Welcome to week 3 of Term 3.

School Values: excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect. This week the key value that is focussed on in Mr Stringer’s classes is respect. There have been a variety of activities highlighting the different aspects of respect presented in the group activities.

Parent Teacher Child Interviews

Thank you to the families who took the time and effort to attend the Interviews last Thursday. The feedback from staff was very positive in relation to participation and information shared during the interviews. This process is an important part of each child’s learning and progress.

Swimming

The responses from the 75 swimming surveys returned are:

Question 1 - On the rating scale:

1. Level 5 - 54 families consider the swimming program to be extremely important.
2. Level 4 rating - 6 families.
3. Level 3 rating - 12 families.
4. Level 1 - 3 families.
5. The outcome is that 71% of families who responded consider swimming to be an extremely important part of the school program.

Question 2 - Most families who responded indicated that their children participated in the swimming program.

12 families indicated that their child/children did not attend the swimming program. There were a number of reasons but mainly the reasons were financial and no need to.

Question 3 - suggestions as to how we can improve the program.

The main responses were:

- Operate the program during the warmer months perhaps Term 1 or Term 4.
- Spread the program over a longer period of time, perhaps 1-2 sessions a week, as children were getting very tired.
- More affordable.
- Cater for an advanced group or more targeted instruction in each group.
- Illness can be a negative outcome.
- Certificates should be awarded at the completion of the program.
- Perhaps use a local pool during summer.
- Many families were very happy with the program as it is.

A committee will consider all of these responses when deciding on the future of the program.

Space Travellers - The Space Travellers Program started last Friday. The theme is Fantasy and the focus is on Literature in a visual, literary and creative manner. The program includes guidance in higher order thinking and in the variety of activities whilst giving opportunity for exposure and opportunity for creative responses.

Absenteeism and lateness to school. - The first class to ‘win’ the fortnightly award for the least number of absent days and lateness to school over the period of 2 weeks is awarded to Grade 3/4 Polglase with only 2 days absent over the 2 weeks. Congratulations students, well done. Honourable mentions must also go to 3/4 Eastley and 5/6 Pysing with only 4 days each. Great effort. I am dismayed to report that a couple of classes had days absent of 30 or 40 over the 2 week period. This is way too much. Mr Polglase’s class will look forward to 20 minutes free time and donuts for all on Friday. Fabulous effort.

Literacy and Numeracy Family Fun night - The Literacy and Numeracy Family Fun night will be held on Thursday (1st August - this week) from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. This is a Family Fun night so ALL family members are invited to come along to participate in maths and literacy challenges. There will be some competitions operating throughout the night with winners announced at the end. Fun for all in the Library, Art room and Multi purpose room.

Throughout the week there will be a number of Literacy and Numeracy activities occurring across the school. Please read the flier that was sent home last week informing you of these activities. I am delighted to say that we will be having a ‘re-launch’ of our school Library throughout the week. The Library has undertaken a face-lift and is well worth a visit. It is a very inviting and welcoming space for lovers of books, reading, technology and learning.

Hopefully parents are enjoying the focus on numeracy and literacy and supporting their child/children to put in the extra practise and effort towards excellent progress and proficiency in these key learning areas.

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 to the Zone. For all families who have paid their school fees by the end of week 4 - Friday 9th August their names will go into a draw for the prize. The prize winner will be drawn at the Assembly on Monday 12th August.

Jeans for Genes Day - Friday is Jeans for genes day. All students are encouraged to wear a pair of jeans if they have them to school on that day for the cost of a gold coin donation. Students will also receive a small ‘surprise gift’ for their effort. School uniform of school tops should still be worn as it is NOT an out of uniform day. This day will be run by the Junior School Council.

Have a great week.

Di Craig (Principal)
**SENIOR DEPARTMENT**

Dear Parents,

We are in the midst of Literacy and Numeracy week and it has been a joy to see students able to recite their “poem in pocket”. We are also running a number of extra special Numeracy lessons based on the “Maths 300” website. Mapping Ratios, Potato Olympics and Dice Cricket have proved not only to be fun and engaging lessons but they are also laced with rich mathematical concepts. We have also continued lessons in our Numeracy unit of Mass.

**Who would like to win a chocolate?** - The person to give Mr Pysing the correct answer will win a chocolate. Can you please convert 7,482 grams to kilograms?

**Homework** - Please support your child to ensure that nightly reading as well as weekly spelling and number facts occur in your home. In addition, we are having a Mathletics competition for grades 1-6. Mr Polglase and Mrs Jackson will be compiling weekly results. Students are encouraged to log on nightly to Mathletics and answer as many questions as accurately as possible. There will be prizes and awards for students and classes who participate.

**Dates to remember for Year 6 students**

- **Thursday September 12th** - Big day out for students attending Eaglehawk Secondary College.
- **Friday September 13th** – Activity day at Crusoe for all Year 6 students.
- **17th October** – All Year 6 students attend Crusoe Secondary College for transitioning to secondary school program with Kylie Freer and Nicole Ellerton. Year 5 students will be undertaking in a step up to leadership program run by Scott Pysing.

Finally, looking forward to this week’s Literacy and Numeracy Family Fun Night. This event will occur this Thursday the 1st of August. Running for one hour, 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

**MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT**

This week has been full of exciting Literacy and Numeracy tasks to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week. We have been focussing on our theme for the week which is ‘A Poem in Your Pocket’ and students have been sharing their poems to their classmates and other students across the school. Today we have read the story Herman & Rosie in every classroom throughout the school and tomorrow we will be participating in the 5c Coin Competition. Also, Thursday night is Family Night and we look forward to seeing as many families between 6:30-7:30 to join in and partake in many different Literacy & Numeracy activities which will be setup to enjoy a fun night and share in some fun tasks.

In less than a month all Grade 3-6 students will participate in the Athletics Sports day held at the Bendigo Athletics Track in Flora Hill. Notes regarding this went home on Tuesday and we ask that these be filled in and returned to the office by August 9th. This is a great occasion for students to compete in Track and Field events, but most importantly, have fun while doing so.

Our Grade 3/4 Egg Drop mission will be underway very soon with students brainstorming their ideas and designs in the coming weeks. We are in need of items that students can use in order to safely carry their eggs to the ground and complete their mission. These items, such as bottles, straws, egg cartons, milk cartons etc, can be handed to any Grade 3/4 Teacher to be used during the design process and will be greatly appreciated by all staff and students.

Until next time…..

Adam, Hayden, Rebecca, Leah.

**JUNIOR DEPARTMENT**

The junior department is continuing to focus on the Circus, during our integrated studies sessions. After being inspired by Camp Hill’s students, each class is busy readying themselves for our own Circus performance which will be happening in the week beginning Monday 19 August. Tumbling, juggling and plate spinning will be just some of the exciting things to be seen during our show.

Over the next few weeks students will be promoting the show by creating advertisements, writing letters and ‘Clowning’ around! We hope all parents will be able to come along and watch the show.

Thanks to all the parents who attended the Student/Parent /Teacher Interviews. The ‘At home’ learning support provided by parents is an integral part of your child’s education. It was also a great way for us to strengthen the learning partnerships already created.

Just a reminder that Communication Journals should now be returned to class teachers. Nightly reading should also be happening and the home readers being completed.

Jenny, Jo, Joan, Kim and Aaro

**PREPS**

The word of the week is ‘was’, the letter of the week is ‘Hh’ and the blend we are looking at is ‘th’. We thoroughly enjoyed parent, teacher, student interviews it was great to have so many parents and students attend! Continue to work hard at learning our spelling words that are sent home in spelling books. We hope you have enjoyed viewing your students work with them in their communication journals. Please return communication journals to your classroom teacher by Friday at the latest. Don’t forget Thursday is nude food, please send your student with NO wrappers in their lunch boxes as the number of wrappers in our classes is beginning to creep up!

Natalie, Di and Kim.
STARS OF THE WEEK

Room 1  Charnize M
Room 2  Amy E
Room 3  Deakon R
Room 4  Hayley H
Room 5  Rhylee E
Room 6  Akaisha
Room 7  Tyran A
Room 8  Teneille D
Room 10  Michael B
Room 11  Riley M, Brock P
Room 12  Marli F
Room 13  Taylah S
Art Award  Colby, Michael C
PE Award  Ryan T
OSHC Award  Trey A

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 1 August  Toast  Group Games
Friday 2 August  Fruit  Quiet Play
Monday 5 August  Nachos  Funny Faces
Tuesday 6 August  Sandwiches  Outside Play
Wednesday 7 August  Popcorn  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.

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS

FAVOUR’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.

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.
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.

**LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK**

Students have participated in many activities to celebrate Literacy & Numeracy week. Throughout the week, students have read poems to each other, participated in ‘Read Australia’, interesting and engaging maths lessons and tomorrow, all students will participate in a 5 cent estimation competition. Friday will see students who have signed up for the “Speci Reading Challenge’ enjoy a special celebration. A busy and exciting week for all students!

Tomorrow night a Literacy and Numeracy family night will be held in the school library. We invite all families to come along and participate. Older siblings, grandparents etc are all welcome. Come along and support your child become a literate and numerate citizen.

Wendy Jackson  
School Improvement Officer

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

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

**BBQ - SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**FRIDAY 9th AUGUST**

**CASUAL CLOTHES**

Please dress in COBALT BLUE.

**THE SPECI READING CHALLENGE**

**TREY D.**

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.

**JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

**Friday 2nd August**

**Gold Coin Donation**

Wear your jeans on the day

Jeans for Genes Day is a national day when people wear their jeans to raise much needed funds for research into birth defects and diseases such as cancer, epilepsy and a range of genetic disorders.

Every dollar raised on the day will help scientists at Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures to give every child the opportunity to live a long and

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**THURSDAY 15th AUGUST**

**6.30 - 8.00 PM**

Dress in COBALT BLUE

Supporting Communities

The Junior School Council are calling for donations of children’s book, school supplies (pencils and workbooks) and baby clothes to send to needy communities of Luganville in Vanuatu. All donations will be sent across and gratefully received by the wonderful people of Luganville. Thank you for your kindness. All donations can be left at the school office.
Circus by Lane

When I went to the circus magicians were with the lions.
The clowns were very funny.
The jugglers were amazing.
The circus is good.
I want to go there now.
The circus is good for everyone.
I love the circus.
You must like it too.
Go the funny clowns go, go, go.

The Circus
Hey there give a big cheer.
Here is the Circus. See the acrobats on the dizzy swing.
See the lions on the ladders.
See the juggler juggling balls.
See the Circus in town. I love the Circus. It’s so fun. Come with me to see amazing things. I love everything about the Circus.

Juggler balls
Unusual
Great
Got lots of juggler balls
Lots of fun
Elephants
Rely fun
Spectacular
By Trinity
1/2M

Give a massive cheer! The circus is here!
Clowns, Acrobats and a monkey that acts a little funny!
His name is Shaun and he really likes popcorn!
There is a Clown and he’s falling down!
Then he definitely does not have a frown!
The Ringmasters so big!
He looks like a pig!
Give a giant cheer!
The great circus is here!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Xavier 1/2 M. July 2013

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
REFLECTIONS IN ART By Grades 5 & 6

Today in Art I have been drawing and colouring and doing Abstract Art. I've drawn and colour bugs. **By Declan.**

I have learnt about Abstract and how you need to distort a profile. I have enjoyed the Scratch Art because I came first in an Art Show for my scratch art. **By Chantel.**

In Art I have learnt about Abstract Art, Negative and Positive Space, line, colour, texture and shape. **By Anthony and Tyler.**

Today in Art I finished my beetle and it was fun. It is colourful and Abstract. **By Rhiley.**

Today in Art I did Abstract bugs and coloured them in and stuck it on a black piece of paper. Then I did sewing. **By Keeley.**

Today in Art we have been doing Abstract work on a bug drawing we did. To make it abstract it can have shapes and patterns. **By Lincoln and Josh.**

For the past few weeks in Art we have been doing ‘Abstract Insects’, with lots of the ‘Elements of Art’. We have created abstract forms. **By Ruby.**

I have learned in Art about textures, colour, form, shapes and space. I have learnt how to do sewing and use different colours in drawing. **By Kayne and Zac.**

In Art we have learnt the ‘Elements of Art’ such as colour, shapes, lines, form, space and texture. This year we are learning about bugs and their body parts, head, thorax and abdomen. **By Chyan and Jessica.**

My favourite thing in Art class is creating your own bug and sketching trees. **By Jena and Jenna-Li.**

Today we learned how to draw a bug or insect. Our favourite thing in art is sewing, also drawing bugs. We loved doing the ink. The ‘Elements of Art’ are: line, colour, form, texture, shape and space. It was fun doing our names with quilling paper. **By Makayla and Maxine.**

I have learned about shape and colour. My favourite thing was sewing in Art. **By Marli.**

I have learnt in art this year about the ‘Elements of Art’. These are: line, shape, colour, texture, forma and space. We have been doing bugs and I have learnt the body parts of an insect which are: thorax, head and abdomen. My favourite thing in Art has been the quick sketching we did at the start of the year while drawing still life. **By Grace and Paige.**

For the past few weeks in Art we have enjoyed learning how to use the ‘Elements of Art’ to create Abstract Insects. We started with sketching. **By Grace.**

Today in Art I learnt how to make insects and their thorax, abdomen and head. **By Sachin.**

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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’.

Healthy Eating for Growing Kids

The basics
Childhood is a key time for learning about healthy eating and healthy food choices. It’s important for kids to make healthy choices, so ensure healthier options are readily available for them. Encourage kids to enjoy lots of different kinds of foods, including:

- Vegetables
- Dried peas, beans and lentils
- Fruit
- Bread, rice and pasta
- Lean meat, fish and poultry
- Reduced fat dairy products
- Margarine spreads or lower saturated fat dairy spreads and oils.

This will help them get all the nutrients they need to grow and develop, and keep up their energy to get through a busy day.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY
All children are welcome from 8:15am

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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

Volunteer Families Wanted

for small gardening jobs to keep our school looking fabulous as we head into spring.

Please see Kim Manley
Room 3

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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

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Friday 2nd August  Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 9th August  Blue Day - BBQ - Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 15th August  School Disco - 6.30-8.00 pm
Thursday 15th August  Science Day
Sunday 18th August  Working Bee
Tuesday 20th August  9.20 - The Blurbs (Book Week)
Thursday 29th August  Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 30th August  Father’s Day Stall

FOR SALE
New GRADE 6 Short Sleeved Polo T-Shirt - $30.00.
Available from the Office.

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

NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION are available from our website:
www.shps1316.vic.edu.au

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