Dear parents, families and friends,

Welcome to week 3 of Term 4

Visit from Educational Leaders

Today we had a visit from the NW Regional Director Ms Jeanette Nagorka, The Acting Secretary of Education Mr Bruce Armstrong and our Regional Network Leader Ms Anne Cunniff. They were given a tour of the school by a group of our Junior School Councilors who enthusiastically shared some of the programs and activities that occur at Specimen Hill. It was a wonderful opportunity for our educational leaders to see some of the very effective programs that have contributed towards Specimen Hill being a school demonstrating high performance.

We also had a visit from two teachers from Lightning Reef PS who participated in classroom experiences and teacher planning sessions. This was an opportunity for Specimen Hill to share some of their practice with another local school.

Peer Review

Today is Specimen Hill’s Peer Review Day. Throughout Term 2 we have been analyzing our data, our school programs and operations at school. We have had feedback from our staff, our families through the school based Parent Opinion Survey and the Junior School Councilors who have surveyed the students at school to find out ‘What is great about Speci Hill?’ and ‘What do the students want to see improve in the future?’ The very informative responses helped us to collate and complete the school’s Self Evaluation report which is a reflection of the progress that we have made over the past 4 years. It has enabled us to measure our progress against the goals that were set for the school in the last Strategic Plan (2012 to 2015) in the areas of Student Achievement, Engagement and Wellbeing and Transitions.

This has been an extremely interesting process and is a great cause for celebration. Specimen Hill has achieved levels of success in all four areas as measured against the goals that were set in 2012. Today at the Peer Review the team will be looking forward and setting goals for the next four years. These goals and the plans around them will set the agenda for future development and achievement at Specimen Hill.

We are fortunate to be led today in our Review by our reviewer Pam Toose and our two invited peers Mr Vince Dobbs and Anne Smith who have shared their professional expertise contributing to the school’s success over the past four years.

Following our Peer Review the school will complete its new Strategic Plan which will lead our progress towards 2019.

Chinese students

I would like to endorse Wendy Jackson’s welcome last week in the Newsletter to our three Chinese students –Mandy, Alice and Maliya and teacher Mandy, who have embarked on their 8 week immersion experience at Specimen Hill. After a week of mixed emotions and a bit of homesickness the students are now feeling more at home with their Homestay families and at school. Talking to them today they were obviously very excited to be here and already love many aspects of Aussie life. They love that there is minimal homework in comparison to what is expected in China, they love the animals, BBQs, play time at school and at home, trying new foods and just meeting new people and making friends. They are very appreciative of the wonderful support that they have received from people around them but especially from their homestay families.

Last Friday they attended an official Mayoral welcome to Bendigo at the Town Hall and it was a great opportunity for photos and to reconnect with the 55 in total other Chinese students attending other Bendigo schools.

Students travelling to China in 2016

Thank you to the students from Grades 5/6 who have put in the effort and shown interest in travelling to China next year in the Overseas Learning experience. Next week we will be completing the process with short-listing, interviewing, checking references and finalizing the selection process for the students. Best wishes to all.

Bendigo Cup Holiday

Next Wednesday 28th October is Bendigo Cup holiday. There will be no school on that day as it is a Bendigo Public Holiday.

Market Place Celebrations

On Tuesday 27th of October at 9.00 we will be taking a group of students along to the Bendigo Market Place to be part of its 20 year Birthday celebrations. The group of students will sing Happy Birthday outside Woolworths store and I will share how our cheque for $10,000 that we won in its competition last year was spent in the school.

Hoping that everyone has a great week ahead

Di Craig - 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.

Don’t forget! Book Club orders are due: Fri 23 Oct

Preferred payment for Canteen orders on Mondays & Fridays is by QKR

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

Walking school bus....last week -
Maple / Chum street bus = 17 riders
Marong rd = 10 riders
Speci Hill Rd = 5 riders

Let’s see which bus has the most riders this week and break a record!!!
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings! Well done to all senior students on a very smooth and calm past couple of weeks, let’s hope this trend continues for the rest of the term 😊

This Friday will be the last session of personal development for the 5/6 students. A big thank you to Deb Hughes for running these sessions, the students have learnt a lot I am sure.

This week in Wellbeing we have discussed the importance of looking after ourselves, please make sure you are getting to bed at a reasonable hour and if possible, eliminate screen time leading up to your bed time. Remember, drink plenty of water and eat plenty of protein rich foods! We all need extra brain food to keep us going through the last term of school!

We can now confirm that tickets for Graduation will be $30 each. This includes a two course meal and soft drink for your table, and of course some classic jokes on the night from Mr. Pysing. Further details to come, the date to remember is December 15.

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.

Cup Day Holiday - Next Wednesday is Bendigo Cup Day so there will not be any school. Please enjoy the public holiday and be sure to apply sunscreen if venturing outdoors.

Food Fair - Our annual Food Fair is coming up soon (Thursday December 10th of Week Ten). Teachers will begin to advertise for any goods to be donated in the next couple of weeks. We thank you in anticipation for your wonderful generosity. The Food Fair is always a wonderful night and one of the most enjoyable events we have on our school calendar. Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

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

Reading & Spelling: Please send along yellow reading diary and spelling books after completing each day.

Head Lice: Please be vigilant as we have cases of Head Lice in our class room.

Communication Books: These will be sent home soon and as we have some missing please check and send back.

Gym: Gym sessions are every Friday. Please ensure your child is dressed accordingly. Earrings that can not be removed should be covered with tape.

Magic Show: Due to other commitments the mini magic show with our guest Magician is on next Thursday afternoon. Jacqui, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

PREP NEWS
INTEGRATED STUDIES: The Circus theme is going well.
All classes will soon be practising an act for our mini circus which will be held in week 6, when we will be performing for families in the Multi Purpose Room. Stay tuned for more details.

Reading Focus this week is involves looking at the characteristics of fact and fiction texts.

ROTATIONS: Every Wednesday the Junior Department move from class to class and rotate participating in the following activities- Science, Singing, Dance and Drama, iPADS, Chinese and Circus skills.

WORD of the WEEK: “come”. Sounds of the week: sh and ing.
We have begun our spelling word practise each week at school. The students learn to read and write five high frequency words each week.

MATHS Focus this week is Place value which involves lots of bundling into tens and skip counting of different materials. We are also learning to count on and count back.

REMINDERS:
HATS: are compulsory this term. Many students have misplaced their school hats. Please see that they have one at school every day. They keep them in their lockers. Please see all clothing is clearly named.

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

WATER BOTTLES: are essential to bring to school especially in this warmer weather. 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.

GYM SESSIONS: Every Friday for the next 3 weeks at the Jets Gym. It is going very well. The students are loving it and learning many new skills.

Emily and Joan

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**SCHOOL HATS**
$12.00
![QKR logo]
You can Pre-order via the QKR payment app.
**NOW IN STOCK!**

Clearance of Girls Gaberdine Slacks in School Office Foyer
$10 each

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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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**BENDIGO AGRICULTURE SHOW - ART ENTRIES**

Congratulations to the following students who have individual entries in the Bendigo Show - Junior Art Section. If attending the show, look out for the Speci Hill’s School display. Sandy puts in a great effort each year to display students art, and has been extremely successful in winning prizes over the past couple of years. Support your school and buzz by and have a look at the wonderful creations.

A reminder that the digital Art Show will be on again tomorrow in the Multi-Purpose & Art Rooms. *(See the times list above)*

The following students have individual Art entries:

- **12 Years & Under - Watercolour**
  - Brylie C.
  - Sienna T.

- **12 Years & Under - Oil or Acrylic**
  - Akaisha A.
  - Keira L.

- **12 Years & Under - Pen or Pencil**
  - Hayley C.
  - Callum GR

- **12 Years & Under - Pastel**
  - Tiarni B.
  - Isabella L.
  - April S.

- **12 Years & Under - Cartoon**
  - Destiny S.
  - Zak E.

- **12 Years & Under - Any Medium - Framed**
  - Mikayla LM.
  - Bailin M.

- **10 Years & Under - Pastel or Crayon**
  - Lindsay A.
  - Macey R.
  - Samantha C.
  - Nick C.

- **10 Years & Under - Any other medium**
  - Domonic M.
  - Rogan W.
  - Mikayla C.
  - Tahlia P.
  - Siena F.

- **8 Years & Under - Any medium**
  - Brylie M.
  - Ashlyn B.
  - Tahlia L.
  - Sophie W.
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
BSC Phone: 0438 062 561

Please Phone or Text Leah Johns
Please Phone or Text Karen Emerson

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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**BENDIGO fit WEEKEND**

Saturday October 31st & Sunday November 1st 2015
Tom Flood Arena

http://bendigofitweekend.com.au

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**GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL NETBALL**

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

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**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 NovemberU13 4PM – 5PM OPEN 5PM – 6PM

More info email: osncl.juniors@yahoo.com.au
Further enquiries ph: Tiffany Jenkyn 0408 412 284

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**KANGAROO FLAT**

"KandL" b/w 9:00am & 12noon

**MARKET**

Saturday 31st October

Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church (opposite ALDI)
(If raining Garage Sale, Church Stalls & D''Teas will be in the hall)

8a.m. – 2p.m.

(phone Max on 54431809 for Site bookings)

**NB: our Christmas MARKET will be on 5th December**

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