Today is the final day of the swimming program. Thank you to the parents who have prepared their children each day for their participation in the program. I visited the pool yesterday to watch some of the sessions and it was wonderful to see the children enthusiastically participating in the activities. We will be following up with a survey of the program for parents and students to complete. This will help for our planning for the future. The survey will be sent home tomorrow and if you can you take the time to fill it out straight away while the thoughts are still fresh in your mind that would be appreciated. The surveys can be returned before the end of term but otherwise during the first week of Term 3 (to be posted in the office mailbox in the foyer).

To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to the final week of Term 2.
School Values: excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect.

Next term we will have a Values program from Grades Prep to Grade 4. This program will be in place of LOTE- Indonesian for the term. Helen Turpie is on Long Service Leave for the term and she will be replaced by Brad Stringer who will be conducting the Values program. Marilyn McKnight will be continuing with the Reading Recovery program. We wish Helen an enjoyable and adventurous time on her Long Service Leave.

STUDENT REPORTS
Student Reports will be sent home on the first Friday of Term 3- Friday 19th July. (this is earlier than previously advertised).
Parent /Teacher /Student Interviews will be held on Thursday 25th July. These will be conducted from 12.00 midday until 7.00pm. There will be no school for students on this day although they are expected to participate in the interviews. Out of School Hours Care will operate from 8.00 till 6.00 for those students booked in.

MEN AND KIDS NIGHT
What a fabulous Men and Kids night it was. It is always wonderful to see Dads and Grandads spending time with children on games and problem-solving activities. Thank you to all of the male staff members who attended, their support is greatly appreciated on these special occasions. A special thank you to Domino Pizzas who donated over 40 pizzas on the evening. A fabulous and most generous effort.

SWIMMING

FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final Assembly for the choir performance and for Awards to be handed out has been rescheduled for Thursday afternoon at 2.45pm. (previously advertised for 9.10 on Thursday).
Friday is the final day of the school term and school will finish at 1.45pm. School will resume for all students on Monday July 15th.
Wishing you all a relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone return in Term 3 all chirpy and excited for further learning.

Di Craig (Principal)
SENIOR DEPARTMENT
Dear Parents
We have made it to the end of an extremely hectic term. Many of the students are very tired and they deserve a few sleep-ins during the holidays. On Thursday the Year 6 students will have an activities afternoon at Golden Square Primary School. Please make sure you have returned their permission note. Year 5 students will stay at school and participate in an inspiring leadership session.

Mr Curnow is currently conducting footy trials for the Term 3 footy carnival which will be during Week 1, Term 3. The notes for students going to the footy carnival will be coming home soon and the cost will be $6.

During the holidays please support your child to keep up their nightly reading as well as number fact practise. Holidays are a great opportunity to use maths in real life contexts – reading movie or bus timetables, reading maps, working out costs for family outings and helping prepare meals. We hope you have an enjoyable mid-year break with your children and we look forward to working with you again in term 3.

Anne, Matt and Scott

MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT
Wow! What a busy, busy term. NAPLAN, Swimming Program and Reports... just to mention a few. Students should be congratulated on applying themselves to their learning throughout such a long term. Their behaviour, effort and attitude to their learning has been fantastic. Well done kids.

Thank you to parents for maintaining homework routines over the course of the term. It is a vital part of any child’s learning. Reinforcing skills, strategies and knowledge that has been taught at school is a great way to extend students, while also keeping them accountable for their learning. Now it is almost that time where we can all take a rest and relax. It is important however that students continue to read over the holidays and work on any areas they believe require some improvement (number facts, spelling etc).

Once again, thank you to students and parents for a great term of fun and learning.

We look forward to seeing your fresh faces day one of next term.

Mr Hayden Polglase, Miss Backas, Mr Tanner & Miss Eastley

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT
Dinosaurs
SWIMMING PROGRAM:
A big thank you to Mr. Dodson for organizing a great swimming program. Every student has made progress. They have gained confidence and learnt new skills in the water.

INTEGRATED STUDIES
It is sad our Dinosaur Unit is nearly over. This week the students have been giving a short TALK about a dinosaur of their choice. The Diaramas will be coming home this week. Go and check out T-REXY in the 1/2 M classroom. He is big and fierce!!!!

COMMUNICATION JOURNALS
These will be coming home after the holidays. If your child has not returned this book please see that they are back at school after the holidays. We are adding to them all the time.

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.

We wish you all a safe and happy break from school. Until after the holidays.

Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim.

PREPS
WOW what a big two weeks it has been with swimming. This week we are revising all the letters and words we have worked on during the past 5 weeks. Please make sure you continue reading every day with your child during the holiday break. Practising your writing by sending cards or letters would also make for wonderful holiday fun. Happy and safe holidays everyone.

Natalie, Di and Kim.

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
STARS OF THE WEEK
Room 1  Lilly B
Room 2  Molly W
Room 3  Samantha C
Room 4  Grace M
Room 7  Jake N
Room 8  Aaron F
Room 10  Issi L
Room 11  Zara W
Room 13  Callum M
Reading Awards  India P, Sharni W
OSHC Award  Taryn E, Micahel C, Breanna M
Nude Food  Prep Manley

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS
Thank you to Bendigo Social Butterflies for their kind donations!
♦ Art and Craft Supplies for Speci Playgroup and the Art Room
♦ Catering supplies for the Canteen
♦ Seeds and gloves for the Gardening Program

A HUGE thank you to Michelle Robinson for labelling all the spare uniforms.

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.

Is your child’s teacher fantastic? Would you like to see them officially recognised for all their hard work? Put your thinking caps on over the holidays, and if you have a teacher who you think deserves some public acknowledgement of their efforts, let us know at the start of term 3. A form will be sent home in the first week of Term 3 on which you can nominate one of the many deserving teachers at Specimen Hill. 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 the 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 or incur a fine.

A huge thank you to Michelle Robinson for her continued assistance in covering library books throughout the year.

SWIMMING 2013
The cost for this year’s swimming program is $57 per student.

If you are yet to pay, could payment please be made to the office as soon as possible.

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 26th June  Popcorn  Group Games
Friday 27th June  Chips  Movie Night

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.

Statement will be sent home at the end of Term

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Walking School Bus - THURSDAYS

BE COOL WALK TO SCHOOL

GOOD II

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’.

School Holidays are almost here!

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 54458300 to make a booking

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.

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 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.

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School Holiday Programs

FUN ‘language experiences’ for KIDS

- French
- Italian
- Mandarin

Preschooler sessions for 2-5yrs
Primary aged sessions for kids 5-12 yrs

Choose from 1.5hr / 3hrs / full day sessions

The Magic of Mandarin: cooking, vocab & craft
A Day in Italy: All things Italian. sightseeing, games & fun
French Fiestas: French celebrations
A Day in France: Customs, Plane flight & sightseeing

And enquire about our French Masterchef...

Experienced & enthusiastic teachers
Play-based programs to get your child using the language quickly and naturally

Prices start from $20. Discounts apply.

Ask about our fun term-time Clubs. Lots days/times available French/Spansih/Mandarin/Italian
Term 3 / FREE Trial registrations now open

Enquire now to 0418 390 824
sally-anne.symes@lcfclubs.com.au
www.lcfclubs.com.au

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DINOSAURS INFORMATION REPORTS  1/2 M.

INTRODUCTION:
Pteradactyl was one of the flying dinosaurs.
FACTS:
Pteradactyl is a flying dinosaur. 
It had two wings with web feet. 
It can fly at speeds of 90 miles per hour. 
Its sharp claws ripped its prey open.
CONCLUDING STATEMENT:
I wish it was alive now.  Connor G.

INTRODUCTION:
Stegasaurus is my favourite dinosaur.
FACTS:
She lives in the Jurassic Time.
She eats plants and trees.
She has bony plates on her back.
She walks on four legs.
CONCLUDING STATEMENT:
Stegasaurus lived millions of years ago.
Savanna 1/2 M

INTRODUCTION:
Spinosaurs is my favourite dinosaur.
FACTS:
It was the deadliest. 
It has a big sail on its back so it could float in water. 
It lived in the Cretaceous period. 
It lived in Africa. 
It was a carnivore. 
It was a lot more fierce than T-Rex. 
It was a GIGANTIC REPTILE.
CONCLUDING STATEMENT:

SWIMMING INFORMATION REPORTS  1/2 M

INTRODUCTION:
I like going swimming.
FACTS:
I like doing freestyle. 
I like doing torpedo. 
I like diving. 
I like going under water. 
I like touching the bottom. 
CONCLUDING STATEMENT:
I think I have improved a lot the year at swimming. 
Corey B 1/2 M

INTRODUCTION:
I like swimming at the pool with the school.
FACTS:
We go to Eaglehawk Pool. 
I love swimming. 
We can play. 
We learn how to swim. 
We wet our hair. 
We swim under water. I love torpedo. 
We went in the big pool.
CONCLUDING STATEMENT:
Swimming is fun.  Hailie. 1/2 M
Dear Jazz and Ivan,

I am writing to thank you for coming to Specimen Hill Primary School. It was a pleasure to hear about how you two guys and how you became professional Basketballers. I enjoyed the opportunity to hear how important reading is. I wish you all the best of luck for the rest of the season.

From Sachin L.

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Dear Jazz and Ivan,

Thank you for coming to Specimen Hill Primary School and talking to us about how important it is to read. When you said you get books to read on how to defend in basketball I found it very surprising. At some stage I would like to have you back to do another activity with us.

From Josh W.

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NETBALL

BY GRACE N 5/6P

At the start of the game
As the whistle blows
Just as the timer starts
For the ball is thrown
From the centre of the court
To the player with the bib
Beyond the line
Toward the ring
Until the defence intercepts
With the ball going the other way
Off to their teammates
Towards their goal
But they miss
With us getting the ball back
Inside the middle third
Upon the goal ring.
UP, UP, UP it goes
Until we get a score
Throughout the game we get more goals
By the end of the game, we win
Beside each other the whole way through
Over the whole game we stuck to it,
By the end we came through.
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

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The Bendigo Basketball McDarnold’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.

WEEK ONE: THE SMURFS!
Children will have the opportunity to meet their favourite Smurf. They can meet ‘n’ greet Smurfette, sing and dance with Clumsy or have hugs and photos with Papa Smurf. There will be a different Smurf each day. Children will be able to see them from 11.00 am, 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm.

Wednesday 3rd July: Smurfette
Thursday 4th July: Clumsy
Friday 5th July: Papa Smurf

- Kmart and Red Pepper Café

WEEK TWO: GKR Karate Demonstration
Children can be part of some FREE karate demonstrations by the real champs! Featuring kids self-defence workshops (ages 5+) and promoting the importance of fitness. Check it out from Wednesday 10 July to Saturday 13 July from 11am to 1pm near Kmart and Red Pepper Café.

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Bendigo Basketball Association
McDonald's Supercamp
3 & 4 July 2013

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