Welcome to students, parents and friends to the final week of Term 3.

**Three weeks of Wellbeing** - The three weeks of Wellbeing has been highly interactive and successful. There has been a strong focus on the three key areas of Building Strong Relationships, Healthy living and Living without Violence. During each week there has been a wide range of activities as well as learning to compliment literacy and integrated activities in the classroom. Thank you to Mr Warne, Bernadette and the Wellbeing team along with the Junior School Councillors who have done an outstanding job in developing such a comprehensive three week program. I know that it has been enjoyed by all.

**School survey**

Thank you to everyone who responded to the school survey. Some of the key results from the survey are:

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<td>Literacy-speaking and Listening, reading and writing</td>
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**Division Sports**

On Monday, six students attended the Divisional sports at the Sports Centre in Bendigo. Once again there were some personal bests and Bailey C. did an exceptional job in coming second in the Discus event and he will now move to the next level of the competition at the Regional Athletic sports. Congratulations to Bailey and all of the other competitors. Thank you to Ms Eastley and to Mr Broadbent for their support on the day.

**Mrs Smart is Retiring**

After much deliberation, thought and discussion (and probably sleepless nights) Teresa Smart has decided that she is going to retire from teaching. This is a momentous occasion as Teresa has taught for over 43 years and many of those years have been spent at Specimen Hill. Many families and 100’s of students (and many of our current parents) have been taught by Teresa. For many students she remains the most popular and significant teacher of their education and they cherish her for the most loving, caring and positive times spent in Mrs Smart’s room. Teresa has such a compassionate, positive and bubbly personality which is underpinned by her exceptional knowledge of curriculum and skills working with children. All students flourished and had so much fun under her tutelage. As it is so late in the term we have decided to hold a celebration of Teresa’s career in Term 4. We will be seeking past students and families who remember special moments of their time spent with Teresa to contribute towards this celebration. Please contact Di Craig.

**Junior Fun Night**

Tomorrow night is the Junior Fun night when all of the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will come along from 5.00 to 7.00 for a BBQ tea and games. The Grade 2 students will remain at school for a sleep-over.

**Final Assembly**

The final Assembly for the term will be held on Friday morning from 9.05 to about 10.00. Special term awards will be handed out and we will have a presentation on Vanuatu. All most welcome to attend.

**Last Day**

School will be dismissed at 1.45 on Friday being the last day of the term. Hoping that everyone has a happy, safe and relaxing break. We look forward to everyone returning all reinvigorated for lots of fun and learning and ready for the final term of the year.

School will resume on Monday 5th October. Hoping that everyone has a wonderful week.

Di Craig, Principal
Wellbeing for the whole community is our focus for the last three weeks of this term. Various activities are planned for students with some arranged for family involvement as well. Please view the calendar below for events that you could come along to and spend some time with other members of the community.

### September 2015

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**Week without Violence**

**17**

- **8:30am Waking school bus**
- **Join the group on Thursday mornings**
- **Speci’ Walk Against Violence**
- Students will be able to purchase badges/ribbons in support.

**18**

- **Picnic on the oval**
- 11-11.15 (buddy grades)

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**VANUATU DONATIONS**

Thank you for the wonderful Vanuatu Dress day last Friday. We raised $245.65 which has been used to buy school supplies for two communities on the island of Tanna. Mr Manley, Alisha and I are travelling to the islands during the holidays and will be delivering these along with other gifts/donations from many others. The donations will then be shipped to our communities as there is still no road access to these people since the cyclone swept through. We will be sending some of our donations to them in cash to enable them to buy seed, chickens and piglets to help them rebuild and become self sufficient. At this time the communities are mostly relying on aid being delivered at irregular intervals to survive. In my recent contacts with Vanuatu they cannot believe the generosity of our school, when it’s so far away and send many thanks for our donations.  

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Kim Manley
SENIOR CLASSES
Welcome to the final week. Congrats to everyone for making it this far! A short message this week to complete the term.

**A reminder that Personal Development for all Grade 5/6 students will be taking place during Term 4 and notes should be returned ASAP if they haven’t already.**

Next term students will be studying Myths & Legends for their Integrated Studies topic. You might like to discuss some myths and legends with students to enhance their curiosity before Term 4 starts. It will be an interesting unit for students to learn and engage with. We hope that students will have a fun and safe holiday break and come back refreshed ready to finish the year in a positive fashion. It is important that students continue to work on their academic skills during the holidays by continuing their love of reading and numbers.

Stay safe and enjoy the time with your families!

Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
It’s been a long term with lots of exciting things happening as well as illnesses and absences. This next week we will be concluding our Integrated Studies unit on ‘Flight & Structures’ with a race to the finish to see whose flying machine goes the greatest distance. There will be much excitement at the finals as the students prepare to test their structures for the final time.

The holidays are a great time to relax and prepare for the last term. They are also a wonderful opportunity to read and enjoy literature. Please keep up the reading practise over the break.

Check the lost property for any missing items of clothing. Remember that Term 4 requires the children to wear hats. Make sure your child’s hat has their name labelled on the inside.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASSES
Who can believe we are up to the last week of term 3?! This week we have our Junior Fun Night taking place Thursday 17th September. The Junior Fun Night starts at 5pm, with the Grade 1’s being picked up from 7pm from the shade sails and Grade 2’s need to bring sleeping gear straight to the Multi-purpose room and ensure they have school uniform for the next day.

Over the school holidays we ask that all students undertake home reading on a daily basis. It would also be a good idea for students to practise writing during this time also. Most importantly we hope that everyone has an enjoyable break.

Reminders
School finishes at 1:45pm on Friday
Nude Food every Thursday
Home Reading - every night of the week please
Library books need to be returned and changed
Communication journals need to be returned ASAP

We hope everyone has a great week!

Thanks,
Jacqui, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

PREP NEWS
WELLBEING:
This week our Wellbeing focus is a ‘Week Without Violence.’ We will be involving students in peaceful activities, designing Peace badges and on Thursday the whole school will be completing a Peace Walk around the oval. On Friday is the whole school picnic.

We will all be eating our lunches with our Buddy Grades.

JUNIOR FUN NIGHT:
Preps will be attending from 5.00pm - 7.00pm. Students will go home after school. Students may wear casual clothes to the Fun Night. There will be games on the oval, a barbeque, fruit and a Disco to follow tea. Please be punctual collecting your students. The gates will be closed until 7.00pm.

READING in the HOLIDAYS:
The students will be bringing home 7 books to read during the holidays. Encourage your children to read them and also read books from your home library. It would be an opportune time to join the Bendigo Library and experience the venue.

REMINDERS:
Share in the Chair: is on every Monday before Assembly.
Library Sessions:
Prep Mullen - Tuesday.
Prep Hill - Thursday.

Please return overdue books. Students may borrow a library book to read over the holidays.

Communication Journals: Some of these are still at home. Please return ASAP.

Word Lists: During the holidays keep practising at home to read and write these words.

Nude Food Day- Every Thursday. Most students have Nude Food lunches every day. Well done parents.

Have a safe and happy holiday ready for a busy term 4.

Junior Fun Night

THURSDAY 17TH September
Please return permission, medical form and payment if you have not done so already.

Thanks,
Emily and Joan

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 same numerous phone calls to the office of a morning.

Late Notes can also be made by going to: More

The final Assembly for the term will be held on Friday morning

9.05 - 10.00am
The Challenge has finished. Congratulations to the students who completed the challenge, committing to reading each night and enjoying the content of the interesting books.

Room 1
Augie W.
Jovi B.
Lucas H.
Sienna C

Room 2
Jemma R.
Olivia R.
Skye T.

Room 3
Daria F.
Amali P.
Harrison C.
Oscar M.
Mitchell H.
Olive D

Room 4
Jordan R.
Samantha E.
Zara G.
Maeghan S.
Zoe Baker

Room 5
Brilee T.
Terri F.

Room 6
Elijah E.
Mikey F.
Tahlia C.
Freya W.
Maggie F.

Room 7
Jordyn A.
Lily T.
Xavier T.
Ashlyn B.
Ebony M.
Kaitlyn W.

Room 8
Deacon M.
Keenan S.
Rohan T.

Room 9
Samantha C.
Braydee T.
Hannah E.

Room 10
Aidan R.
Charli S.
Georgia G.
Hannah E.
Hayley H.
Hayley P.
Isabelle M.
Kurtis C.
Akaisha A.
Corey B.
Trinity F.

Room 11
Kalo D.
Marcus R.
Abbey E.
Dylan McK.
Michael E.
Tyran A.

Room 12
Destiney S.
Macey R.

Room 13
Georgina W.
Jazzy R.
Kobe R.
Michael B.
Molly N.
Aaron F.
Darcy R.

Our library is a valuable resource that has taken many years and much money to build up. At the moment there are a large number of overdue library books.

Today those students who have overdue books will have received a notice. If parents could assist with helping their child to return their books it would be appreciated.

For unreturned books by the start of next term, an invoice for the missing book will be sent home for payment.

Any queries please see Wendy Jackson.
Our children’s future in the very best of hands

CAMPAIGN AT AN END

Please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

CAUTION
Social Media is Hard Work

During school holidays, often children spend extended periods of time surfing the net and making contact with friends via social media.

You can’t keep up with everything your child is doing online every day. But you can build trust by having regular, respectful conversations with your child that show him/her you understand how important social networking is to them.

It’s also a good idea to get to know the sites your child is using. Ask your child to show you what sites are popular or how parts of her favourite site or app work.

Let your child know that social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram don’t allow children aged under 13 years to set up accounts. You can direct your child to more age-appropriate sites such as Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin instead.

MOUNT KILIMANJARO

On the 15th August my Pa climbed to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. It took a 24 hour flight in a plane to get to Africa from Australia. After he landed at the airport they went on a bus to their challenge - a 5,895 metre mountain.

Every day the climbing got harder and harder because of the altitude and Pa had to take tablets to help cope with it.

After about five days of climbing, Pa started to reach the snowy bits of the mountain, then finally when he made it to the top, the temperature was minus 12 degrees!

After Pa had reached the bottom he was rewarded with a certificate for his achievement.

Well done Pa, we are very proud of you.

By Trasiah Coulthard 5/6E

More Shoppers are required to make this Tour happen.
Please book at the office and pay deposit

Speci Hill Shopping Tour
Bu 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?

Includes
- 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)
Bring your friends for a great day out.

Why not pay it off? Just a few dollars a month and you will be able to have a great day out, loads of fun and take advantage of bargain prices at factory outlets.
$20 non-refundable deposit to be paid as soon as possible.
Final payment by Sept 11th
## 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| 14-18 Sep| Well Being Focus  
Week without violence
See page 2 for session times |
| Thur 17th| Junior Fun Night  
5-7pm                                                         |
| Sat 17th Oct | School Melbourne Shopping Tour  
Shoppers Needed!                           |
| Oct 9, 16, 23 | GYM PROGRAM  
Prep - 2                                                   |
| Dec 15th | Grade 6 Graduation Night                                                                       |

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### School Holidays Program for kids
At the Bendigo Visitor Centre

**SASSY CELEBRITIES**

- **Cost:** $6 per child
- **Times:** 10.30am – 11.30am (1 hour)
- **Dates:** Wednesday 23 September 2015  
Wednesday 30 September 2015

Bookings essential! Limited places available

**Messy Action for Kids and Parents**

- Multiple messy activities
- Parents can join in or enjoy a cuppa
- Bundled together with pre-arranged gift packs
- Communal meal provided
- Produce, caring place for all ages

Bring a parent / gold coin donation.

**This Friday 5pm to 6.30pm**  
Uniting Church Chats St or Maple  
Golden Square

**Simply Messy! Simply Fun!**

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### School Holidays @ Bendigo Art Gallery

Bookings are now open for the school holidays. Bendigo Art Gallery’s workshops these school holidays draw inspiration from the Gallery’s own collection and the season of Spring.

Young visitors will have the opportunity to create ship-inspired collages, sculptural branches of birds & blossoms. Or model the human figure in 3D.

**Workshops aged 4-7 & 8 - 14 years**

**Bookings are essential:** 54346088

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### Canteen Requires Volunteers

**PLEASE MON & FRI one day per term**

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### Bendigo Art Gallery

Open 10am-5pm Tues-Sun & public holidays

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**SCHOOL VALUES: Resilience, Excellence, Persistence, Honesty & Respect**