To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 7 of Term 2.

School Values: excellence, honesty, persistence, resilience and respect.

Di Craig is currently on an overseas trip to China. She will be catching up with the students who were on exchange here last year, as well as looking at educational settings in China and how the relationship between Specimen Hill Primary School and Suzhou can be further developed. We look forward to hearing about Di’s experiences next week when she returns to our school.

Parent Helpers - Thank You
It has been very impressive to see so many parents getting involved with the school again this year.
The school Playgroup continues to operate.
Our Healthy school canteen program continues to provide school lunches two days a week.
The Parent managed head lice program has been conducted regularly to help us keep the pests under control.
We have also had many hard working parents attend the school working bees.
We also have many parents providing support in classrooms and various other events.
Your support in all these areas is greatly appreciated by the staff but more importantly by the children who see that parents value the school and education. This demonstrates that we are a strong school community who is interested in children and their education.

Trauma and Hardships
From time to time individuals and families can experience difficulties including trauma and hardship in their lives. When a family is dealing with such an experience it has a huge impact on every member of the family. The way people deal with and cope with the situation is different for each individual. But there are many common behaviours that we see quite regularly such as:
Bedwetting
Acting Out
More Challenging behaviour
Violent Behaviour

Telling lies
A sense of sadness
Be withdrawn
Issues with friendships
Parentified behaviour in children

If your family or child/children are responding to a circumstance in any of the above ways it surely will be having an impact on their schooling and relationships.
Please feel free to contact
Class teachers
Bernadette (wellbeing Officer)
Corey Warne/Di Craig
To let us know of any changes so we can assist all involved to understand, deal and cope better.

ENROL NOW! Prep 2014
To assist us with planning for 2014 we need families with children starting Prep in 2014 to enrol.
We would like to account for all our current families and any new families. If you know any families who have not enrolled yet or new to the area, please get them to talk to us. For an individual appointment, tour of the school and our information pack please contact the school.

Manners
Good manners, or acting appropriate in a way that’s socially acceptable and respectful, display respect, care, and consideration for others. Excellent manners can help you to have better relationships with people you know, and those you will meet. Manners are continually reinforced at school with a focus being placed on them being used both at home and school on a regular basis.
CLASS NEWS

SENIOR DEPARTMENT

We continue to promote the importance of daily reading to develop literacy skills. Year 5/6 boys had a reading session with two basketball players from the Braves. They highlighted reading as an important life skill, read to the students, talked about books and heard some of the boys read. A big thank you to the Braves and to Mr Tanner for helping to organise this session which was enjoyed by all.

Through topic work this term we have been building understandings around being a global citizens and the need to understand others’ cultures. Some of our learnings have been;

- Water and energy are essential resources and the scarcity of these resources in some places is a local and global concern.
- We use and often waste natural resources in our daily living and it is essential to recycle and reuse in order to sustain the Earth’s resources.
- People can damage the environment by their actions. We have begun to explore the concepts of sustainable futures, global footprints and personal and social responsibility. This means we need to work together to reduce our impact on the environment and make the world a better place.

Individuals can and do make a difference and students will start their individual project this week.

Estimating and then measuring for accuracy has been a focus in Maths (mm, cm, m and km). Keep your eyes open for opportunities at home to reinforce the learning in this area.

**Homework:** Spelling (topic words), nightly reading. Please support your child in setting time aside to complete their homework.

**Reminder:** Swimming notes back in by the end of the week at the very latest.

Thank you
Matt, Scott and Anne

MIDDLE YEARS DEPARTMENT

Our students are continuing to learn about Australian history as part of their Integrated Studies topic. Some students have brought in some terrific artefacts to show their classmates. If parents have any historical artefacts they are happy for their children to bring along and share with the class, that would be fantastic. In particular we are looking at the impact Indigenous Australians have played in our history, the First Fleet and also the Gold Rush.

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.

Our school's annual Swimming Program is coming up very soon. The program will run during the last two weeks of this term on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. If there are any families yet to play, can you please pay at the office as soon as possible. The Swimming Program is a school curriculum requirement that all students must participate in. Any students that cannot go due to health issues must have a note written by their parents and given to their classroom teacher prior to the program commencing.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Dinosaurs are our major theme for the next six weeks. This week we have been studying fact files on different Dinosaurs, creating a Dinosaur Alphabet and starting to construct a model of a chosen class dinosaur.

LITERACY

This week in reading and writing we have been reading fact books and summarizing the information - saying it in their own words.

MATHS

Our focus this week has been on Computation and Mass. We have been playing a Dinosaur Dice game involving addition and subtraction. Also discussing the word Hefting to compare different objects weight.

TISSUES

Thanks to the many families who have already sent along a box of tissues to be used by the class. It would be great if all families could please send a box along to school.

REMINDERS:

SWIMMING: permission notes to be returned to school.

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.

PREPS

This week in the Prep rooms we are looking at the word 'here' and the letter 'Dd'. Spending a few extra minutes discussing these with your child during your home reading time will assist them in classrooms discussions during the week.

Please make sure you are reading every night with your child, and sign their yellow books. Swimming is starting soon, make sure you have returned your notes or spoken to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Natalie, Di and Kim
STARS OF THE WEEK
Room 1 Mackenzie P
Room 2 Tay Deim T
Room 3 Georgia G
Room 4 Sophie E
Room 5 Taryn E
Room 6 Kynan H
Room 7 Anthony Mc
Room 8 Darcy R
Room 9 Karli Y
Room 10 Cody N
Room 11 Anthony G & Sophie J
Room 12 Kaylem T
Room 13 Benjamin A
PE Award Georgia W
LOTE Award Eh Khee & Hudson S

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

MISSING MICROFIBRE JACKET
Anderson P. has lost a microfiber jacket, if you have found this could you please hand it in to the office.

PINAFORES
Price - $52.00 each (GST inclusive)
Pinafores have been ordered and should arrive in the next few weeks.

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 6th June  Milk and Cookies  Craft
Friday 7th June  Toast  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.

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

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

Our children’s future in the very best of hands............
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.

THE SPECI READING CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!!

Reader of the Week: TYLER E.

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.

SWIMMING 2013

Payment is now overdue - please remit to office as soon as possible

The program begins on Monday 17th June. Swimming dates for the program are as follows: Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th followed by Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th June.

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

PHOTOS - Second Chance Orders

Please note: Second chance orders for Leading Image photos need to be sent directly to Leading Image.
PO Box 1035, Geelong Vic. 3220

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

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

EVERY WEDNESDAY

All children are welcome from 8:15am
We have been sharing our favourite books with each other to help our classmates find out about different, interesting books that they may like to read. Here is a selection of 3/4E’s favourite books!

Ashlyn - "The Witches" - Roald Dahl - It has lots of funny words.
Bailey - "Matilda" - Roald Dahl - It is funny and has expensive words.
Trasiah - "Goosebumps" - R L Stine - It makes me wonder what will happen next.
Charlotte - "The Magic Faraway Tree" - Enid Blyton - There are lots of chapters to read.
Riley - "The Wizard of Rondo" - Emily Rodda - It makes you think!
Destiney - "Harvey on Holidays" - Terrance Dicks - I like the way they talk with accents.
Broadi - "Wombat Stew" - Marcia Vaughan - It has funny words and a funny ending.
Sharni - "Uncollected" - Paul Jennings - He makes the story feel real.
Tiarini - "Choose Your Own Adventure books" - You get to decide how the story goes.
Michael - "The Cow That Goes Kapow" - Andy Griffiths - It has funny stories through it.
Tiah - "The Book of Brownies" - Enid Blyton - It has lots of describing words.
Tom - "The Magic Faraway Tree" - Enid Blyton - It is really descriptive and she uses her imagination well.
Audrey - "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" - J K Rowling - It is really interesting and mysterious.
Miss Eastley - "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" - L Frank Baum - I love the creative storyline.
Our children’s future in the very best of hands............
SCHOOL SORES (Impetigo)

There have been a couple of reports of school sores in the middle to senior classes. Please be aware of any unusual sores or pimples that may appear on your child. Antibiotic treatment should be commenced in the case of school sores. Any sores on exposed skin should be covered with a watertight dressing.

MENS AND KIDS NIGHT - UPCOMING EVENT

When: Wednesday 19th June 2013
Where: Multi Purpose Room
Time: Starting at 6.30 pm

Games and activities, Pizza supplied.

There will be a GUEST SPEAKER on the night.

WORKING BEE

Thank you to those Families that attended our Working Bee last weekend. We achieved a great deal with our small but extremely hard working group. If every family were able to attend one working bee a year for just one hour we could make such a difference to our school surrounds.

Please consider attending our Term 3 morning, we would love you to bee apart of it.

Collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points for your school

We're thrilled to invite you to participate in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.
**NETBALL**

Training

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**Draw, Court and Times - Saturday 8th June**

There are no games this weekend due to the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

On Saturday the Grade 3 Clinic played Netball for Speci. We played Huntly. The scores were 2 to 0. Unfortunately we lost but we played a great game in the rain. We got awfully soaked. The rain made it hard to play because it made the court slippery to play on. Destiny fell over and grazed her knee but she was okay in the end.

By Shayla and Macey 3/4B

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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

FRIDAY 7th JUNE

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**5 Cent Fundraise**

**NEWSLETTERS & INFORMATION**

are available from our website:

www.shps1316.vic.edu.au

**Important Dates to remember for School:**

Monday June 10th—Public Holiday
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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