Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Team China Return

Yesterday we welcomed home our three Team China students and Miss Eastley. What a wonderful experience they have all had and we are pleased to see them return home safely. Later in the term these students will be sharing their experiences with the school. At this stage, it is planned that this will happen on the last day of school, early in the morning.

Social Media

Many of our senior students are using Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and Kik. At this age, students are still socially immature and often do not fully comprehend the consequences of what they say and put online. Their comments can and do have a major impact on others. A good gauge to talk to your child about is whether or not they would say this to this person’s face or in front of the audience that has access online to what you are putting up. If the answer is no, then it should not be going online. As a parent, if you allow your child to use social media, you have a responsibility to monitor your child’s online behaviour. The electronic footprint young people leave also has the potential to impact negatively on their future opportunities. Social media is not a toy, but rather a powerful tool that needs close supervision in immature hands.

Lost Books

The Junior Department have reported that they appear to be losing books from the home reading program. Could I ask all families to check around their house and return any home reading books that may be lying around the house. These books are a continual and major investment that the school has made and continues to make. On a positive note, the school is investing in some new home readers thanks to the money we received from the Market Place last year from the Christmas tree competition. Thank you Mrs Turpie for entering the tree for the school.

Interviews/Reports

Student Reports are being finalised by class teachers. Bookings for parent/teacher interviews on June 24th are now open at School Interviews online. It is an expectation that students attend with their parents on the day. If you do not have internet access, please phone the school to make a booking for the day.

Wendy Jackson (Acting Principal)
GREETINGS

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**CLASS NEWS**

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**MIDDLE CLASSES**

School day arrivals The end of term is upon us. It is important that students are arriving at school on time every day. On time does not mean arriving at the gate at 9:00am but at 8.50am - allowing them to get organised and settle themselves, ready for learning to begin at 9:00am sharp. This also allows them time to connect with their friends.

**Home Reading** - Reading daily is extremely important to a child’s development. The more words a child reads, the more words they use in both their written and spoken vocabulary. Can parents please ensure that their children are being listened to at least five nights per week for approximately 20 minutes each night. This term the 3/4 department has organised to run a ‘Home Reading Competition’. Students will be required to return their home reading diaries daily, with teachers counting up how many nights students have read for in their class on a weekly basis. The winning class will receive a trophy for the week, as well as being celebrated at Assembly on Mondays. The class who has read for the most nights for the term will also receive a special celebration in the last week of term.

**Homework** - Each Friday your child will be given homework which is to be completed and returned to school the following Friday. This will give each child seven nights in which to work on the tasks.

**Spelling**; each child will have five words which they need to practise. They will need to complete the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check for their words. They also need to write each word in a sentence underlining the spelling word in colour.

The children are expected to read for at least five nights each week and these are to be recorded in their Reading Diary.

Some children are coming to school on the Friday saying they didn’t have time to do their homework. Given that they have seven nights to work on it and it would take 30 minutes at the most to complete, it would seem that they haven’t organised their time very well. Please ensure your child has ample time to finish this important task. Failure to present finished homework will mean completing it during lunch time program.

**Meals** - Students need to be eating all of their lunch, especially the main part of their meal (sandwich, wrap, roll etc.). Can parents please re-iterate the importance of this and we will continue to monitor students during eating times. DON’T FORGET NUDE FOOD on Thursdays!

**Integrated Studies**

**ADOPTING A BANDICOOT** - At our visit to the Werribee Zoo we were given a classroom challenge to raise $15 by collecting 5 cent coins to help feed an endangered Bandicoot for a month. We have not only engaged in this activity but as a group have decided to try and raise a donation to adopt a Bandicoot also. Each student is now working on a strategy to raise $10 by working hard at home or in their local community to do this. They are creating flyers with their ideas of how they personally can make a difference to a local endangered species. Please support them in this exciting endeavour.

Next week we are beginning to work on our endangered species posters. We will be researching, creating and presenting these to our classmates.

Please don’t hesitate making contact with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

3/4 Department - Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

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**JUNIOR CLASS**

This week in Literacy, students have been focusing on Procedural texts. In Shared Reading, they have been identifying what makes up a procedural piece, as well as making connections to other texts, themselves and the wider world. In Writing, students have been practising applying their knowledge of Procedural texts to create their writing pieces relating to healthy eating. Students have also begun a ‘blitz’ on learning to spell the 100 most used words.

In Numeracy this week, students have been practising applying multiplicative thinking using open-ended questions relating to well known stories, such as ‘The Three Little Pigs’. They are also learning about 2 and 3D shapes, and the properties each shape has, including faces, edges and vertices (corners).

Also just a quick reminder, toys are not to be brought to school unless it is a student’s specified ‘share’ day.

Thank you,

Natalie, Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

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**PREP NEWS**

**Integrated Studies**: Our unit on Healthy Food is going well. The seeds we planted last week are starting to shoot and hopefully will begin to grow soon. We need some sunshine to help them.

**STAR of the WEEK**: All students love the time when they are student of the week. They are given specific roles of responsibility and made to feel special for that week.

**MATHS**: this week we will be learning about the number ‘19’ and involving the students in subtraction activities using real life number stories.

**SCHOOL VALUE**: the focus until the end of term is EXCELLENCE. The value awards are presented at assembly every Monday.

**PREMIER READING CHALLENGE**: Congratulations to all the students and families who are participating in the challenge. Remember you can borrow books from the list on our box at school.

**WORD OF THE WEEK**: ‘we’

Learning to write the letters Hh and Jj and our sound of the week is ‘th’. Students should be able to find words containing this sound in their reading.

Our focus word this week is NUTRITION. We will be researching, creating and presenting these to our classmates.

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FOOTY DAY FRIDAY WEAR TEAM COLOURS

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**OUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE IN THE BEST OF HANDS**

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**Nude Food**: on Thursday every week. NO WRAPPERS please. There are only a few students in each class who are still having wrappers on Thursday. Please support your child and see that they are wrapper free.

**Home Reading** every week night please. Make a quiet time for reading at home and don’t leave it until your child is too tired.

**Brain Food**: students need to have a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable in their lunchbox daily to eat. Not fruit in juice please.

Emily and Joan
Parent Teacher Student Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 24th June
Please make a booking with your class teacher on-line at https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Or phone school office to book
Event Code: V87GV

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

This Fund CANNOT be used for OSHC, Uniforms or School Fees.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students

How to Apply: Complete the form included in last week's newsletter or contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date: You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Are you doing The Premiers' Reading Challenge?

We hope that students are continuing to read their books with Parent encouragement! If you would like to take part please see Mrs Pelly or Mrs Manley to collect a form to participate.

ART NEWS

Visit our new school Art Blog. Click on the Speci School App. (If you haven’t already downloaded this App – Search “specimen hill primary school” on the App store for iPhone or on Google Play for Android Phones)

Grade 1/2 Monkey puppets and Grade 5/6 Sewing Soft Toys have been uploaded for you to view.

Sandy Young

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Orders Close 6pm Qkr!

FRIDAY 12 JUNE
FOOTY DAY
HOT DOG DAY
Hot Dog in a roll with sauce

Have you returned your form???

ART NEWS

Parents are reminded that the $100 per student is now due.

This is a compulsory fee for all families.

If paid by end of term, you go into the draw for a $100 Canteen voucher.
**3/4 Werribee Zoo Trip**

Last Wednesday the 3/4 classes went to the Werribee Zoo. It was really fun. There was so much to see, luckily, we were able to fit in seeing all the animals. My favourite was seeing the prewalski horses.

We did these things: bandicoot hideout, safari bus tour, having a snoop at other animals. We voted to if we could save on animal what would it be out of Bandicoots and Tawny frog mouths. On the bus tour we saw Prewalski horse, Zebras, Giraffes, Rhinos, Bison, Hippo, Camel, Osriches and little Yak.

Prewalski horses are my favourite (because they are like horses).

We had a great time and I’m sure everyone had fun.

Akaisha 3/4 M

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**3/4 ADVENTURE AT WERRIBEE ZOO**

Last Wednesday the 3/4 went to Werribee Open Range Zoo. It was really fun so the first thing that we did was going to the Bandicoot hideout. Phebe talked to us about the Bandicoots and the Tawny frog mouth, and also Phebe told us that we are destroying their homes.

After that we had some lunch and something to drink. We got a big surprise because there were 3 Possums but when we came back we still had a surprise because one of the possums came down. Then we went on the safari bus. We saw the Prewalski horses, then the Camels, massive bulls, then the Zebras and Hippos, Ostriches, then the amazing Rinosoes and when we were on the safri bus one of the Ostriches came right up close and made this weird sound.

My favourite animal would be Prewalski horses. I think that was the best day I have ever had.

*By Georgia G ¾ M*

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**The Best Of Werribee Zoo**

On Wednesday the 3/4 department went to the Werribee Open Range Zoo. There were lots of new experiences for every one that came. The biggest experience was the safari bus. We saw lots of amazing animals we saw Palarzaci Horses, Camels, Hippopotamus, Ostrich, Zebras, Rinos, Giraffes and much, much more. The best thrill was probably the Zebras because they came right up to the safari bus and came up so close. As well as the safari bus the Bandicoot hideout was pretty great. Inside the Bandicoot hideout it was very dark because as well as bandicoots there was a tawny frog mouth and they are both nocturnal animals. In the Bandicoot hideout we spoke about the different threats to the animals and how we could help with the problem.

*By Hannah E  Room 10*

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**WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION 3/4 M**

On Wednesday 3/4M, 3/4P and 2/3R went to the Werribee Zoo. When we got on the bus Mrs Manley put on a movie called Stewart Little. Then when we got to the Werribee Zoo we had to get our bags out of the bus and our coats and lined up to go and have lunch. Next we got to see the African wild dog and the gorillas the monkeys then by the time we did that we went to the Bandicoot hideout and got to see a bandicoot and feed it. There was also a tawny frog mouth owl and it got to eat one of the bugs and it was very, very dark because the Bandicoots are nocturnal so they trick it so it is never light during the day so we can see them. Then when we got out we got to have a little play on the playground there were swigs a pipe that you can talk to another person on the other pipe and a slide and a bridge where you can walk across without falling off of it. After that we met a lady and she told us about the pollution and the people that kill animals and those animals have become endangered. We went to the safari bus and we got to see the zebras and the rhinos and giraffes and these like deer’s with very curly horns we got to see these weird cows with very, very, very big hooves then we sore the hippopotamus then we got off the bus and went to see the lions and they were very cool then we got back on the bus and this time we watched a move about a unicorn it was sad and happy. We got to school and everyone went home but we also got a letter that if we get 300 $2 coins to adopt a baby bandicoot then we would have money and soon they will not be endangered any more.

*Xavier L 3/4 M*
2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

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TEAM CHINA
Callum, Molly and Emily.
Team China Blog available on School Information app OR if on the web:
www.specihillpshtc.global2.vic.edu.au

SCHOOL BEANIES
HAND MADE BY PARENTS & FRIENDS
$5 EACH

SCHOOL PINAFORE ORDERS
If your child is interested in having a school pinafore for next term, they need to be ordered now. Approximate price is $55.00 per pinafore.
A Special Order needs to be placed if you require one for the start of next term. Please see Kaye or Wendy at the office.
A total of a dozen will need to be ordered prior to make it cost effective.
ORDERS CLOSE 12TH JUNE

Grade 3 Netball Clinic Additional players wanted
We are currently looking for a couple of Grade 3 students to join the Speci Aqua Netball team. The clinic runs each Saturday @ 12 noon at the Golden City Netball Courts and includes basic skills and short games.
If you are interested please call Naomi Evans (0408 056 560) or Lauren Kleinitz (0434 218 274)

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS PLEASE RETURN

NO SMOKING NEAR SCHOOL ENTRANCES

STOP
Students DO NOT enter/exit Via the main building