Welcome back to Term 3

To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to the first week back in Term 3. Hopefully everyone is reinvigorated after a restful and enjoyable 2 weeks break.

**School Values: excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect.**
From Grade Prep to Grade 4 all students will participate in a Values program for one hour per week instead of the regular LOTE program this term. Helen Turpie is on Long Service Leave and Brad Stringer will be replacing her to conduct the Values program. Feel free to drop in to say ‘hello’ and to introduce yourself to Brad if you are in the school. The 5/6 students will continue with their LOTE Chinese program with Juncal Lin.

**Student Reports**
It is very pleasing to read through every child’s report and to see the wonderful progress achieved over the past 6 months. Children should be proud of their achievements but continue to put in the hard work and effort for continued success.

**Student Reports** will be sent home this Friday. Accompanying the reports will be an extra sheet with interview times for you to fill out and on the back is a support Interview sheet for you to fill out in relation to a specific area of your child’s schooling that you wish to discuss with the teacher. This form is helpful for staff to be aware of any issues before the Interview. This form must be returned by **Tuesday 23rd July** for an allocation of an Interview time. The Interviews are for 15 minutes only and if you require further time this will have to be arranged for a separate time. Students are expected to attend the Interviews with parents as the regular school program is not operating on the day.

If any parent would like to request a time to see Corey, Bernadette, Sandy Young (Art), Deneb Dodson (PE) or myself you please make the request on the Interview information sheet.

**Thursday 25th July** is a Pupil Free Day and the interviews will operate from 12.00 to 7.00pm. OHSC will operate from 8.00 to 6.00 for those students who are booked in.

**Swimming**
On Monday a survey was sent home to every family requesting feedback from our swimming program. It was disappointing to see so many students not attending the swimming program this year as it is considered to be a compulsory part of every child’s learning, not to mention extremely necessary. Please take the time to fill this out. A survey will also be conducted at school for students and staff.

**Student Awards**
Yesterday a note went home in relation to parents and students nominating some of our wonderful, inspirational staff members for a Teacher Award. The Parents and Friends group feel that recognition for wonderful and effective teaching or school practice should be highlighted and rewarded and believe that the staff at Speci deserve this recognition. (I totally agree!) So please take the time to look and think carefully about this.

**Space Travellers**
Next week we will be starting our Space Travellers Program again. This is an ‘extra’ program designed to extend students who are critical or higher order thinkers or those who have ‘special’ talents in an area and would make a commitment to being involved in an extension program. Of course not all students can be involved but we will operate two groups, a senior and a junior group. This will be run by Mrs Jackson with support from Mr Dodson and Mrs Craig.

**The importance of sleep**
Hopefully all children had an opportunity for plenty of sleep over the holidays. It is so important that children maintain early bed times no matter what age. Children who are lacking in sleep are often irritable, lack focus, demonstrate poor learning, low energy levels and poor behaviour and concentration. Research also indicates that poor sleep also affects a child’s physical development such as their size, muscle and body development. Children lacking sleep are often ‘unwell’ with genuine or perceived illnesses and have a general sense of lethargy. So it is important to set firm rules in the household as to what time children need to go to bed, lights out and sleep. Be firm as children will often challenge this routine. We need to make sure that adequate and uninterrupted sleep, healthy food and exercise which are key aspects for a healthy person are a priority for every child.

**Absenteeism and lateness to school.**
It was announced at Assembly on Monday that we are highlighting absenteeism and lateness to school this term. Both of these have a huge impact on a child’s learning opportunities, connectedness to friends and to school. Those students who are regularly away from school or who are late are often anxious because they have missed out on instruction time, feel ‘out of the loop’ as to what is happening with learning and friends and in the school. Absenteeism and lateness to school can become habit forming and needs a firm process to break the habit. Every fortnight an award will be given to the class with the least amount of absenteeism or lateness to school over the two week period. The winning class will receive 20 minutes of extra play-time along with a scrumptious do-nut! So children make sure that you are at school on time every day.

Have a great week,

Di Craig (Principal)
JR DEPARTMENT  
ROLL UP! ROLL UP!  
THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

This will be our Integrated Studies Unit for the next 6 weeks. We are looking forward to the visit by Camp Hill Primary School Short Circus Troupe on Friday. They will be showing us some of their Circus skills. In six weeks time, to round off this unit, the Junior Department will be presenting our own Speci Hill Circus. Stay tuned for further information about this event. You will be officially invited!

COMMUNICATION JOURNALS: These will be coming home this Friday. Please take time to read them with your child and write a positive comment in the space provided. The students are very proud to share their work with you. These will be required to be returned to school as soon as possible.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS: will also be coming home this Friday. Teachers are looking forward to meeting all the parents next Thursday at the Parent Teacher Interviews.

SPELLING BOOKS need to be returned each week so new words can be added. Some of these have gone missing too. Please return them to school.

TISSUES required please, if your family has not already sent in a box for class use. Thanks.

PREPS What a wonderful start to term 3 with some excellent reading over the holidays. Preps have settled back into routine very well and are enjoying learning with their friends. This week in the Prep rooms we are looking at the word ‘this’ and the letter ‘Nn’. Make sure you continue reading take home books each night and that reader bags return to school each day. Please have a look at home for any take home books and return them to school. This week your child will receive a spelling book that will live in their reader bag, please read the note inside carefully.

Natalie, Di and Kim
STARS OF THE WEEK

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Room 6  Hannah E
Room 7  Kobe R
Room 9  Ethan B
Room 12 Jessica S

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.

PLEASE NOTE:
All day care will be held Thursday 25th July from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. Numbers are limited. Please add your child’s name to the list that is with the roll or call the office. Bookings are essential and may not be available on the day if the program is full. Please ensure your child has enough food for the day and wears appropriate clothing and footwear.

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PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS

UPCOMING DATES:  Term 3

Friday 19th July - Toddler Playtime/Afternoon Tea
(come in out of the cold for a cuppa)
ALL WELCOME

Friday 26th July - Parents and Friends Meeting.

ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators

The nominations forms have been sent home on purple paper. Please return by Friday 26th July.

Parents and Friends will collect the forms and fill out a nomination form on behalf of the Parents. Nominations for the ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators close on July 31st. Please give as much detail as possible as to why you think your nominated teacher is deserving of this award. Alternatively, if you would like to nominate a teacher yourself, the website on which to do so is www.neita.com.au More information about the award can also be found on this site.

Let’s celebrate the fabulous teachers that we have amongst the staff at Specimen Hill Primary School!

Library News

All students need to return overdue books as soon as possible because everything is overdue after the holidays.
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’.

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

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.

BBQ - SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 9th AUGUST
CASUAL CLOTHES
Please dress in COBALT BLUE.
Gold coin donation.

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

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.

SCHOOL DISCO THURSDAY 15th AUGUST
6.30 - 8.00 PM

Dress in COBALT BLUE
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 18th July  
Walking School Bus

Friday 19th July  
Toddler/Playtime Afternoon Tea

Friday 26th July  
Parents and Friends Meeting

Thursday 25th July  
Parent/Student/Teacher Interview Day

Friday 9th August  
Blue Day - BBQ - Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 15th August  
School Disco - 6.30-8.00 pm

Important Dates to remember for School:

Term Dates—2013:
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

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5 CENT FUNDRAISER

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Aaron Taylor

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Roster: Friday 19th July 2013:
Karen
Viki F
Kim T
Linda Lee

Monday 22nd July 2013
Karen
Kerri B

SKYDANCERS GARDEN, GIFT & CAFE PRESENTS

COBALT BLUE

SHAVE & COLOUR FAMILY DAY FUNDRAISER

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE SOBEY

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

Christine Sobey was an amazing person. As a nurse, her caring and generous nature was well reflected. Christine took her battle with cancer on 28th August 2008, but her creativity lives on through the paintings she demonstrated in her beautiful artworks.

Although Christine fought a tough battle over the years, she remained a strong person that taught her family, “I choose vibration in colour and paint exactly why the painting is ‘shameless’ with my words. Every painting I create has a story that is part of my life and I would love to share with you.”

PLEASE HELP ME MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GOLD COIN DONATION
All proceeds raised go to Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

90% of proceeds from children’s entertainment going to charity

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