Welcome to week 5 of Term 3 for 2015.

Many families have been afflicted with colds, flu and vomiting in recent times. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. This will help with their recovery and stop spreading the illness to others in the school. Thank you for your consideration.

Money to spend at the Canteen

Some students are bringing large sums of money along to spend at the canteen for after sales on a Monday or Friday. Canteen staff keep an eye on this and also maintain a limit on the number of items that they will sell to students during the break. We discourage students buying up on a number of items and then handing out some items to their friends. Children are to purchase for themselves only.

If Lunch Orders are made via QKR payment app, there is no need for your child to bring large quantities of cash to school at any time.

Send along your Cyber Tips or queries

If you have some cyber tips or concerns, please send them in to school so that we can put them on the cyber notice-board in the Newsletter. We can all learn from one other. If you have any tips or ideas please write them down and label them as ‘cyber tips’ and post them in the school mail box for them to be included.

Working Bee

Thank you to the families who came along last Thursday evening for the school Working Bee. Everyone worked very hard to complete a number of tasks to brighten and tidy up our school. It looks fabulous. Thank you to Mrs Ball for organising the night and to Mr Broadbent, Ms Hill, Ms Williams, Rae Broadbent, Mrs Mullern, Sandy Young, Kaye Blackley, Mrs Pelly, Mrs O’Shea, Lil and Michael from OHSC who all came along to help. Thank you to the following families: Anne and Izzy Marks, Seymour Family, Lin and Zinnia Lee, Weinstock Family and all of the children from Out of School Hours Care. What a wonderful bunch of people. All students had an opportunity to have a pick of the Lucky Dip before they left.

Research Project

Next week I will be travelling to Canberra along with other Australian Principals involved in the Global Research Project that the school has recently been involved in. We will be attending a forum at Parliament House on the effects of Autonomous Decision Making in Education. Each Principal will give a 10 minute presentation about their own school and then be part of a Q&A session around school autonomy. Present will be over 100 educational leaders from across Australia. This sounds very exciting and I will proudly present a ‘snap-shot’ of the autonomous decisions made at Specimen Hill and the implications towards the positive outcomes and student success at Speci Hill.

Junior School Council Investiture

Next Thursday the 20th August at 2.15 will be the Junior School council Investiture in the MPR followed by an afternoon Tea for family and friends. All family friends and visitors are invited to attend to welcome our Junior school councillors to their special role in the school.

Science Day

Friday 21st is Science Day at Speci. The children will be grouped in multi-aged groups and will rotate through 4 science activities throughout the day. The science theme is Wind and Energy. Heaps of fun ahead.

Recipes

It’s not too late! Tomorrow is the final day for recipes to arrive to school. If you would like your family represented in the school recipe book please send in your recipe by tomorrow. The class with the most recipes wins a prize.

Thank You

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for the very capable manner that she carried out the role of Acting Assistant Principal over the past 3 weeks whilst Mr Warne was on leave. The school continued to operate in a smooth and efficient manner and we now welcome Mr Warne back. Mrs Jackson will also be spending some time at Lightning Reef PS over the following weeks in the capacity as a coach and School Improvement Officer in that school. I know that they will rejoice in working alongside Wendy and will benefit from her productive input and level of expertise.

Hoping that you all have a great week ahead,

Di Craig - Principal
Hello Speci readers!

Last week we studied Credits and Debits during numeracy lessons with students using balance sheets for different tasks in order to keep track of money spent and gained. As was mentioned in previous weeks, students are studying an Integrated Studies unit named ‘Learn to Earn’ which is a unit that looks at economics and business activities. The learnings from each week are building up their skills to help them complete the unit outcomes. Students are thoroughly enjoying dealing with these business topics and we have many future entrepreneurs amongst us.

A reminder to continue to bring in items such as milk cartons, shoe boxes, toilet rolls, cereal boxes and any item your child thinks will benefit students to complete the model they will be creating of their park. In week 7 or 8 students will begin this task so please continue to collect things that children can bring in. During literacy lessons last week, students completed their information report writing with great enthusiasm. Many students chose topics that they had little to no knowledge on and have flourished with the new findings they have discovered. This week has seen students begin poetry writing. This topic will look at different forms of poetry and students will finish the unit by creating a book of poems from the knowledge they gain.

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Thanks for reading!
Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

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Thursdays are Nude Food days. We encourage all children to be vigilant with the number of wrappers which are brought to school, especially on Thursdays. The aim is to not have any or to keep these to a bare minimum.

We ask you to assist your child with their homework and nightly reading. Being able to organise themselves and manage to complete the set tasks are skills which will support them through life. Please check with your child that he or she has their homework book, homework sheet and reading diary in their bag on Friday morning.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

Welcome to week 5, the term is really flying by!! Our integrated topic of Space is now into its final few weeks. All junior classes have begun working on their space projects. Lots of fantastic displays and posters are in the process of being created.

Communication Journals have gone home in most classes and if they haven’t they will by the end of this week. We hope that parents, grandparents and carers enjoy looking through what we have achieved and completed throughout the first 2 terms. Once a comment has been made in the journals we asked that the journals get returned to class as soon as possible so we can add our term 3 work.

Reminders

Please ensure your child has weather appropriate attire
(Jumpers/jackets for colder months)
Tissue boxes for runny noses
Nude Food Day is every Thursday
Home reading should be completed each night

We hope everyone has a great week!
Natalie Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

Hello from all the Preps! We have just about reached half way of Term! Wow, how time flies!

What fun we are having with our space topic! This week we have made alien underpants from the story ‘Aliens love underpants’, we have made night sky play doh and continued to learn lots of wonderful facts about the planets.

Communication Journals have been sent home filled with your child’s wonderful work from last term. Please sign and send back to school ASAP so that this term’s work can be stuck in.

READING READING READING… Please continue the wonderful home reading you are doing with your child. It is at this time of year where we see students really take off with their reading and writing. Extra support at home through nightly home reading will really help your child!

We have been dealing with some unsafe play in the playground. Please take some time to discuss this with your child and reinforce the fact that we follow a ‘hands off’ rule at school.

Please remember library is on THURSDAY and any library books should be returned so that new ones can be borrowed.

Nude Food - Let’s try for ZERO wrappers this week! Congratulations Jeremy Wright from Prep H on winning the Nude Food Lunch box!

LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR RECIPE IN FOR THE SCHOOL COOK BOOK…
WE DON’T HAVE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PREP CLASSROOMS SO PLEASE HELP US OUT!
Emily and Joan

Literacy and Numeracy Week
24th -28th of August

This year we are combining Literacy/ Numeracy and Book Week celebrations into one week. On Friday the 28th of August there will be a parade where we are asking students to dress up as a book character.

More information will be sent home closer to the date. Also we will be conducting a competition around 5 cent coins line. We are asking families to send in 5 cent coins to contribute to the line. All money raised will be used to purchase numeracy equipment for our numeracy program.

Wendy Jackson (Acting Assistant Principal)
We are acknowledging students with awards, to those who display and follow our school values.

VALUE OF THE MONTH: RESILIENCE

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

Miley H.  Kaiden T.

**Junior School Council Investiture**

**THURSDAY 20TH AUG 2:20 PM**

Class elections have been completed and the new councilors chosen for all Year 1 to Year 6 classrooms. Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as a Junior School Councilor representative for their class:

- **Room 3** - Amali  P         Kaiden T
- **Room 4** - Sebastian C    Ella B
- **Room 5** - Brilee T        India P
- **Room 6** - Caleb J         Mackenzie P
- **Room 7** - Sienna F        Brylie M
- **Room 8** - Mikayla C       Corey M
- **Room 9** - Taryn E         Tia L
- **Room 10** - Will J         Trinity F
- **Room 11** - Tom R          Abbey E     Dylan Mc
- **Room 12** - Macey R        Siena T       Zak E
- **Room 13** - Hudson S        Aaron F     Karlil

The investiture will for these students will be held on Thursday 20th of August at 2.20 pm. Parents and friends welcome.

**ANZ HOT SHOTS**

For the students who completed the registration for the Hot Shots Tennis Program you would have received your Hot Shots Shirt and the Prep students would have also received their tennis racquet. Specimen Hill will be participating in the Hot Shots Tennis Program in Term 4 throughout Physical Education lessons for 4 weeks. If students are at all interested in playing tennis, then I suggest you go to the Bendigo Tennis Association (Bendigo Bank Tennis Complex, Nolan Street, Bendigo) or visit their website for more details:


If you have any questions please come and see me. Todd Broadbent

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

| Room 1  | Tarlie D. |
| Room 2  | Lara C.   |
| Room 3  | Olive D.  |
| Room 4  | Olivia B. |
| Room 5  | Ben C.    |
| Room 6  |           |
| Room 7  | Nick C.   |
| Room 8  | Jiah B.   |
| Room 9  |           |
| Room 10 | Macey R.  |
| Room 11 | Damon W.  |
| Room 12 |           |
| Room 13 |           |

**Nude Food**

1/2 Stringer

Hailie M  Daria F.

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**Speci Hill Shopping Tour**

Bus Turpie and Mrs Louise are again running the shopping tour as part of the school’s fundraising program.

**Why not join us for a day of fun and bargain hunting?**

- Bus trip to Melbourne.
- A full day guided tour to approx. 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 17th 2015
This is the second weekend after the holidays.

**Cost:**

- $72.00 Adults
- $36 Children (17 & under)
- (Not suitable for children under 14)

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**SCHOOL FEES**

$100 PER STUDENT

Some families will have received the second payment of School Start Bonus in their bank accounts. Please utilise these funds to pay your school fee, per student. This is a compulsory fee for all families.

**Payment at the school office** or via the QKR payment app, or Direct Credit.
Our children’s future in the very best of hands.................
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Some days are full!

Please phone the correct phone number for bookings

ASC Phone: 0447 788 636
Please Phone or Text Leah Johns

BSC Phone: 0438 062 561
Please Phone or Text Karen Emerson

Washed & Dried Milk bottle tops are required for the Art Room please.

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Library Books Overdue

A reminder that a huge number of Library books are still overdue.
Many books have not been returned since the beginning of the year.

The Library resources are depleting!! Please encourage your child to return any school books to the Library desk, they must be processed as returned, rather than just returning them directly to the book shelves.

Sandu has been around to the class rooms to remind students to go on a book hunt.... A perfect activity for a cold wintery weekend!!

We are going on a book hunt,..... We are going to find some big ones!
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**WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB**

**Junior Registration Day**

**FRIDAY 14th August**

4 - 5:30pm at the Scott Street Clubrooms. A BBQ will be provided on the day. We have teams from Under 10's to Under 16's, **including an All-Girls team**.

- For Registration Forms and more information visit [www.whcc.org.au](http://www.whcc.org.au) or contact Andrew Stewart
- stewartan@bankofmelbourne.com.au
- PH: 0403 942 551

**THREE - FREE “COME N TRY” GUIDE NIGHTS**

COME AND HAVE FUN AND ADVENTURE WITH BENDIGO DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES

- Ages 5/6/7 Blossom Possums & Ages 7-10 Star Guides
- Tues 4.30pm Atkins Street Bendigo North
  - Ages 7-13 Cookie Crumbs
  - Wed 5.30pm Strathfieldsaye
  - Ages 10-14 Lightening guides
- Tues 5.45pm Bond Street Golden Square

**CONTACT JULIE KALA FOR MORE DETAILS**

54440217 or 0427 927 268
EMAIL: girlguidesbendigo@yahoo.com

**WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAYS**

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**MAIDEN GULLY CRICKET CLUB**

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY.**

**Date: Sunday, the 23rd of August.**

**Venue: Maiden Gully Primary School Gymnasium**

**Time: 12.30 - 3.00pm**

Includes a free sausage sizzle and a drink

This Registration Day is for all Milo, T20, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 players and an Under 15 girls team.

**Fees for this year are:**

- $90.00 for the first child. (Includes shirt and cap)
- Other children $80.00 per child.
- T20 will be $100.00 this year.
- This fee is set by the Victorian Cricket Association.
- Milo Cricket will be $80.00.

Look forward to seeing you all on the day and looking forward to a great season.

**Contact:** Junior Coordinator - Shannon Craven on 0401268868

Neil Byers on 0488186300 or at Maiden Gully Primary School.

Neil Byers, (President)