in our students of Asian cultures. They are our nearest neighbours in the world and will play an increasing role in our future.

**This week is National Science Week.** Tomorrow all students will be involved in a range of science experiments. Students will rotate through a number of engaging tasks and will work in multi-aged groups. Thank you to Mrs Manley for the time and effort has put into the day to ensure its success. Students can look forward to a great day where they will learn about science whilst enjoying the company of students from different classes.

On Tuesday afternoon all students attended an incursion. ‘It’s Not Circus, It’s Science’. The interactive performance focussed on educating students about a range of different scientific experiments. The incursion left the students on the edge of their seats with many fascinating and engaging experiments performed.

**Another fantastic learning opportunity for our students!**

**Book Week:** We will be celebrating Book Week in the week beginning the 26th of August. There will be a parade during this week. Just some advanced notice that the parade will involve a parade of hats and masks that represent either a book or a character from a book. The expectation is that students make the hats and masks at home.

**Athletics Carnival/PE** A reminder that the Athletics Carnival for all Year 3/4 students will be on next Thursday (22nd of August). All students are expected to participate in the carnival. If your child is unable to participate due to an injury they will need to bring a signed note so they can be excused. If we have not received a note, there will be an expectation that students participate in the planned events.

**Phys Ed** is an essential part of our school program. If for some physical reason your child is unable to participate, we require a signed note requesting that they be withdrawn from the session. If we have not received this we assume that your child is fit and able to fully participate in Phys Ed sessions.

**School Fees**

Every year we have an incentive for all families who have paid their school fees by a particular time. This year we will once again be offering a family Pass at the Zone. For all families who have paid their school fees by **Friday 16th August** their names will go into a draw for the prize. The prize winner will be drawn at the Assembly on Monday 19th August.

**Jeans for Genes Day**

This day was conducted by the Junior School Council and was a great success with well over $200 raised to contribute towards the Jeans for Genes fundraising.

**Cobalt Blue Day on Friday**

An extremely successful fundraising day for Cancer Research was held last Friday. A big thank you to all students and teaching staff for supporting the day and coming dressed in ‘Cobalt Blue’. The total figure raised for Australian Cancer Research was in excess of $500. A great team effort! A big thank you to Mrs Young and her team of helpers for producing an outstanding banner that was on display throughout the day. The banner will also be on display at the Cobalt Blue fundraising event which will be held this Sunday.

**School Disco**

The school will be holding a Disco for Specimen Hill Primary School students this Thursday night at the Golden Hills Motel in Marong Road. The Disco will begin at 6.30 pm and conclude at 8.00 pm. All students attending are asked to bring a plate of food to share. All students need to be walked in and collected from the venue by a parent/guardian. Tickets are on sale before the night at the Office for a cost of $4.50 or on the night for $5.00. Once again students are asked to wear their **Cobalt Blue** items of clothing.

Di Craig (Principal)
CLASS NEWS

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents - Happy Science Week

Science Week has started off with a bang with a performance by Teacup Tumblers. Ask your students to tell you about this show which mixed humour and science. Do not accept ‘I don’t remember’ as a response because all Year 5/6 students were highly engaged. Students are looking forward to a day of science on Thursday; again expect a full report when they get home. Thank you to Mrs Manley for organising this.

In Maths we are exploring data sets and averages. The students are being introduced to mean, median and mode. Mean is the term we all associate with averages thanks to sporting statistics in the media. Discuss these with your child when reviewing weekend sports results. While we are discussing Maths, how are you going solving Mr Pysing’s maths question of the week? This week’s question: What are the next three numbers in this sequence 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, _, _, _? Remember first correct answer to Mr Pysing wins a prize.

Next week is extremely busy with a book week incursion on Tuesday and Senior school athletic sports at the Flora Hill track on Thursday. Both permission notes need to be returned ASAP. Participating in the school sports encourages students to be the best they can. Athletics day supports students to be physically active, develop motor skills as well as demonstrate school spirit and resilience. The teachers are looking forward to the annual relay.

Homework: If you have internet access at home your child is expected to be spending some time on Mathletics. For those without internet access, Tux of Maths on student netbooks is ideal for developing fluency with Math concepts. Students are developing as readers and most are doing a terrific job being prepared with reading material. For the small number who find it a challenge to have their book ready daily, the school library is open before school on Tuesdays and Thursday. (Thank you Mrs Young) Please encourage your child to make use of this.

Have a terrific science week at work and at home from Matt, Scott and Anne.

MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT

We are now half way through Term 3 and it has been a busy one! We have finished our Egg Drop Missions with many eggs lucky enough to survive their fall. Thank you to all the people who donated items of use for our students to use in this fantastic investigation of flight. The students all thoroughly enjoyed participating in this event even if their eggs did or didn’t make it.

This week we are looking forward to Science day on Thursday as it is National Science Week across Australia. This is a great chance for students to experiment, hypothesise and just have fun with science. We also had a great performance about science on Tuesday afternoon where all students had a blast.

Last Friday was Cobalt Blue Dress Up Day and there was a huge amount of students who supported this great cause and enjoyed the sausage sizzle which raised a large amount of money. There is another great night planned this Thursday which all students will have an awesome time at which is the School Disco! We look forward to having a boogie and sharing some food to yet again support Cobalt Blue and Cancer Research. Please ensure that your child is keeping up to date with their homework responsibilities which include nightly reading for a minimum of 15 minutes and the completion of their weekly spelling words. Students need to be changing their home readers regularly and reading a wide variety of books to expose them to different stories, subjects and words.

We look forward to the second half of the term as I’m sure it will be even more fun than the first half. Signing off.

Adam, Leah, Hayden, Rebecca.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!
THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO SCHOOL

WHEN? Friday Aug 23rd at 1.00pm
WHO? All Junior classes will be performing at the Circus
WHERE? In the Multi Purpose Room.
WHAT? Juggling, Skipping, Hoopla, Spinning, Tumbling etc.

All Junior families and the Middle and Senior school students are invited to attend.

Parents, we request that you do not purchase new costumes or clothes for the circus performers. We ask if they can wear their most colourful clothes for their act.

SCIENCE WEEK: All classes attended the Science/Circus Show yesterday in the M.P.R. It was so much fun as we learnt all about force, pressure, weight and much more from the two acrobat professors. Tomorrow all students will be placed in mixed ability groups and will participate in a variety of science activities.

COMMUNICATION JOURNALS and SPELLING BOOKS need to be returned to school.

TISSUES required please, if your family has not already sent in a box for class use. See you at the Circus!!!!!

Thanks.

Until next week.....

Aaron, Jenny, Jo and Kim.

1/2 Teachers.

PREPS

The word of the week is ‘you’, the letter of the week is ‘Ww’ and the blend we are looking at is ‘bl’. Don’t forget Thursday is nude food, please send your student with NO wrappers in their lunch boxes as the number of wrappers is at an all time high in Prep L! Using zip lock bags, small reusable containers and taking food like muesli bars out of their wrappers would be a great help! Students who come to school out of school uniform will be sent to the office to borrow a second hand one for the day, make sure you are arriving to school in appropriate school uniform. This Thursday Prep L along with the Junior School Council will be hosting the Speci Hill Cobalt Blue Disco, hope to see you there! When your child is away sick, please contact the school and the office will inform their teacher.

Natalie, Di and Kim
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.

SCHOOL DISCO
When: 6.30pm – 8.00pm Thursday August 15th
Where: Golden Hills Motel, Marong Road
Who: Current Students Only (No older or younger family members)
Theme: DRESS IN COBALT BLUE
Bring: Plate of supper to share
Cost: $4.50 or $5.00 at the door.
Tickets: On sale in the office between 8.45 and 9.00 am from Thursday August the 8th
Rules:
◆ Children must be walked to, and collected from the venue.
◆ No admittance before 6.30pm
◆ No adults, pre-schoolers, or older children will be admitted.
◆ Children will be supervised by teachers at all times
◆ No children will be permitted to leave the venue during the disco unless collected by their parent
◆ Children going home with another family will require a permission note from their parent.

STARS OF THE WEEK
Room 1 Baxter P
Room 2 Josephine P
Room 3 Brodie A
Room 4 Lachlan N
Room 5 Maseon T
Room 6 Jordan A
Room 7 Bailey C
Room 8 Shaela T
Room 9 Kaylem P-M
Room 10 Lachlan M
Room 11 Lincon P
Room 12 Jenna C
LOTE Award Stephanie M & Paige A
Art Awards Jemma - Prep L & Michael C - 5/6 C
OHSC Award Terri F
Reading Awards Michael C - 100 books
Xavier T - 150 nights
Zanda W - 100 nights
Sharnie W - 100 nights
Corey M - 100 nights
Nude Food Prep 1 M

ART NEWS
Students have been completing a theme on insects. Many older students have created an insect made from wire or pipe cleaners. Congratulations to all students on manipulating the wire, learning to bend, twist or coil wire into an interesting form.

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS
16th August 2:30pm School Community Afternoon Tea - All Welcome - in the Staffroom. Please bring a plate of food to share if you are able.
23rd August 1:30pm P&F General Meeting - in the Art Room. All welcome
30th August From 9.00 am Father’s Day Stall - in the Multi Purpose Room

FATHER’S DAY STALL
It’s almost time to celebrate our great Fathers. Parents and Friends will be running the annual Father’s Day Stall on the 30th August. So, it’s time to start those donations rolling in. Here is a list of suggestions for gift donations. Think: What would your Dad like? - Veggie seeds, gardening gloves, key rings, measuring tapes, note pads and pens, beanies and scarves and of course....coffee mugs. The usual table outside the office will be set up for you to leave your gift donations. Thank you.

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To participate, students simply register online at msreadathon.org.au with approval from parents, or by completing and returning a registration form which can be downloaded from the website. It is the responsibility of the students to organise and collect donations and complete the program by reading as much as possible throughout August.

THE SPECI READING CHALLENGE
NO READER OF THE WEEK THIS WEEK
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.

SCIENCE DAY
Thursday 15th August
On Thursday we will be having a full day of engaging science activities. All students will participate in a variety of handsome and engaging experiments. Bring your questioning brains and take on the challenges of Science.

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Will arrive from Thursday 29th August. Parents and friends will be invited to view and purchase books.

FOUND
Two rings have been handed in at the office. A full description will be required upon pick up.

WORKING BEE
Sunday 18th August
9 till 12 noon.
We are looking forward to a great turn up by all families to our Term 2 Speci Working Bee of 2013. With many willing helpers we will have our children’s learning and playing environment looking amazing.

Volunteer Families Wanted
for small gardening jobs to keep our school looking fabulous as we head into spring.
Pleased see Kim Manley Room 3

Also a Big thank you to the couple of families who have volunteered to adopt a garden area and assist in keeping our school looking wonderful. If your family would like to help out with an area please contact Kim Manley Room 3.

MATHLETICS
The school pays an annual subscription for Mathletics. For parents to buy this program it would cost approximately $100 for a year’s subscription. By the end of next week, all students in Years 1 to 6 will have brought home their log on code. The program is divided into two sections. The first part of the program, allows teachers to set learning tasks for their students, the second part of the program allows students to compete online with other students from around the world, this is called Live Mathletics.
Teachers can set learning tasks for their students. These tasks can be made harder or simpler according to student’s skills. Teachers are then able to access student results to monitor student progress. Students will have to complete any tasks that have been set by the teacher, before they will be able to access the Live Mathletics section of the program.
Live Mathletics allows students to compete with other students from all around the world. This is the section or part of the program that students usually enjoy the most. The program aims at improving number fact knowledge and multiplication facts. Once again, teachers can set the level and the type of questions your child will be asked to answer. Please encourage your child to spend some time on Mathletics every week if you have access to the internet. It can help build accuracy and speed with number and assists students develop their maths skills. It is a more tailored program then other programs on the net, such as Cool Math.
Any questions, please see your child’s teacher.
School Improvement Officer
Wendy Jackson

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In Art we made 3D sculptures of bugs. We got a piece of material and wrapped wire around it to secure the body. Then we made the face and antennas. I have improved on my hand skills. By Jessica S.

I have learnt how to coil wire into insects. By Kaylem T

I have learnt more about form and how to coil around objects to turn them into insects. By Kayne.

Today I made a bee. I used wire, fabric and a book tie. I folded the fabric in half, put the fabric on the end, then I rolled it up and turned the wire around the body. Then I got the book tie and turned the wire around it to make the head. Then I added 6 legs made out of 3 pieces of wire. Then I made wings. That’s how I made a bee. By Piper.

Today in 5/6 we have made wire bugs or insects with beads, big and small, wire, thick and thin, and also material. It is very fun. I finished in one hour. By Maxine.

Today our learning intention was Form. To show how much we knew about form we made insects out of wire and fabric. By Steph.
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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 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’.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School

Across Bendigo, most Year 6 students will now be enrolled in their new Secondary School for 2014. For many families this will be your first child moving on to begin their secondary education.

Secondary School is an exciting and sometimes daunting stage in your child’s education. To learn more about enrolment, attendance, what your child will learn and how you can get involved, visit the DEECD webpage below:


This semester, Year 6 students will continue their “Preparation for Transition” with the Sandhurst Transition Network. This will involve a final classroom lesson, a visit to Crusoe College for ALL students and the program will conclude with students completing Orientation Day in December at their new Secondary College for 2014.

Kylie Freer - Project Manager, Sandhurst Transition Network.

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 under 14)

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

LIBRARY NEWS

All students need to return overdue books as soon as possible.

DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER?

It is important that in case of emergency (ICE) that your child knows their phone number and address.

Please complete and pop in your child’s bag.

Contact Name: ____________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________________

Contact Phone No: ____________________________________________________

The Story of Ruth

@ St. Andrew’s Uniting Church
26 Myers Street

Craft Activity!! Bible Study!! Food!! Celebration!!

All Ages Welcome!!

Phone: 5441 3100

Friday, 23 August
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

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