Welcome to parents/carers and friends to week 7 of Term 4,
As is normal for this time of the year school life is extremely busy!

Farewell to Mrs Smart
Yesterday we had the staff farewell for Teresa Smart. It was a memorable occasion in recognition of her 43 years of teaching, with most of those years spent at Specimen Hill. Teresa has been an outstanding teacher and an excellent colleague and friend to many children and staff over the years with a number of our current students’ parents having been taught by Mrs Smart in the past. We wish Teresa and her husband Geoff a wonderful, exciting and healthy time for the next phase of their lives. I know that they plan to see much of Australia as well as overseas trips which will keep them very active and busy. Mrs Smart will be attending our Food Fair and concert on the 10th of December, this will be an opportunity for the whole school community to catch up with Mrs Smart.

Working Bee
Last Thursday night we held the school Working Bee. Not as many people attended as we would have hoped for but the families who did attend, along with a number of staff who attended and the Out of School Hours Care staff and students all worked together so well to complete many tasks required to maintain the grounds of our school. All participants did a great job and the school looks fabulous. Thank you to Mrs Ball for organising this event and showing our appreciation to every participant with a small surprise at the end of the night. Your time and effort is really appreciated.

Prep Orientation Day 2
Next Tuesday is the second Prep Orientation Day at school. The new preps will come along for an hour (9.00 to 10.00) and we are asking the parents of the new preps to stay for a session on ‘How to actively listen to your child read’ which will be held in the multi purpose room from 9.00 to 10.00.

Recipe Book Launch
Tomorrow at 11.00am we are having our School Recipe Book Launch at school. The cookbook is on show in the front foyer and is available at school for $20. This would be a wonderful Christmas present and is a beautiful showcase for some great recipes but also snap-shots of our school.

Rebecca Eastley’s Wedding
This weekend Bec Eastley and her fiancé Josh will be getting married in Echuca. We wish them a very special and wonderful day from everyone in the school community. The weather is looking good and I know that Bec will be radiant with excitement. Best wishes to the happy couple.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead
Di Craig
Let’s Do it Again!

Last year Specimen Hill Primary were the winners of the Bendigo Marketplace competition.

Monday 2nd Nov to Sunday 13th Dec

We are requesting the school community support this competition once again.

Please place your shopping receipts for all stores in the Marketplace, in the Schools drop box located in the centre tree display area.

R.S.V.P. Monday 16th November to Kaye on 5443 5353 or specimen.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings all! We have been working hard in the senior department. Recently we have been looking at lots of different topics in Numeracy such as squared numbers, square root of number and Cartesian coordinates to name a few.
Many of us have just started our preparation for Graduation speeches which is very exciting! Graduation is on the 15th December, if everyone could please arrive at 6pm sharp, ready for a 6:30pm start. A reminder that payments need to be made as soon as possible, this can be done through the QKR app or at the front office. Payment plans can also be put in place.
Next week the current Grade sixes will have a letter sent home regarding the end of lease for their net books. Please keep an eye out for this.
The food fair is fast approaching! By now all classes should know what food they are making, donations are greatly appreciated, thank you to those who have already contributed something. Have a wonderful week.
Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
Home Reading - It is really important that students continue to be consistent with 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. Currently the three classes are participating in a ‘Play Reading’ rotation where one group from each class presents to the three classes each week. Students have performed extremely well so far and will continue to receive support and guidance to develop their fluency, expression and tone when performing. It would be wonderful if parents could help with this at home by modelling or providing some helpful tips to your children.

Homework - Similar to reading, students also need to ensure they have a consistent routine for 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.

Food Fair - Our annual Food Fair is coming up soon (Thursday December 10th) 3/4 Regan are requesting Fries and Vegetable Oil. 3/4 Polglase are requesting: Diced Bacon, grated cheese, sour cream, garlic butter, & Coleslaw. 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
Circus Spectacular: We had a wonderful time last Friday tumbling, tight-rope walking, performing comedy acts, juggling, magic tricks and spinning plates in our Circus Spectacular! Thanks for watching us.

Reading & Spelling Homework: Please continue to hear reading and sign and send along yellow reading diary each day. We are also sending home spelling homework each week to practise and learn.

Swimming: Monday 30th November is the beginning of the Swimming program - the first of eight sessions. Please make sure you have signed and returned your yellow swimming form. Do you have swim wear??

Communication Books: We are still missing some of these so could you please send back so we can add some more work.
Jacqui, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

PREP NEWS
Prep 2016 Transition: Tuesday November 24th 9:00am-10:00am the 2016 preps will be back. This time they will meet their Grade 5 Buddies for 2016.

Integrated Studies: Junior Department Mini Circus was a huge success. A big thank you to the students who all came along in their most colourful outfits and showed off their circus skills. The Multi-Purpose room was packed to the rafters! Thanks for the families who attended on the day. Many thanks also to the Circus Troupe and Mr Barker for their performances between acts.

WORD of the WEEK: Writing numerals and words to 20.
Rime Word Families: pl. ay, st ay,

We are continuing to practise our spelling words each week at school.

REMININDERS: HATS: Great to see nearly all our preps wearing their hats outside each day.

SLEEP: please ensure your children have adequate sleep every night as it is so important for learning to take place and for the general wellbeing of your child.

NUDE FOOD: Every Thursday please remember to have Nude Food as your children feel great when their class has minimum wrappers.

WATER BOTTLES: Students are encouraged to drink during class time.

HOME READING: complete every night and sign the yellow book please.

LIBRARY SESSIONS: Thursday at present is the day we will be going to the library to borrow and read books. All students can change their books every morning before school if they wish to.

SWIMMING LESSONS: coming up starting November 30th.
Please complete forms and return to school asap.
Emily and Joan

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CLASS OF 2016

POLOS
Orders for the Grade Six Year Shirts are now being taken.

If you would like your child to have a year shirt, please fill in the order form below and return to the office with payment or pay via Qkr Payment App.

NO NEW NAMES CAN BE ADDED ONCE ORDERED

FINAL REMINDER
WITH PAYMENT = $35 PER SHIRT

December 10th
5:30 - 6:30PM
@ Specimen Hill Primary

CRICKET REPORT

On Tuesday 10th of November, Specimen Hill Primary School had a fabulous day at Beischer Park, participating in the T20 Blast Cricket Carnival, competing against many other Bendigo Primary Schools. We had great weather - an overcast day but still warm (great day for cricket), which assisted in the students and the staff having a most enjoyable day.

We had two teams participating (16 students) with one boy’s and one girl’s team. It was a fantastic day of cricket because all the students got to bowl, wicket keep, field and bat throughout the 8 over games. It was great to have so many students participating and for the Grade 6’s it was their last sport’s day representing Specimen Hill.

All the teams did an outstanding job and their improvement throughout the tournament was impressive, with the teams being able to hit the ball for six or four, bowl and get a wicket and take some spectacular catches.

Both teams showed excellent sportsmanship, encouraging each other and other teams during the day.

After the round games it was exciting to hear that the girl’s team had made the final playing against Strathfieldsaye. It was a great contest throughout the 16 overs with heaps of wickets falling and not many runs. Strathfieldsaye ended up getting the win in a very close contest. It was an outstanding achievement for the girls to finish 2nd overall.

After the round matches the boys team played off against Quarry Hill Quarry for 3rd or 4th position. Again this was a great game with many runs and wickets. A highlight was Sean Bell getting a hat-trick. The boys played really well during this match and ended up winning so finishing 3rd overall. A great effort.

Overall outstanding results and continued some of the great sporting achievements for 2015 at Specimen Hill Primary School.

A big thankyou to Ms. Sophie Williams for her assistance and coaching of the girls team. It was very much appreciated by students and myself.

Overall a fabulous day. Well done Speci!

Todd Broadbent
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RETIREDMAREWELL FOR TERESA SMART

A farewell function was held for Teresa Smart on Tuesday afternoon in the Staff Room. Former teaching colleagues attended along with current staff, to enjoy some light refreshments to reflect upon Teresa’s outstanding career of 43 years. Teresa bought along family to celebrate with her. Teresa was highly regarded among her peers, with them all reflecting on her constant bubbly personality. With 43 years of teaching various generations of Speci families, there were many photos and names to recall. Teresa and husband Geoff will be enjoying travels in their caravan, visiting friends and enjoying the wonderful sights of Australia.

Teresa was presented with a beautiful gold bracelet as a parting gift from the staff, along with a standard Rose to remember us all, and a gorgeous bouquet of flowers.

FOOD FAIR

Please contact your class room teacher to ask how you can assist

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Junior School Council: Frogs in Pond
School Council: BBQ - Sausages & Burgers
Bu & Louise: American Hot Dogs
Kaye & Wendy: Sausage Rolls
2015 | EVENTS CALENDAR
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Wed | 8:15am Breakfast Program
Thurs | Walking School Bus 8:30am
Tues 24th | Prep Transition - Day 2
Mon 30th | Swimming Program Starts
Thurs 10th Dec | FOOD FAIR NIGHT
Dec 15th | Grade 6 Graduation Night

Tickets now available on QKR

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**Working Bee Thank You**

To Rae Broadbent, Michell, Marcus, Aidan & Jemma Robinson, Torin, Henry & Lewis Coakley, Rebecca, Michael, Hannah & Samantha Evans, Corey, Georgia & Harry Warne, staff & students from OSHC, Di Craig, Wendy Jackson, Sophie Williams & Natalie Pelly.

Thank you for all of your hard work at our school working bee. Our school is looking great because you helped us out.

We are proud that your care for our learning environment.

Jenny Ball & Physical Environment Team

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**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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**Have you got your swimming note?**

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**GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

TUESDAY DEC 15TH

FOUNDARY ARMS HOTEL

PLATINUM ROOM

TICKETS $30 each

2 Course Dinner

PAY VIA QKR

OR AT THE

SCHOOL OFFICE

Tickets limited to Student + 2 others (3)

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**Now Available**

$20 each

THE SPECI RECIPE BOOK

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**WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

THURS 8:30AM EVERY WEEK

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**BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE**

Production of Disney's

**HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE**

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie

Soave Entertainment and Disney Television Animation

November 18th & 19th, 7:30PM

Ulumbarra Theatre

Tickets $15


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