Welcome Back! No Canteen Friday

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope that all families have had an enjoyable break. We have unfortunately been welcomed back with very cold weather and I would ask you to make sure that students are rugged up so they are warm for the whole day.

Staff Leave

Mrs Craig will be returning next week and Mr Warne is going on three weeks long service leave. We wish him a restful break and I will be replacing him. If you have any concerns or issues over this time please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Craig. Teresa Smart is also on long service leave for six weeks.

Term Three Activities

This term promises to be another busy one. During this term there will be planned activities for both Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy week. Juniors are looking forward to their excursion to Science Works at the end of July and also, the senior students will be involved in the Athletics Carnival on this day. At the end of the term the school will be running a Wellbeing month. There will be several activities organised for the month, including a Mens and Kids night. Stay tuned.

School Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid these. These can still be paid at the office if you have not already done so. For families finding this obligation difficult to meet, arrangements can be made to pay these over the next two terms. The fees are used to buy materials for students to use on a daily basis.

Anaphylaxis - Allergies

We currently have a child in the school with a severe allergy to rice. Any contact with rice, that is, inhaled or touched could lead to a life threatening allergic reaction. To minimize the risk for that student we are discouraging students from bringing items containing rice (rice biscuits, LCM bars, rice cakes, rice chips) to school in their lunches. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

I would encourage all students to participate in this. We have many students who have already registered and 21 students who have already completed the challenge. It involves students in Years 3-6 reading 30 books and students in Years 3-6 reading 15 books. Reading to and reading with your child is the best way that parents can assist with their child’s education. The books can be borrowed from the school library.

Value

Our value for the month is Resilience. An important value and attribute to possess to be successful in life. Part of becoming resilient is learning how to deal with failure in a positive manner. We all struggle to learn new skills and persisting through these difficulties is part of building resilience. Making errors and growing from them is an important life skill.

Chicken Pox

There has been a report of chicken pox in the school. If your child becomes ill and develops blister like lesions, I would encourage you to follow it up with your doctor.

Keep warm,

Wendy Jackson (Acting Principal)
SENIOR CLASSES
Welcome back all!
We hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break but it is time to knuckle down and achieve your excellence in term 3! Hopefully students and families read over their child’s report and have reflected upon ways in which students can improve the areas outlined from last semester. Routine is paramount to being organised and each student should have their reading, spelling and numeracy homework prepared to be completed in a timely manner during their weekly routines.
We would like to outline again that reading is to be completed each night for 20 – 30 minutes and signed by a parent/guardian to acknowledge this. These are logged into student’s diaries. Weekly homework (spelling and numeracy) is to be completed by Thursday. When students receive their homework they should take it home immediately and read over it in case they don’t understand concepts or problems they are working on. They should then follow up with their teacher in order for them to complete the tasks for the week. Leaving this to the last minutes won’t allow for students to achieve the learning tasks set and makes for a more stressful situation. Please setup a routine where children have time to ask their teacher for help early in the week and it is not left to the last minute!
This term, classes will be studying an economics based unit called ‘Learn to Earn’. Students will talk about goods and services and other topics relating to business. It would be great to have students discuss their learnings with their families and share what knowledge they are gaining each day. This helps children reinforce their learning and it might teach you something too.
Next week there is the Division Football Carnival where Grade 5/6 students will compete against other schools in girls and boys footy on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. Good luck for next week for all who are involved. Students will be bringing home information regarding this if they are participating.
Good luck to the girls and boys netball teams which will be participating on Friday.
Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
Welcome back to Term 3. It has been great to see the smiling faces and the wonderful stories about holiday escapades. This will be an action packed term.
Homework, as always, will be coming home each week commencing this Friday. It is a school expectation that this is completed and returned to the teacher as directed. For Years 3 & 4 the homework consists of five spelling words, some numeracy tasks and at least five nights of reading to be recorded in the student diary. In addition the children will select a picture story book to read at home. They are all writing words and have reflected upon ways in which students can improve the areas outlined from last semester. Routine is paramount to being organised and each student should have their reading, spelling and numeracy homework prepared to be completed in a timely manner during their weekly routines.
There will be a lot of fun alongside the learning. Coming back the weather has been exceptionally cold. Please ensure your child is adequately clothed to keep them warm. Just a polo shirt is not enough to keep warm at lunchtime.
Looking forward to all the excitement of the term.
Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASS
Welcome back, we hope everyone had an enjoyable break. Thank you to all students who completed home reading over the holidays. We have a busy term planned and the students are all very excited for our excursion to the Melbourne Science Works in week 3 (notes should be returned to the office, if they need to be back ASAP). This term we are learning about Space and this will tie in nicely with our planned excursion.
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
Notes for the Science Works excursion ASAP
Home reading should be completed each night
Thank you
Natalie, Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

PREP NEWS
INTEGRATED STUDIES: BLAST OFF! Is the title of our new unit which is all about SPACE. The students are very excited and interested in sharing their knowledge and learning about the Solar System including the planets, the sun and moon phases and much more. We will be visiting Science Works in Melbourne on Friday July 31st. Please ensure your signed permission forms and money are returned to school.
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE. Congratulations to all the students and families who have participated in the challenge. Remember you can keep borrowing books on the list from our box at school.
Nude Food: Let’s continue our great record from last Term! Thanks for supporting your child and seeing that they are wrapper free not only on Thursday’s but every day.
Writing: all students have made great progress in their reading and writing since before the holidays. Encourage your child to write at home. They are all writing words they know and their attempts at other words are becoming more accurate. Praise them for their efforts in writing. Spelling words this week are: I, a & is. We are also learning many new Space words.
READING: Please keep up the home reading every night. Thank you to everyone who read over the holidays!
MATHS: This week we are revising numbers to 20 and beyond and looking at patterns in numbers. We are studying 2 dimensional shapes and have used them to make a Space picture.
CLOTHING: All students should come to school each day with a long sleeved school top and a coat if possible to wear outside. Please see all clothing is clearly named.
Emily and Joan

PLEASE SAVE YOUR STICKERS
My Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

SCHOOL BEANIES
HAND MADE BY PARENTS & FRIENDS
$5 EACH
OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS PLEASE RETURN
Parents are reminded that the $100 school fee, per student is now overdue. This is a compulsory fee for all families. Payment at the school office or via the QKR payment app, or Direct Credit.

We hope that students are continuing to read their books with Parent encouragement! Congratulations to these readers who are continuing to log books but have completed the challenge:

- Room 1: Augustus W, Lucas H
- Room 2: Jemma R
- Room 3: Mitchell H
- Room 4: Zara G
- Room 6: Tahlia C
- Room 7: Kaitlyn W
- Room 10: Georgia G, Kurtis C, Hannah E, Akaisha A
- Room 11: Kalo D

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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, Art Teacher

MILK BOTTLE LIDS
PLEASE KEEP THE PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE LIDS AND DELIVER TO THE ART ROOM WASHED, DRIED AND CLEAN - THANK YOU
No bottles required at this point in time.

The due date for family recipes for the cookbook is almost here. If you would like your recipe in the cookbook then we need it now. You can leave it at the office, email to specimenhillcookbook@gmail.com or bring it with you when you have your parent teacher interview. This is a big job and we have a schedule to work too, your assistance is greatly appreciated.
(Further information on the back page)

All Library Books borrowed before the holidays are now overdue and need to be returned or updated this week. Please return books before school ready for borrowing during class sessions. Could all parents encourage and help students to return books ASAP thanking you in advance for your assistance.
Sandy

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL & WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS
are available as a special order.
Please advise the office if you wish to order. Photos are $10 each
We hope you all enjoy your student photos. Any further orders or copies must be made directly with the Photographer.
Leading Image - Ph: 1300 084 586
www.leadingimage.com.au

Circus Skills Update:
During Circus sessions throughout the year so far, students have been learning a range of new skills. We have had a focus at the start of each session on juggling with students learning the 3 ball technique. One of our stars is Jordan Allen who can do 149 throws in a row!
This term, we are introducing the Rola Bola, cup stacking, spinning rods, club spinning and the monkey bike. Students from grades 3-6 who have shown interest in the unicycle will continue practising during recess breaks on Wednesdays.
Craig Barker.
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Some days are full!

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SCHOOL BEANIES
HAND MADE BY PARENTS & FRIENDS
$5 EACH

SEND YOUR RECIPE NOW!

Introducing

THE SPECI COOKBOOK!!
The parents and friends committee is producing a cookbook as a major fundraiser this year... Filled with recipes, cooking hints and nutrition info!!

- Featuring:
  - lots of photos of the school community
  - submissions from our school families, friends & staff
  - advertising/sponsorship opportunities
  - student artwork

Please send us your favourite recipes, cooking tips and lunchbox ideas to SpecimenHillCookbook@gmail.com or leave them in the box at the office.

Beautiful, professionally printed cookbooks will be available in term 4.
Order forms will be sent out later in the year.

Messy Action for Kids and Parents

+ Multiple messy activities
+ Parents can join in or enjoy a cuppa
+ Brief quiet time together prior to meal
+ Communal meal provided
+ Positive, caring place for all ages

Bring a parent - gold coin donation.
This Friday 5pm to 6.30pm
Uniting Church Chum St cnr Maple Golden Square

Simply Messy! Simply Fun!

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
The Community Houses of Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat & Eaglehawk offer after school Tutoring and homework help for students Prep - Yr 10.
www.bendigotutoring.net
Or call Michael Kennedy on 0413 116097

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