Welcome to week 6 of Term 3 for 2015.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I am writing this on behalf Mrs Craig who is currently in Canberra, attending an Education Conference at Parliament House. This is in relation to the research project that our school participated in earlier in the year around the improvement in student learning outcomes. We have made it in student learning outcomes. It is a huge recognition of the work that has been done around student learning outcomes and improving these for all students. The support of our school community in following up with home reading and homework has also contributed greatly to this achievement. Mrs Craig will be returning next Monday. We wish her safe travel and look forward to her return.

STUDENT ILLNESS

Currently there are many illnesses going around. A nearby large school recently had around 150 students absent on one day and 15 staff members. Young children are particularly vulnerable to picking up colds and other viruses. This is due to their immune system being immature and in particular, their first few years at school can be a time when they come home with lots of colds etc. We love children to be at school every day that they can be, but of course if they are not well home is the best place for them.

LITERACY, NUMERACY, BOOK WEEK

Next week we celebrate Literacy, Numeracy and Book week. There are many activities planned around these themes. On Thursday the 27th of August we are asking students to bring along a favourite picture story book to share with others. Friday the 28th of August is the day we will hold our Book Week Parade with students dressing as one of their favourite book characters. This will commence at 9.00 am. All welcome. Take the time to look at the classroom doors at this time, these will be decorated. The Scholastic Book Fair will also commence on Friday 28th, running for the following week. Please consider purchasing books at the fair, they make great gifts for other children as well as Christmas gifts.

NO SMOKING RULES

A reminder that smoking is not permitted outside of the school. This has now been legislated and can incur a fine that council officers can issue.

CHINESE HOST FAMILIES

A note went home last week about hosting a Chinese student in your family. This year we will be having three female students from our sister school in Suzhou attending our school for eight weeks. Thank you to the families that have already volunteered to host. We are still looking for two families to host a student for four weeks or alternatively one family to host a student for 8 weeks. If you are interested please come in and speak to myself or Mrs Craig.

MENS & KIDS NIGHT

Men’s and Kids night is on next Thursday night. This is a great opportunity for children to spend some time with a significant male in their life. Starting time is 6:00pm sharp, and Pizza snacks will be provided.

FATHERS DAY STALL

Parents & Friends committee are once again conducting a Fathers Day Stall, on Friday 4th September. The success of this stall relies greatly on donations from the school community. Please consider donating items for the stall. Items should be left at the school office. Gifts will be priced from 50 cents - $5.00. Volunteers will be required for the day - please leave your details at the office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canteen is urgently seeking volunteers to assist on Mondays and Fridays in the canteen. Volunteers are required to arrive at 9.00 am and are finished by 11.45 at the latest. If you can assist please contact the office. A Working with Children’s check is required, but the school will meet the cost of photographs for this purpose. Please see Kaye or Wendy at the office prior to photos being taken. Applications for WWC are now made on-line at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

FRUIT PROGRAM

Every Thursday every classroom receives a platter of fruit to share. This is part of encouraging healthy eating habits. We are looking for a volunteer/ volunteers to help prepare the fruit for classrooms. This would involve a commitment of an hour a week on a Thursday from 12.00 am to 1.00pm. If you could assist please contact the office.

Enjoy your week.

Wendy Jackson (Acting Principal)
MENS & KIDS NIGHT

THURS 27TH AUG
6:00 - 7:30PM
At Speci Hill PS
LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED
GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY
Held in the Multi-purpose Room.
Enjoy some special time with the kids,
just for you and them – with a few friends.
GUEST PRESENTER
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP!

PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE
Are conducting a
Fathers Day Stall
Friday 4th September

The success of this stall relies on families donating appropriate
presents for the students to purchase. All donations should be left
at the school office please.
Items can consist of chocolate, stationery, small tools, mugs,
picture frames, anything suitable to purchase by a child from
50c—$5.00
(NO tobacco products or alcohol please)

CANTEEN REQUIRES VOLUNTEERS PLEASE MON & FRI

Volunteers Required to assist with Fathers Day stall... Please

Our children’s future in the very best of hands..................
SENIOR CLASSES

Welcome to Senior News - Week 6 readers!

Last week saw the school celebrate science with a wonderful science day which was organised by the Science Committee (Mrs. Manley, Miss Hill & Mr. Stringer). Students enjoyed a vast assortment of science activities and experienced different teachers and different students. This day allows students to work in groups to experiment, have fun and be wowed with their findings!

Students are preparing for Book Week next week where they will participate in many activities throughout the school but most children will be looking forward to Friday the 28th as this day they will be allowed to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be a parade and some prizes for best dressed. Classrooms will also be decorating their class door to suit with the book week theme. This is a great collaborative task for classes to participate in and it will be exciting to see the creativity that students have.

Grade 6 students will be having Transition Programs to secondary school beginning next week. Students should now know by now, which school they will be attending next year and each school will have their own transition days outlined. A state wide transition day will be the final transition session outlined for early December. Children should obtain as much information about their new schools and ask questions on these days in order for them to gain the best picture of what to expect when attending secondary school. Phone numbers are listed below if you have not received a confirmation.

This week will also see the girls and boys Basketball teams travel all the way to the Bendigo Stadium to compete against many other schools in our region. Students must remember their Speci Values in order to enjoy the occasion and display strong sportsmanship throughout. We wish the team the best of success and fun!

A reminder to continue to bring in items such as clean milk cartons, shoe boxes, toilet rolls, cereal boxes and any item your child thinks will benefits 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.

Reminder – Homework is due Thursdays - Read every night! - Numbers are everywhere so train your maths!

Until next week…..

Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES

It’s been pleasing to see so many children increasing the number of nights which they are reading. Bring on the 3/4 challenge! Keep up the wonderful home reading.

Next week with Literacy & Numeracy week, the children have the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The parade with take place on Friday 28th.

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

JUNIOR CLASS

Welcome to week 6, another week has flown past! This week we have been working very hard on getting our projects finished for our Space Expo among the junior classes. All students will have finished a poster and a display about their chosen topic! Lots of wonderful work has been completed so far.

Next week we will move into our new topic of Asian Studies. This promises to be another educational and fun filled unit with lots of craft activities planned. We encourage parents and carers to ask lots of questions about what your child/children have been learning at school.

A few reminders

Library books – Some people have overdue books, so we need people to have a really good look at home to try and find the missing books!!

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!

Thanks,

Natalie Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

PREP NEWS

INTEGRATED STUDIES – SPACE: Sadly this is the last week of our Space unit. The students have certainly loved learning many facts about the Solar System. All students have been given the task of planning and completing a project about Space. These will be presented as a poster and a model. On Friday all parents and families are invited to come and have a look at the student’s projects which will be on display in their classroom. An invitation will be coming home today with your children.

LITERACY WEEK: is next week. All classrooms have been given the task of decorating their classroom doors based on a favourite book. Prep Hill’s door will be decorated as “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.” Prep Mullen’s door will be decorated based on the big book “Dear Zoo”. All students in the whole school will be given the opportunity to vote on their favourite door.

Next Friday will be dress up day as a book character. This is a whole school event. Students really enjoy being involved in this day. Please don’t spend lots of money on costumes. The simple ones are the best.

COMMUNICATION JOURNALS: Great to see the positive comments parents have written in their students books. Please return these books to school ASAP.

SHARE IN THE CHAIR: This is every Monday just before Whole School Assembly. Some students love to bring something from home. Please don’t allow them to bring anything too valuable or precious.

I-Pads: Every week we have the iPads in the classroom. We are timetabled for one hour per week. During this time students are exploring apps and completing more levels of Reading Eggs.

NUDE FOOD: Every Thursday.

BRAIN FOOD: Fruit every day.

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

Wendy Jackson (Acting Assistant Principal)
Aug 28 - Sep 4

The Book Fair will be arriving again for the first week in September. It is a great opportunity to purchase fictions & non-fiction books for your child to encourage reading.

The students love browsing the selection of books. Looking forward to your support which assists in getting new books for our school Library.

Thanks - Sandy

THE THREE R’s
Routine, Relationships, Remaining Calm

Children feel secure in having predictable and structured routines and knowing what to expect and when.

HOW WAS YOUR DAY?
Take a genuine interest in your child’s learning. Ask open ended questions like:
“What sort of things did you do in numeracy today?”
Rather than..... “How was school today?” which will often get a one word answer - “Good!” (End of conversation)

READING
As a parent / guardian you will need to do the “Reading Miles” with your child. The impact of becoming a fluent reader ensures rich learning for your child in every subject.

As a parent this is your responsibility in investing in your child’s learning and future.

SCREEN TIME
The recommended time allowance for children is one to two hours quality Television time per day. Programs should be age appropriate - rating G or PG.

Limit the child’s time on computer/iPod/iPad screens prior to bed time as research has shown this over stimulates a small child and makes it difficult for them to rest their mind to sleep mode.

OUTSIDE PLAY
Encourage your child to PLAY outside games, playing with a ball, on the trampoline, being creative and making things eg cubby houses. It is fun and more beneficial to their physical intellect and emotional development than being in front of any screens.

CHALLENGE - NOT CRITICIZE
Challenge your child’s behavior when it is inappropriate rather than using put downs. Constant criticism erodes confidence and self esteem.

Have fun with your children. In our hectic lives, being together and having fun is so important and necessary for positive relationships and wellbeing.

Literacy and Numeracy Week
(Aug 24th - 28th) we will be holding a 5 cent line for the Grades 3-6 children.

Could all families begin to save their 5 cent coins to bring along to school for that week (on the Tuesday).

Children will be involved with guessing how many coins are used, the monetary value of the coins and the length of the line.
Dear parents, students and friends,

Help celebrate Book Week
Friday 28th August with a fabulous Dress up parade!
Come dressed up as your favourite book character for a parade under the shade sails from 9.00 – 9.30am
Award certificates for the Best Dressed Boy and Girl as well as for The Best Dressed Grade overall

Room 1
Augustus W
Lucas H
Jovi B
Room 2
Jemma R
Olivia R
Skye T
Room 3
Mitchell H
Harrison C
Oliver D
Room 4
Zara G
Maeghan S
Jordan R
Room 5
Freya W
Maggie F
Room 6
Tahlia C
Room 7
Kaitlyn W
Ashlyn B
Jordyn A
Room 8
Deacon M
Room 9
Braydee T
Hannah E
Room 10
Georgia G
Hannah E
Chari S
Room 11
Kalo D
Abbey E
Tyran A
Room 12
Deancey S
Macey R
Room 13
Georgia W
Jazy R
Darcy R

The students listed below were successful in completing the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. Students will be rewarded with an extended recess session on Thursday morning. Congratulations to you all..... A great personal achievement.

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.............
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We are acknowledging students with awards, to those who display and follow our school values.

VALUE OF THE MONTH:
HONESTY
Students who displayed this value in an outstanding manner last week:

Jameson B. Aylah P.
Olivia A. Zara G. Terri F.
Rohan T. Bella L. Hayley P.
Holley B. Kaleb K.

STARS OF THE WEEK
10th Aug
Room 1 Paw Eh Wah
Room 2 Milly G.
Room 3 Mitchell H.
Room 4 Raine McF.
Room 5 Caitlin B.
Room 6 Dallan W.
Room 7
Room 8 Lindsay A.
Room 9 Tahlia A.
Room 10 Kynan H.
Room 11 Audrey S.
Room 12 Lachlan M.
Room 13

Nude Food
Art Award

Junior School Council Investiture
THURSDAY 20TH AUG 2:15PM

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 Karli

The investiture will for these students will be held on Thursday 20th of August at 2.15pm.

Parents and friends welcome, Afternoon tea will be provided in the Library.

It’s On Again

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
If there are any places you would like included or changed from last year’s Shopping Trip please see Bu or Louise before end of May
See Kaye or Wendy to put your name on the list in the Office.

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.

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Some days are full!

Please phone the correct phone number for bookings

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

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Please Phone or Text Karen Emerson

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

NEWS FLASH!!!!

New photos have been uploaded to the Art Room Blog. You can view this via the school information app or go to:

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MAIDEN GULLY CRICKET CLUB.  
(A family friendly 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 teams.  
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)

SEDAs in partnership with AFL Victoria will be running  
4 Junior AFL 9s venues at the end of Term Three.  
Junior AFL 9s is a 1 hour session with a warm up, skills, a mini game and cool down using the AFL 9s model of AFL. AFL 9s is a non-contact, touch version of AFL.  
An AFL 9s venue closest to your school will be held at Rodda Oval, Strathdale Park for participants aged 8 – 12. Details below:  
Activity: Junior AFL 9s  
Venue: Rodda Oval - Strathdale Park  
Dates: 25th August – 15th September  
Time: 4 – 5pm  
Cost: $25  
Website for more information: www.juniorafl9s.com.au

CACTEEN REQUIRES VOLUNTEERS  
PLEASE MON & FRI

WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAYS

Interested in TENNIS?  
The Bendigo Tennis Association are taking individual and team entries for all competition formats for 2015/2016 summer season, which kicks from Monday 5th October 2015. We offer playing opportunities for players of all ages and standards, including:  
• Juniors (Men, Wed, Fri & Sat)  
• Midweek ladies (Tues, Wed & Thurs AM)  
• Saturday afternoon Seniors, Veterans (Monday AM)  
• Night Camps (Men, Ladies, Mixed)  
Anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to contact the Bendigo Bank Tennis Complex on 5422 5784, visit the website or email info@bendigtotennis.com.au.  
Nominations for summer tennis close the end of September. Register now at www.bendigtotennis.com.au

Registration Days  
Bendigo Tennis Clubs are expecting their entries over the coming weeks for current and new team registrations. Details include:  
Bendigo Lawns TC  
Registration Dates: Monday 1st August, Wednesday 3rd and Friday 5th September, 2015  
Time: 9am – 4pm on each night  
Location: Bendigo Bank Tennis Complex, Naivat St, Bendigo  
Contact: Leon Readick – 5422 5784

South Bendigo TC  
Registration Dates: 1st, 2nd & 3rd September, 2015  
Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm  
Location: South Bendigo TC, Real St, Flora Hill  
Contact: Karen Piggott – 5419 5942

Spring Gully TC  
Registration Dates: Monday 20th September, 2015  
Time: 10am – 2pm  
Location: Spring Gully TC, Spring Gully Rd, Spring Gully  
Contact: Annette Minihane – 5419 5942  
w: www.springgullytc.org.au

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

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