Dear students, families and friends,
Welcome to week 5 of Term 4.

Prep Transition
Next Tuesday is the second Prep Orientation day for 2014 preps. The session will be from 9.00 to 10.00. Could all parents please remain at school again for the hour again and meet in the multi-purpose room for a parent session on ‘How to actively listen to your child read’. This is of great benefit to all parents as new information or as a refresh.

Students to visit China in 2014
I am delighted to inform the community that we have finally completed the selection of the 5 students who will participate in the student visit to China in 2014. 13 students applied and there was a rigorous process of written applications, interviews and checks from classroom teachers before the final selection was made. Each student participated with such enthusiasm and interest, it was a difficult task to make the final choice of 5 students. I would like to congratulate all students but in particular: Grace W., Tiarni B., April S., Lachlan M. and Tyler E. who were the final five students chosen. These students will now organise a number of fundraising activities to help supplement the cost of the trip. The visit to China will take place in early June next year.

Cyber Safety Information session
This Thursday evening from 6.00 to 7.00pm we will have a Cyber Safety Information Session in the multi-purpose room. It is extremely important that parents come along with their child/children to hear this information. The presenter is a police officer who deals with the impact and repercussions of online bullying and behaviour at the coal-face. An information notice was sent home yesterday so please come along to find out more of how to protect your child online.

Prep children for 2014
If there are any younger siblings at home who are planning on coming to school next year and have not yet enrolled, can you please enrol ASAP as we may have to put a limit on the number of prep students soon. We would hate anyone to miss out on a position!

Melbourne Cup Fun Day
Thank you to Ms Backas and the students in 3/4 B, for the wonderful Melbourne Cup Hat Parade and fun activities that they organised yesterday. The students did a wonderful job organising the activities and participating and judging the hat parade. Well done! (Photos are included on page 3). Thank you to the parents who joined in by supporting their children to make or create a hat for the occasion. Enjoy the week ahead.

Di Craig (Principal)
GYM PROGRAM:
Today we attended the final Gym session for this year. We are very fortunate to have this experience as a part of the curriculum. The students have enthusiastically participated in the four sessions under the expert guidance of Mr Palmer. They have enjoyed group relaxation sessions, stretching and a wide range of tumbling, jumping and co-ordination and balance skill activities.

COMMUNICATION JOURNALS:
Some of these have still not been returned. Please return these ASAP.

NUDE FOOD DAY THURSDAY - every week.
Thank you to all the families who are supporting this program. Some students still have from 2 to 8 wrappers in their lunch. Here is a sample of a nude food lunch. Until next week.
Aaron, Jenny, Jo, Joan and Kim. 1 / 2 Teachers.

PREPS
This week has been exciting with the class Hat Parade and we are busy making sea creature masks to help celebrate the end of our exciting ‘Under the Sea’ Unit. This week we are focusing on the blend ‘wh’, ‘at’ words, and the word ‘you’. As we are fast approaching the end of the year, please ensure you are practising your child’s reading each night, practising reading and writing their key chain words and practising their spelling words. This may seem like a lot but it will help prepare them for Grade 1. If you are finding that the key chain words are too easy for your child, go to page 31 in their reading diary and start working through the word list.
Natalie, Di and Kim

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT
INTEGRATED STUDIES- “UNDER THE SEA”
Next week with be last week of our “Under the Sea “ Unit. This week the students are presenting their oral talks about a sea creature of their choice. They will be using photos, drawings, models, fact sheets etc to present their talk to the class. They are being videoed.

Hat or Mask Challenge: On Friday we will have a display of the hats and masks we have constructed in class. The students have made a great variety of styles - Octopuses, Angler Fish, Sharks, Turtles, Dolphins, Penguins and many more.
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

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**OSHC**

- Ebony R.
- Holley B., Callum GR, Dylan McK
- Tyeisha R., Kurtis C., Tahlia P.
- Akaisha L., Rhylee E., Isabelle M., Hailie M., Zander W., Corey B.
- Baylee F., Trinity F.

**Reading**

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**HATS COMPULSORY TERM FOUR $10**

Have you paid your school fees for the year?

A family statement has been sent home.

Could you please pay all outstanding school fees as soon as possible....

*Before the Christmas rush sets in!*

**Fashion Goes UP UP!!!**

Ladies’ and men’s fashion peaks at the Melbourne cup MELBOUNE cup goers are getting more fashionable with next year’s cups fashions set to rise. “I want to look my best always.” Modelling sensation Fleur Von Bonchienne quoted: “If I leave the house I must look really pretty.”

**Journalist - Grace W**

**How do I obtain an immunisation status certificate?**

From the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

- phone 1800 663 809 or
- email acr@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit your local Medicare Office.

**OUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE IN THE VERY BEST OF HANDS...............**
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

Writing Contributions by
Grade 1/2 Bergin / Ball

The Blue Ringed Octopus is in the mollusc family. The Blue Ringed Octopus is very poisonous. By Cohan

A Box Jelly Fish is an invertebrate. The Box Jelly Fish has venom in the tentacles and it stings and it is dangerous for humans. The tentacles are 3 metres long and they sting! You can see through the Box Jelly Fish. October to May is the worst time for Jelly Fish in Northern Australia. They are dangerous! By Chloe

The Crown of Thorns is a spiky, sea star that is colourful and thorny and it lives in the Great Barrier Reef. The Crown of Thorns eats little, brittle sea stars. There are millions of species of sea star and the Crown of Thorns is one of them but looks like it doesn’t do anything but it kills the reef. It looks like it isn’t harmful but it is. By Jordy

The sea turtle eats fish, crabs and lobsters. Out of hundreds of sea turtles that hatch only a few live to grow into big sea turtles. By Jed

Sea horses can camouflage themselves so their predators don’t eat them. The males carry the baby in their pouch. They swim slowly. Sea horses feel very rough. It has a swirly tail which can wind around sea weed. It has one fin and a little bump on its head. It can grow up to 30 cm tall. Sea horses are interesting creatures. By Tia

A stingray is a fish. Sting rays can grow up to 2 metres long. A stingray is grey and white. Rays can eat fish, crab and worms. The stingray is the most venomous fish in the ocean. By Liam

A dolphin is a mammal that lives in the sea. Dolphins are grey. Dolphins travel around the sea in pods. Dolphins eat tiny fish. Dolphins are very clever. By Bronte

The Blue Ringed Octopus has blue rings all over its body which means it is venomous and dangerous. The Blue Ringed Octopus has eight tentacles and over one hundred suckers. It crawls along the giant sea floor. Sometimes the Blue Ringed Octopus swims to get away from predators faster. There can be many species of the octopuses in the sea. By Charli

The sea star is an echinoderm. It looks like a star. The sea star has spots and it is colourful. It has five legs and there are 100s of feet underneath the body too. They are one of the most popular sea creatures. It turns itself inside out to eat. It is a little bit hard but I think they are pretty. By Hayley.

A sea star has spots on its back. A sea star crawl very slowly on tiny legs under its body and sea stars are very colourful. A sea star eats oysters, coral, fish and other sea animals. There are more than 2000 species of sea stars in the world. By Rogan
Contributions by
Grade 1/2 Bergin / Ball
Under the Sea projects

LARA M.

JED G.

JORDY A.

AKAISHA A.

SIENNA F.
Melbourne Cup Hat Parade  By Zac

It’s Tuesday the Melbourne cup hat parade is on at school the teachers have prizes to give away for the people with smallest, tallest, most fleurro coloured hat and the most colourful hat.

The winner of the biggest hat award was Jena C. from 5/6R. There were at least a hundred different hats from thinnest to widest, longest to shortest, biggest to smallest and even darkest to lightest. And that was about it from Melbourne cup. I guess we will have to see what happens next year.

**Camera action....**

By line - Marli

This Tuesday let the race begin for 2013 There are so many who can I choose? Wow look at the people’s costumes, they look amazing. Let the people roar the horse names as they gallop.

**SPECI HAS MELBOURNE CUP PARADE**

By Kaylem T

On Tuesday 3/4 B held a Melbourne cup hat parade. There were all different types of categories to enter from. There was the biggest hat, the smallest hat, the prettiest fascinator, the Aussie hat and the most floral hat. 5/6 R was lucky to have to winners Jena C and Chyan W. Jena won the biggest hat and Chyan won the prettiest fascinator. “Prep M had the best hats overall,” said Miss B.

**Fashions on the field**

By Piper

At Specimen Hill PS they had a hat parade with all different kinds of hats. May I say they were all beautiful but there could only be 2 winners for each category; the categories are biggest hat, smallest hat, most floral hat, prettiest fascinator, assize hats and brightest hat. The judges were Mrs Craig, Abbey-Rose and Taylor they showed excellence when they judged. May I say they also look really awesome. There are too many winners to say but they were all so amazing.

**Fussy over hats**

Kayne.B

On Tuesday the 3/4 B held a hat parade. We all got different types of hats that we chose like, the biggest hat, the smallest hat, the prettiest fascinator, the Aussie hat and the most floral hat.

The people with the best one of their category one a prize Mrs B said “The class that won the best hats overall was prep 1 Manly”.

We found out that Jena won in our class for the biggest hat and Chyan won the prettiest fascinator. “Prep M had the best hats overall,” said Miss B.

**FOOD, FUN & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Thursday 12th December**

**Food Fair  5.00—6.30pm**

**School Concert  7.00pm onwards**

Parents & Friends
Fresh fruit salad and yoghurt
Room 1 and Room 2
Cakes of the World
Room 3
Sausage Sizzle
Room 4
Fairy Floss
Room 5
Spiders
Room 6
Ice creams
Room 7
Spaghetti
Room 8
Assisting Gr.3/4 classes
Room 9
TBA
Room 10
Nachos
Room 11
Kebabs
Room 12
Lolly Bags
Room 13
Drinks
Other stalls: Hot Dogs &Mini spring rolls
Sausage Rolls and Party Pies
School Council Tacos

**Melbourne cup parade**

By Jessica

Specimen Hill primary school had a hat parade to celebrate the Melbourne cup day. Kids from all grades had beautiful, glamorous, sparkly hats and they all looked fabulous. We all walked up and down the aisle it was so fun!

**Specimen hill hat parade**

Yesterday, the 5 of November specimen hill had a Melbourne cup day. They had a hat parade, the categories were: Smallest hat, Biggest hat Aussie hat, Class hat Florescent hat Fluor colored hat

There were only two winners for each category but Mrs Craig said “that it was a hard decision and they were all fantastic.”

By Jennahl

**Specimen Melbourne Cup Parade**

By Line: Eh k’lu

At Specimen Hill Primary school it was the day of the Melbourne cup hat parade day. It was attended by the kids and teachers in Specimen Hill.

Event: Melbourne day hat parade and we have 7 hat categories and the judge was Miss Craig and two other judges. At the end we have a class with the best hat and it was a really good time and I enjoyed watching all the hats.

**Hat Talk**

(Talk to the hats) By Steph
And they’re off !....... Yesterday the 5th of November Speci Hill had the Melbourne cup hat parade. The parade consisted of 7 categories, Aussie hat, floral hat, prettiest fascinator, biggest hat, smallest hat, wackiest hat, and the brightest hat. Miss Backas’ class organised most of the event.

My favourite hat was Jena crow’s hat, she entered her hat in the biggest hat category and won.
PREP ENROLMENT 2014
Enrolment forms are available from the Office for any families that have school age children ready for school next year.

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

PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ NEWS

General Meeting
THIS Friday, 8th November at 1:30pm in the Library - All Welcome.

Bunnings BBQ
Thank you to the following people for the help with the smooth running of the Bunnings BBQ.
Anne Block, Mrs Jackson, Mr Warne, Paul Thompson and Keely, Lee Webb, Beck Baker, Kate Wills, Glenn Pithie, Ian Franzini, Melissa and Zara Willcox, Sharon Welsh, Wayne Knight, Kate Fitzgerald, Rob, Mr Dodson, Scott, Bailey and Bronte Baxter.
With your help, and the support of the wider community $830 was raised for Specimen Hill Primary School!

Events for Term 4
CANCELLED
Thursday 28th November - Movie Night @ Bendigo Cinemas
Due to rescheduling at the Bendigo Cinema we will unfortunately be cancelling this evening.

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’.

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,

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 note bookings for most sessions are almost at capacity. If your child is unable to attend After School Care please let us know by calling the ASC number or the school office. Some nights we are refusing bookings as we believe we are full, only to find some children aren’t attending and we haven’t been notified. If a child is booked in and doesn’t show we must ascertain that your child has in fact been collected, taking up staffs valuable time making phone calls to parents and/or contacts. You will usually be charged if this occurs as we have refused bookings from other families. This also inconveniences other parents who are requiring child care. Also please note, the service closes at 6.00 pm. Late pick ups may be charged by the minute.

PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER
BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL
ALL DAY CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR $35

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.

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**GOLDEN SQUARE CRICKET & SPORTS CLUB INC.**

PO Box 335 Golden Square Vic 3355  
ABN 16 194 236 161

**Milo in2CRICKET Program**

The Golden Square Cricket Club is excited to be running an in2CRICKET program again this year. The program is aimed at providing primary age children with basic skills around cricket in a fun and family friendly environment. The program will also provide broader skills that will aid participants in other areas.

Details are as follows:

- **Where:** Wade Street Oval
- **When:** Tuesday nights.
- **Dates:** 12th November 2013 through to the 17th December 2013, 4th February 2014 through to the 18th February 2014
- **How:** Registration is completed in two ways as follows:
  - On-line by going to the following link: [http://www.in2cricket.com.au/](http://www.in2cricket.com.au/) and entering post code 3355 for Golden Square (our centre will be the first that pops up); or
  - Attending our registration night on the 6th November 2013 at Wade Street from 4pm through until 4:30pm.

We ask that even if you register on-line that you attend registration night in order to pay costs associated.

**GOLDEN SQUARE SWIMMING POOL FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER**

6:30 - 7:00PM START  
TWO COURSE DINNER  
$50 PER HEAD  
Guest Speaker: Aussie Jones  
Silent Auction, Major Auction

Tickets available from:  
Golden Square Newsagency  
& Golden Square Dry Cleaners  
Enquiries: 54635123

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