To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 10 of Term 2.

**School Values:** excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect. This week at Assembly there were a number of awards issued to students who showed persistence in their attitude towards learning. This is a wonderful life-skill to have as it is required and continually called upon throughout our lives. Those with strong persistence usually are high achievers in the future.

**Student Reports**
Student reports will be going home during week 2 of next term. The 3-way Interviews (student, parents and teacher) will occur on Thursday 1st August. Information with further details will be sent home during week 1 next term.

**Men and Kids Night**
Tonight is our Men and Kids night at the school starting at 6pm. Children are asked to invite a male family member or friend to come along to the evening to enjoy a fun night of games and pizzas. It would be great if all children and adults can assemble in the Multi purpose room at 6pm for a quick start.

**China Visit**
On Monday the 24th June the school Assembly will start at 2.30. I will be presenting some slides of my trip to China and Prep/1 Manley will also be singing.

**Our final Assembly** for the term will be held on Thursday 27th June at 9.10am. During this Assembly awards for the term will be handed out. All welcome to attend.

Principal Position
I am very pleased to inform the community of my new position at Specimen Hill Primary School. I have been successful in the selection as the substantive Principal at Specimen Hill Primary School for the next 5 years. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the students, staff and school community into the future to make Specimen Hill a most thriving and dynamic learning community. It is already demonstrated that Specimen Hill is showing considerable improvement and success in its student and whole school data and in the improved facilities and resources of the school. Together we will continue to build on this success to make Specimen Hill a community that values high achievement, positive relationships, active citizens and passionate, life-long learners.

Dean Stewart our School Council President has included a letter in the newsletter in relation to the Principal appointment.

**Swimming**
Today is the third day of our swimming program. Those students who have been attending have thoroughly enjoyed participating and from teacher feedback it sounds like all students are progressing well. It’s great to hear that students who were hesitant to put their head under water last year are now going under water freely or those who are developing stroke technique have shown considerable improvement in their skills. We had some very tired students on the bus back to school so I’m sure many swimmers have been having early nights into bed this week.

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 (Principal)
**SENIOR DEPARTMENT**

We are definitely involved in a very busy time at the moment within our Learning Communities. We are in the middle of our yearly swimming program. It is disappointing to report that there are a number of grade 5/6 students not participating in the program this year. As a mandatory part of the curriculum and a life skill, water safety and knowledge is imperative for all. It’s not too late for students to start the swimming program next week, as it continues. We still have 3 sessions left!!! So please enquire at the office for permission slips and payment. Next week, on Thursday the 27th of June, the Year 6 students will visit Golden Square Primary School. Activities around transitioning to Secondary School and interacting with students from another school will be the focus. The year 5 students will stay back at Speci and receive some valuable leadership training and skills. Our Integrated Studies unit continues to be based around the topic of Sustainability. Students are enthusiastically working on their projects. They are producing some very good posters, written research items and ICT products from applications such as “Voki” and “Prezzi”. Other students have been active in the school community, passing on key messages on how we can make our world more sustainable. Our math’s topic is still fractions. Ask your child what a “Vinculum” is. Can they explain it to you?

Regards
Anne, Matt and Scott

**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. We are half way through our annual Swimming Program. Everything seems to be running smoothly with children behaving beautifully and learning some extremely important skills in relation to being safe in and around the water. If there are any families yet to pay, can you please pay at the office as soon as possible. Can parents please ensure their child’s school uniform and swimming attire are clearly named as we are receiving quite a number of ‘lost’ items. This will help to return them to their rightful owner in a speedy fashion. 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 (Mr Polglase, Miss Backas, Mr Tanner, Miss Eastley)

**CLASS NEWS**

**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT**

**SWIMMING**

The swimming program is running very smoothly. The students are already becoming more confident in the water.

Swimming days next week will be- Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th

We ask that students please wear track pants and jumpers to school. Students need to keep warm after leaving the pool.

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 until the holidays. The students are very proud of their Dinosaur Dioramas and Paper Mache dinosaur eggs.

**What do Dinosaurs put on their French fries?**

Tomato-saurus.

**Why did the Dinosaur cross the road?**

What road?

**What do you call a Dinosaur that’s a noisy sleeper?**

A Bronto- snorus.

**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. Students have written informative fact files about their favourite Dinosaur.

**MATHS** - Our focus this week has been on Place value and Location.

**TISSUES** - Tissues still required Thanks to families who have already sent along a box.

**REMINDERS:**

**SWIMMING: Mon24th Tues 25th Wed 26th**

**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 rooms we are looking at the work ‘me’ and the letter ‘Bb’ Please make sure this week that you continue your reading routine each evening with you child. Can all parents/carers please make sure students have plenty to eat and drink in their lunch boxes this week, swimming seems to make us all a little more hungry and thirsty throughout the day. Don’t forget to name ALL clothing as it makes it easy to find owners if things fall out of bags etc. Early to bed and lots of good food will help with tiredness during these last 2 weeks of school and swimming.

Natalie, Di and Kim

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**Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............**
Parents and Caregivers
Specimen Hill Primary School
Inglewood Street
Bendigo VIC 3550

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The appointments process for a substantive Principal at Specimen Hill Primary School is now complete and I am pleased to advise that Mrs Diane Craig has been provisionally appointed to the position.

We have very much appreciated Di’s work acting in this role for more than two years and it is with much delight that we can look forward to her continuing to provide outstanding leadership for our school into the future.

We extend our sincere congratulations to Di on her appointment and offer her our ongoing and full support.

Yours sincerely,

Dean Stewart
President
Specimen Hill Primary School Council

**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 20th June**
Crumpets
Carat - Eye Art

**Friday 21st June**
Toast
Movie Night

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

- **Room 1**
  - Bailey H

- **Room 2**
  - Logan K

- **Room 3**
  - Brayden C

- **Room 4**
  - Bella L & Skye L

- **Room 5**
  - Akaisha L

- **Room 6**
  - Rohan T

- **Room 7**
  - Trasiah C

- **Room 8**
  - Jasmin B

- **Room 10**
  - Holley B

- **Room 11**
  - Jacob P C

- **Room 13**
  - Dylan C

- **Reading Recovery**
  - Hayley H

- **LOTE Award**
  - Hayley P

- **Art Award**
  - Grace N, Emily E, Paige A, Will J, Jennah-Li

- **OSHC Award**
  - Taryn E & Trey A

- **Nude Food**
  - 3/4 B, Prep/1 Manley

**Fundraiser Swim - Michael Evans**

If you would like to donate to this very worthwhile cause, donations can be given at the office. Please leave your name as a receipt can be issued from Paul Sadler Swimland.

On Sunday, the 23 of June, I will be swimming for 1 hour. I’m doing it for a fundraiser for Swim Vietnam. Swim Vietnam is an organisation that teaches children to swim for free. It also teaches adults in their area (local people) to be swimming teachers.

Swim Vietnam does this because a lot of children drown in Vietnam. It is the main cause of death for children aged 1 and above.

The Government of Vietnam says that at least 10 children drown in one day. That is more than 3000 of our class.

I am trying to get people to sponsor me. The money raised will go to Swim Vietnam to help them continue teaching. I would really like to anyone who can be sponsored for this great event. Thank you for your Time.  

Michael Evans
Walking School Bus - THURSDAYS

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’.

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS

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.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

All children are welcome from 8:15am

THE SPECI READING CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!!

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.

FOUND

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

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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

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 64468300 to make a booking
Nearly the holidays and being winter it is a great time to curl up with a good book. Here are some recommendations from 5/6R.

Ghosts and the Unexplained  
By John Guy (recommended by Kiet)  
This book is about the unexplained paranormal activities of the night. Most of these encounters were a hoax. These monster encounters are ghosts, spirits, haunted-houses and aliens I liked this book because I like scary books. Over all I highly recommend reading this book if you like mystery books.

CHOMP  
By Carl Hiaasen (recommended by Marli)  
The book Chomp it is a great read. It has some adventure, as well as a crocodile in it. I enjoyed it because it is funny and takes you on an adventure. I think that you will enjoy it.

THE HOBBIT  
J.R.R TOLKIEN (recommended by Nick)  
I recommend you read the Hobbit because it’s a great book to read. It’s not just hobbits in the story there are men, dwarfs, elves, dragons, goblins and wizards too. You would read the story because you would want to know what happens next. It has lots of interesting parts to the story.

Title: THE LOST WORLD  
Retold: Pauline Francis (recommended by Eh K Lu)  
The lost world is a story book. It is about a group of people from England who went to South America. They went to find the lost animals that Maple White had discovered. They went there with the Indian man who told them where they have to sleep. At the top of the mountain there is a cliff and at the cliff there is the ape-men and they are the evil.

RED DIRT DIARY  
KATRINA NANNESTAD (recommended by Jasmin)  
Red dirt diary is about a girl named Trudy Alice Western, who has an older brother and sister named Sophie and Peter. They are going to boarding school in a few days while she'll be left home with her crazy twin brothers and her Mum and Dad. Her best friend Mal has just came back from her holiday. She used to be a tom boy but is now a boy crazy girly girl. Read this book to find out how she survives this crazy mayhem!
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Jeff Kinney (recommended by Zac)
This is a really funny book about a boy named Greg trying to survive his boring life with his two brothers called Roderick who is 16, and his other brother Mannie who is 3. I like this book because Greg is a bit like me, always getting in trouble when it turns out to be his younger brother, and Greg and I love video games so I rate it a 4.4/5 stars

Captain Underpants
Dav Pilkey (recommended by Kayne)
This is a really funny book about 2 kids turning their school principal into a superhero in underwear. I liked it because it is really funny and it is not too hard to read. There are a lot of the books in the series so you will not get bored easily. All together I think this is an awesome book and they sneak a little comic in it is as well.

Precious and The Monkeys
Alexander McCal Smith (recommended by Piper)
This book is about a little girl named Ramotswe who wants to become a detective and then her very first case comes up. There was a burglary and it is interesting because the very first thing stolen is a piece of cake, then bread with jam. Polowko got framed and it wasn’t him so who was it? I loved this book because of the pictures and the end of the story. I totally recommend this book for others.

Following a visit by Jazz and Ivan, two Braves Basketball players, during reading time, the boys wrote letters.

Dear Jazz and Ivan
I am writing this letter because I enjoyed the opportunity to be able to tell about my book, I also enjoyed the books you read to us.
I was surprised that you actually read books in your leisure time, not just to yourself but to your kids too, and that reading helped you to become really good at everything like basketball.

I thank you for coming to Specimen Hill Primary School to teach us that reading helps you in life like it helped you guys through life.
From Nick.

Dear Jazz and Ivan
I am writing to thank you for coming in to teach us the purpose of reading. It was an exciting experience to see you both. Thank you both for giving us the experience.
You should always come back to see us. All the best for the finals!
Yours sincerely
Kaylem

Dear Ivan and Jazz.
Thanks for coming in. Now I know reading is awesome because you told us how important it is in everyday life. It is important to get a job and be successful in life.
I would like to wish you all the best for the finals.
From Logan
5 CENT FUNDRAISER

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 29th 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

Hasty For A Cure Fundraiser Event

Tupperware - Lucky Dips & Prizes
Chefs Toolbox
Knitted Baby clothes
Envy Jewellery
& other things to buy.

Contact: Andrea Campbell
Phone. 0402 281 893
2.00 till 4.00 pm
@ Eaglehawk Football Clubrooms

23/6/2013 Gold Coin Donation

The Bendigo Basketball McDonald’s Supercamp is being held on
Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July
at the Bendigo Stadium.
To register fill out the registration form (available from office) or visit the Sports Office at the Bendigo Stadium or phone 5440 6201. It is preferable to register prior to the camp, as spots are limited. For further information please check out the website www.bendigo.basketball.net.au.

SWIMMING 2013
Payment is now overdue - please remit to the office as soon as possible
Swimming dates for next week’s program are as follows: Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th June.
The cost for this year’s swimming program is $57 per student.
Could payment please be made to the office as soon as possible.
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TONIGHT
MENS & KIDS NIGHT 6:00PM SHARP START

Thursday 6th June
WALKING SCHOOL BUS

17-26th June
Whole School Swimming Program

Friday 28th
End of Term 2

CAKE AND TIMES - Saturday 22nd June

13/Under
Cal Gully White v Specimen Hill Gold
Court 10 - 9.00 am

11/Under
Specimen Hill v Cal Gully Red
Court 9 - 10.00 am

Grade 3 Clinic
Camp Hill v Specimen Hill
Court 10 - 12.00

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 21st JUNE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE DAY
Karen
Adam P
Roz H H
Terri Anne

There will be a sausage sizzle on the last
canteen of term - 21 June.

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  Charlie S  Sophie W  Sophie E  Logan K
Dallan W

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](http://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 in 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](http://www.givenow.com.au/goldensquarepool).

Important Dates to remember for School:
17th/18th/19th/24th/25th/26th June—Whole school swim program
Friday June 28th—End of Term 2

Term Dates—2013:
Term 2: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

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are available from our website:
[www.shps1316.vic.edu.au](http://www.shps1316.vic.edu.au)