Welcome to week 3 of Term 1 for 2015. Today our curriculum rotations have started across the school. Each Wednesday all students will participate in a range of activities including science and circus groups and they will rotate through the range of activities each week. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills and to be exposed to richer curriculum activities.

The advertisement last week seeking students interested in learning guitar this year proved to be very popular. Unfortunately we will only be able to accept 20 students in total, 2 groups of 10 each. As each permission form has been returned they were numbered to indicate their order of return. But a final decision in relation to guitar will be finalised today and parents will be informed.

Grade 5/6 camp is only three weeks away. Payment for camp is due next Friday. If you have any concerns please contact me.

Family Meet and Greet teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 26th February. These are an opportunity to share any concerns or relevant family or student information with the class teacher. The teacher will also share a hand out of requirements and expectations from the school. A notice of how to book your appointment will be sent home next week.

The day following the Interviews- Friday 27th Feb is a pupil free day. On this day the staff will be completing their compliance for CPR, asthma and anaphylaxis training. The OHSC will operate from 8.00am till 6pm. Bookings are essential.

On Monday I sent home a notice calling for the nomination for four new School Council members for the next two years. I hope that parents will give this deep consideration as School Council is the governing body of every school. It is a very rewarding role and one that enables the participants to be directly involved in the policy, direction and decision making of the school. On the front desk of the office there are a number of nomination forms. Parents can be nominated by another parent or you can self nominate. All forms need to be received by me by 4pm on Monday 16th Feb. Please see me if you require further information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring Councillors. Mr Dean Stewart has been our School Council President over the past 3 years and has been on Council for at least 7. Dean has done an outstanding job as a committed and positive leader and council member. Dean has been a fabulous support to the school and has made a huge contribution towards the successful operation of Specimen Hill. Dean’s three daughters have all moved on to secondary school and his tenure at Speci has now come to an end. Our sincere thanks Dean and family.

Other retiring members are Wendy White, Lee Webb, Corey Warne and our 2 co-opted community members of Linda Lee and Bernadette Wright (one year tenures). All of these members have had a huge influence on and shown such positive support for our school. They have had an impact on the decision-making of the school and they have always been readily given up their time to contribute to meetings and special occasions. My sincere thanks to them all. I hope to see some members re nominating for council and perhaps Dean and Wendy may look to have a further input to education at the secondary level.

I welcome our new Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO) Wayne to Specimen Hill today. Wayne will carry on the wonderful work started by Bettina and Kerrie in 2014 and he will be a bonus for all members and programs in our school community.

I would also like to welcome Yilin Wang our new Chinese teacher to Specimen Hill. Yilin will work with the Grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes teaching Chinese language and culture. On Monday at our Assembly our 2015 prep students attended for the first time. They were fabulous. They were in awe of the whole process and sat quietly throughout. Well done kids you did a wonderful job.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me through a phone call or by appointment.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Di Craig, Principal
SENIOR CLASSES

The students have had a great start to the year! Yesterday the senior classes participated in a cyber-conference that tackled issues to do with cyber safety and cyber responsibility. This initiated great conversations and discussions within the classes and was a great lead up to our next integrated topic that will cover many areas of being a responsible cyber citizen.

Camp notes and deposits were due last Friday. If you have not returned your child’s note or deposit, please contact the school immediately, as the deposit secures your child’s spot in the camp. If your child is not attending camp please contact your child’s teacher.

Medical forms and equipment lists will be sent out soon. Full payments are to be finalised before next Friday, the 20th of February.

Rotations began today. Children will be participating in rotations including circus, team building activities, science, dance and Asian studies. The children seemed very enthusiastic about the rotations today, which was fabulous to see.

All students will receive homework. It is an expectation that students complete their homework otherwise they will need to complete it during their own time.

Please ensure your child has a drink bottle to bring to school. The weather has been very warm and it is essential that they have access to fresh water at all times.

Rebecca, Sophie, Scott and Adam

MIDDLE CLASSES

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.

Integrated Studies - Our Integrated Studies topic this term is ‘I love our sunburnt country’. Over the course of the term students will be learning about our country’s geography and some of the famous landmarks.

We look forward to maintaining a close relationship between home and school during the school year.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASS

Welcome to week 3 of term. Time flies when you’re having fun! Most families have made a great start to their home reading. Please continue this effort as it assists with the learning we do at school.

Library sessions have begun so all children should have a library bag to protect the books they borrow. Visit Mrs Young in the art room to purchase one for $2 if you don’t have one. Our rotations have begun today. The activities include science, cooperative games, music/performing arts, Asian studies and circus with Mr Barker. Remember to send drink bottles and plenty of healthy food to school! Nude food is starting tomorrow. Thanks for all your support,

Natalie Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

PREP CLASS

The Preps have settled very quickly and calmly into school routine. Remember to let them put their yellow log books in the tub, reading bags in their book box and unpack their own bags. This will help them become more independent. Some children may now be ready to enter the classroom on their own of a morning, do their jobs and head out to play before class begins.

READING: Most preps are reading every night which is fantastic. Make a special quiet time to read and share their take home books.

Please sign the yellow log book as the preps earn a WOW bead for home reading. Encourage your child to point under the words themselves as they read. You can guide them with your finger. Talk about the story with your child using the pictures to support the meaning. We have been learning about the word ‘I’. Your child should be able to point this word out during their reading.

LUNCHES: Some students may require more food in their lunches as by afternoon recess they have no food left. Please talk about this with your child. However, some are not eating enough! Please see your classroom teacher if you have concerns.

NUDE FOOD: is every Thursday. This means NO WRAPPERS. Food can be placed in zip lunch bags or plastic containers.

NAMING BELONGINGS: Please name all belongings. EG Lunch boxes, drink bottles, and all clothing.

LIBRARY BAGS: Students were given a green bag to be used as a library bag. Please keep these in school bags as students will need them when borrowing from the Library on Friday’s.

TOILET: Students are being given opportunities to go to the toilet throughout the day with a partner, however some are holding ALL TOILET: Students are being given opportunities to go to the toilet throughout the day with a partner, however some are holding

WATER BOTTLES ARE PERMITTED IN CLASS ROOMS - NO CORDIAL

REMINDER: Please return the Prep School Nurse forms ASAP.

Library bags are for sale from

Mrs. Young $2.00

CLASS OF 2015 POLOS

Despite our best effort to have the shirts ordered and back on time, our supplier had a hiccup with the embroidery design. So the shirts are yet to be delivered.

This however, worked in favour of our two new Grade 6 students, who’s names were able to be included in the printing on the back.

The artwork has finally been authorised as correct so we are one step closer!!

And… They finally have the correct colour palo!
1. Access School calendar, Newsletters, Push notifications, Excursion advice

SCHOOL INTERVIEW BOOKINGS
PLEASE ADVISE ABSENCES VIA THE APP

Emails are sent directly to the class teacher when you advise student absence via this app.
Just search the app store for Specimen Hill Primary

2. SCHOOL INFORMATION APP

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NUMERACY TIPS
WAYS TO ASSIST YOUR CHILD’S NUMERACY SKILLS

There are many opportunities in everyday life that can be used as opportunities to assist your child develop numeracy skills. We all use numeracy every day to go about our everyday lives, much of which is carried out mentally in our heads. Estimation is also an important skill. How long will it take to do tasks, to drive to town etc. Listed below are some everyday occurrences that can be used to develop your child’s math’s skills;

- Reading calendars, discussing what day it is and related events. Days to go before events, birthdays, special occasions etc. Seasons and months of the year.
- Reading times around the house on both digital and analogue clocks. Focus on key times, school starts at 9.00 am etc.
- Have children organise a sequence of times. For example, footy training starts at 5.00 pm it takes 20 minutes to get there, what time do we need to leave?
- Read train timetables, organise trips/ television program guides etc.
- The supermarket visit presents many opportunities for math’s learning. For example, weighing fruit and vegetables, reading the weights of items and prices. Rounding money up and down. Keeping a rough general tally of the cost of items being purchased, counting money out, calculating change.
- Cooking cakes, biscuits etc involving weighing, timing temperature.
- Show an interest in the weather and the temperature. Discuss the seasons.
- Trips provide opportunities to read and discuss maps, distances and directions.
- Pocket money, saving and purchasing items.
- Reading prices on petrol pumps, litres etc.
- Play card and board games.

These are just some of the ways in which you can assist your child to become a numerate citizen.

Wendy Jackson, School Improvement Officer

ARE YOUR ITEMS LABELLED?
All items that are brought to school should be labelled with student’s name. This includes lunch boxes, smaller containers inside, all articles of school uniform, even initials inside shoes? The students tend to leave expensive jackets laying around and they are quickly collected by others!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR HAT?
Our children’s future in the very best of hands…………….
Who am I and What is Special About Me?
Room 4 - Mr Stringer's students work
There were lots of very colourful submissions, but unfortunately the writing did not scan up well.
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Please phone the correct phone number for bookings
ASC Phone: 0447 788 636
Please Phone or Text Leah Johns for bookings/cancellations.
BSC Phone: 0438 062 561
Please Phone or Text Karen Emerson

NEW 2015 ENROLMENT FORMS ARE REQUIRED FOR EVERY CHILD ATTENDING OSHC

We are acknowledging students with awards, to those who display and follow our school values.

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Students who displayed this value in an outstanding manner last week:
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Physical activity

Did you know two out of every three Australians don’t get enough physical activity in their day to maintain their health?

That’s right - two out of three! There are many sad tales Doctors and researchers have written - about how the health of Australians is being damaged by not being active enough. There’s heaps of medical evidence showing a link between not moving enough and heart disease (heart attack), Type 2 diabetes, some types of cancer (including bowel and breast cancer), stroke and depression! So that’s why we want to get everyone in Australia on a bike!

Health authorities recommend 30 minutes of physical activity, five times a week, for adults and at least 60 minutes for children - and bike riding is the best way to do this.

Because you don’t need to find extra time in your day to get active through riding.

You can use a bike to get to work, school or just about anywhere and make it an easy part of your life. If you’re not riding, why not try it out? It’s grouse! We’ve got lots of advice to help get you started. (Add link to booklet)

Please come and join our walking school bus this Thursday!
The bus will leave at 8.30am from 3 locations
1. School crossing on Specimen Hill Road.
2. School crossing at Schweppes Centre and
3. The corner of Maple and Chum streets.
We also pick up along the way!
Come and join the fun, see you on Thursday

Parents & Friends

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 6th March @ 2.30 pm
STAFF ROOM @ SCHOOL
All positions will be declared vacant.
To cast a vote you need to be a financial member, this will cost the grand sum of $1.00
Volunteering to assist with school fundraising is a great way to be involved and contributing to the school community. No high pressure, lots of laughter and friendship.

VOLUNTEERS

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CANTEEN SNACKS
MON & FRI
Cash sales - after lunch
DINO SNACK PACK - Celery, Carrot sticks, Cheese sticks, sultanas $2.00
Moosies $1.50 Zingy frozen yoghurt $.50c
Zooper doopers $.50c Chocolate mousse pot $1.50
Yoghurt frogs $.20c each (limit 5 per student)

Can two parents set up an account for the same student?

Okr!™ offers the ability for two parents to set up an account for the same student if needed. However, please note that the two accounts are independent and no details are shared between them.

Library bags are for sale from
Mrs. Young $2.00
Canteen - Mondays & Fridays
Brown paper bags 20c if school supplies one

Super Sandwiches, Rolls
Salad (lettuce, tomato, cheese, grated carrot, cucumber, mayo.)

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Super Cool Food & Mega Salads - $4.00 each

Dino Salad - dino nuggets served with lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cheese, carrot & hash browns
Nemo Salad - Fish bites served with lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cheese, carrot & hash browns

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Burgers $4.00

Chicken, lettuce, cheese & mayo
Beef, lettuce, cheese & tomato in a burger bun

Super Hot Food

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Meal Deals $5.00

Dinosaur salad pack or Nemo salad pack with choice of small milk, juice or water.

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Snacks - After Lunch sales - Cash sales

Mini-Dino Snack Pack - Celery, Carrot sticks, Cheese sticks, sultanas $2.00
Slinky apples 50c Sultana’s 60c U.F.O. (frozen pineapple rings) 50c
Moosies $1.50 Zingy frozen yoghurt 50c Zooper doopers .50c
Chocolate mousse pot $1.50
Popcorn $1.00 Yoghurt frogs .20c each (limit 5 per student)

Information in regard to Meet & Greet Interviews will be sent home next week. You will be able to book an interview time via the link on the school information app under “More” on the bottom right hand corner of your screen.

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2014 | EVENTS CALENDAR
---|---
Thurs 26th Feb | Meet & Greet Interviews 2pm – 7pm
Fri 27th Feb | Pupil Free Day
4–6th March | Grade 5/6 Camp
Fri 6th Mar | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PARENTS & FRIENDS
Mon 9th Mar | PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Frid 27th | Last Day of Term 1

Name:.........................................................................................................
Contact No................................................................................................
 Canteen duty (only required for the morning)  
Mon        Fri  (circle which day suits)
 Head Lice Check Program
 Parents & Friends Fundraising / Welfare cooking
Please return to the school office

The school relies on a number of Volunteers to assist with various programs throughout the year. Please consider coming along to assist and contribute towards the school community.
CANTEEN IS IN NEED OF NEW FACES.

PARENTS & FRIENDS I PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES

JUNIOR NETBALL TEAMS
Students who expressed interest in playing junior netball this coming season, need to return their forms.
The teams will be co-ordinated by school community member Lauren Kleinitz
These forms need to be returned as soon as possible to the school, in time to meet registration deadlines.

SCHOOL VALUES: Resilience, Persistence, Honesty & Respect

PARENTS - PLEASE OBEY PARKING RULES

Students please ensure your backpacks ARE NOT damaging parked cars!

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