Dear Parents, Friends and Students,

I am writing the newsletter on behalf of Mrs Craig who is currently unwell. We wish her a speedy recovery and expect her back next Monday.

The weather has certainly been more pleasant this week. The term is set to be a very busy, but rewarding one and certainly has begun in this way. A reminder that hats are compulsory during Term 4. New stock has been delivered.

Chinese Students - Yesterday we welcomed our 3 Chinese students, Alice, Amanda and Milaya from our sister school in China, Xinghai Primary School and their teacher Mandy. These students will be with us for eight weeks and we thank Issy and the Marks family, Zinnia and the Lee family, Molly and the Nicholson family and Issy and Xavier and the Lock family for hosting these students over the next eight weeks. We wish these students a fantastic time and hope they return to China with fond memories of Specimen Hill Primary School and Australia.

Special Visitors - On Tuesday the school will host a short visit from Bruce Armstrong, who is Acting Assistant Secretary of Education, along with Jeanette Nagorka, the Regional Director of Education. We are one of three schools chosen across Bendigo to participate in this event and this is testament to all the wonderful achievements the school has made over the last few years.

Review Time - Next Wednesday the school will undergo its review. This is a process that occurs every four years and reflects on the achievements that the school has made during the last four years and sets the direction for the following four years. Mrs Craig, Mr Warne, Bernadette, myself and many other staff will be involved in the process on the day. Looking back over the achievements of the last four years, as a school we have much to celebrate. We look forward to setting the new direction for the school and continuing to make improvements to all that we do.

School Values - This month the value we are focusing on is Respect. Awards will be given to students who demonstrate this value during October. It would be terrific if you could follow up around this value at home and reinforce the importance of respectful behaviour towards all. Yes, we all have conflict with others from time to time, but we need to work through our issues with others in a respectful and positive way.

Walk to School - We are encouraging students to walk, ride or scoot to school for the month of October. The benefits of physical exercise are many and help students to be the best that they can be in many ways. Tomorrow the junior school will be participating in a Tabloid Sports from 11.45 - 1.45 pm, parents are welcome to come along and be part of the day. The junior school gym program begun last week and the feedback from staff and students has been very positive.

Evacuation Rehearsal - Yesterday the school evacuated to Wade Street Oval. We are considered a high risk school for bush fires and it is a department requirement that we practise an off-site evacuation once a year. This summer looks like being a challenging one with the lack of rain that we have had and the early heat.

Wendy Jackson  (Acting Principal)
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

Our library is a valuable resource that has taken many years and lots of money to build up. At the moment there are a large number of overdue library books. Please encourage your child to return any school books.

Preferred payment for Canteen orders is by QKR

Cash orders for Friday must be placed at the office on Thursday

**Canteen - Mondays and Fridays**

**Super Sandwiches, Rolls**
- Sandwich $3.50
- Roll $3.50
- Pockets 3/4 Full $5.00

(G) Chicken & salad
(G) Ham & salad
(G) Egg salad
(G) Vegemite
(G) Cheese

**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
- MEGA HAM SALAD
- CLUCKY CHICKEN SALAD
- FISHERMANS TUNA SALAD

**Burgers** $4.00
- Chicken, lettuce, cheese & mayo
- Beef, lettuce, cheese & tomato

**Super Hot Food**
- Bolognese sauce served over twista pasta & grated cheese **SPECIAL $2.00** **LARGE $4.00**
- Ham and cheese pizza $3.50
- Steamed dim sims 60c each
- Nachos w mild salsa & cheese $4.00
- Dino nuggets with salad sticks (5 pack) $3.00

**Meal deals $5.00**
- Dinosaur salad pack or Nemo salad pack with choice of small milk, juice or water.

**Toasties**
- Cheese & ham $2.50
- Ham and cheese $2.50
- Cheese $2.20

**Drinks**

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**Snacks**
- Moosies $1.50
- Zingy frozen yoghurt 50c
- U.F.O (frozen pineapple rings) 50c
- Chocolate mousse pot $1.50
- Yoghurt frogs 20c each (limit 3 per student)

**Fruit**

**RED ITEMS:** Eat only every now & again.

**AMBER ITEMS:** Eat moderately-not too often.

**GREEN ITEMS:** Eat more green items.

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**Pick Up Points @ 8:30am**

1. Specimen Hill Road Crossing
2. Marong Road Crossing
3. Cnr Chum & Maple Streets
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings! We would like to start by saying a huge welcome to the three new Chinese students who arrived at Speci this week. Alice, Mandi and Maliya had their first day of school in Miss Eastley’s class on Tuesday. We are lucky enough to have the students attending our school for the next 8 weeks, and I am positive everyone is making them feel very welcome. Tuesday saw the Speci students and staff complete an all school (practice) evacuation to the Wade Street oval which was a great success. It was excellent to see the senior students being such good role models for our younger students.

If students could please return their Graduation forms to Mr. Pysing as soon as possible that would be excellent. Due to the size of the venue a maximum of two guests per student has been put in place. Tickets will be roughly $32 per ticket, and students are also required to purchase a ticket.

Students should now be back into the swing of things and completing their reading every night. If you have younger siblings practice your reading out loud to them, it’s a great way to work on using expression in your voice. Homework will be due Thursday. Enjoy the rest of week 2.

Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
Home Reading - School is back so it is really important that students get back into their nightly reading routine. Students need to be reading for at least five nights each week to ensure they are developing as readers, writers and speakers.

Homework - Similar to reading, students also need to get back into the routine of completing their spelling homework each night. Students will also be required to complete their homework sheet.

Hats - Term Four is a compulsory ‘hat wearing’ term. It is extremely important that all students are wearing a hat during break times at school. It would be advised that students apply some sunscreen at the beginning of each day to ensure they are protected at break times. Ample drinking fluid (preferably water) is also advised.

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

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASSES
Welcome to Week 2.

Hats - Some children still do not have a hat. Please ensure your child has their hat at school. Hats should be marked with student name.

Drink Bottle: Please send along clean fresh water each day.

Reading & Spelling: Please complete reading journal and spelling homework each day.

Tabloid Sports: Tomorrow afternoon the Junior children are participating in a tabloid Sports session on the Speci Oval. All children will definitely need their hats and a drink bottle of water for this session.

Circus Theme: We are enjoying our Circus Theme and our rooms are looking very colourful. Next week on Tuesday we will be watching a mini magic performance.

Gym: Gym sessions are every Friday. Jacquie, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

PREP NEWS
Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. During writing this week we have been writing some information reports. We are also concentrating on our handwriting by making sure we form our letters correctly. We are looking out for ‘ch’ and ‘an’ words during our reading and writing. We are continuing our wonderful theme of circus and have developed a word wall and created a clown. We will be busy practising for our performance over the next few weeks.

Gym was fantastic on Friday and the kids were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves! We will head back to Jets Gym on Friday. Just a reminder that earrings are to be taken out or covered up please.

Communication Journals are almost ready with our wonderful work from Term 3 - we still have a few that have not been returned to school from Term 2.

As the weather warms up it is extremely important that students are bringing a water bottle to school. This means students have their water in the classroom at all times and they don’t have to leave the room to go to the water taps outside.

As the timetable is changing on a weekly basis at the moment, our Library times still aren’t definite. In the meantime, the library is open most mornings before school for borrowing.

HATS! Hats must be worn every day during Term 4. If your child has lost their hat, new hats can be purchased from the office. Students are responsible for their own hat and it should be kept in their tubs at school, not taken home.

Have a wonderful week,

Emily and Joan

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Circus Program Report

Congratulations to Tiarni B from 5/6W who is one of our star jugglers.

She just broke the school record for 3 ball juggling. She juggled 1,010 continuous throws!

A result of lots of lunch time and home practising. Well done. Craig Barker

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STARS OF THE WEEK 12th Oct

Room 1  Jovi B.
Room 2  The You Kee
Room 3  Daria F.
Room 4  Tyler S.
Room 5  Bailey T.
Room 6  Kaire K.
Room 7  Tenelle D.
Room 8  
Room 9  Deakon R.
Room 10  Hannah E.
Room 11  Paw Lah La
Room 12  Zak E.
Room 13  Charlotte K.

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

VALUE OF THE MONTH: RESPECT

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

Taylor S.  Bonnie K.  Harrison C.  Deborah C.  Taijah S.  Akaisha A.  Bailin M.  Molly N.
Contact your college if you have not received your enrolment package.

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

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**SCHOOL HATS**

$12.00

You can Pre-order via the QKR payment app.

NOW IN STOCK!

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**SENIOR DIGITAL ART EXPO**

Dear Parents, Families & Friends

The four senior grades intend to display the work they have created around their art using iPads. The students will be showcasing i-movies of their art work. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

**WED 21ST = 4/5T 5/6W**
**THURS 22ND = 5/6P 5/6E**
**12:45 - 3:15PM**

The Expo will be displayed for two hours in the Multi Purpose and the Art Rooms.

**Thanks - Sandy**

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Miss Emily Hill - Prep2, was recently married in Geelong to Lynton Jacobs. A glorious day to celebrate the occasion with family and friends. A delayed honeymoon will take place after Christmas. Congratulations from all at Specimen Hill.
VSS BMX TITLES

Haylee J. competed at the finals of the Victorian State School Championship, racing in the BMX class. The event was held last Friday at Bendigo BMX track in Eaglehawk. There were a great number of entries from all over Victoria. The weather was brilliant for a day of fast competitive competition. Haylee raced extremely well, finishing in 4th place for her category. Congratulations Haylee - a tremendous result!

Where is your hat? HATS are COMPULSORY TERM 4

STUDENT ABSENCES

All student absences are required by law to be notified to the school. The preferred method is by means of the school information app. Go to the Specimen Hill App, Absence on the home page. Complete student name and scroll for classroom. This will send an email directly to the class teacher. This saves numerous phone calls to the office of a morning. Late Notes can also be made by going to: More

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Come & Try Orienteering
I am organising an orienteering event this Saturday 17th Oct.
You can arrive anytime between 12.30 and 1.30. To get to the start, head out Lockwood Road for about 4 ½ kilometres from the Olympic Parade roundabout. There will be a sign showing you where to turn into the bush. There is no cost if it is your first event. No equipment is needed. I hope to see you there. Jenny Ball

Come on Specimen Hill Primary School lets all...
Walk to School!

WALKING SCHOOL BUS
THURS 8:30AM EVERY WEEK

GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL NETBALL
CLUB U13, U17 DEVELOPMENT & BFNL U17
TRYOUTS TO BE HELD AT MYJET OVAL,
WADE STREET, GOLDEN SQUARE

NETBALL TRYOUTS
We are excited to introduce junior netball to our program to enhance our BFNL U17 and U17 Development teams and to foster and develop junior netballers within the Golden Square Football Netball Club.

Our junior teams will be affiliated with the Bendigo Strathdale Netball Association.

Tryouts will be held at MYJET oval Golden Square for more information below please note:

REGISTRATION 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO TRYOUTS

U13’s & Open (Section 2 & 3 teams)
Sunday 8 November - U13 4PM – 5PM OPEN 5PM – 6PM
Sunday 15th November U13 4PM – 5PM OPEN 5PM – 6PM
More info email: gsfncjuniors@yahoo.com.au
Further enquiries PH: Tiffany Jenkyn 0408 412 284

Present this voucher at the door to receive free entry for ONE CHILD at the Bendigo Bank Spirit v Perth Lynx game on Sunday 18th of October at 3pm at the Bendigo Stadium.