Welcome to week 2 of Term 3 for 2015. I am very pleased to be back at Speci after my term at Lightning Reef Primary school. My sincere thanks to Wendy Jackson and to Corey who maintained the leadership of the school in such a capable manner during my absence. They had wonderful support from the whole staff at all times and the school has continued to progress in an effective and efficient manner. Huge thanks to the whole Speci team.

It is a delight to return and to be so warmly greeted by so many students and family members on Monday. I missed you all.

The Breakfast Program was extremely busy today which was great to see. How wonderful to see so many students arriving early to enjoy a hearty and sociable breakfast.

Yesterday the Girls’ school football team competed in the District Aussie Rules competition and had an exciting day. By all reports they competed in a fair and sporting manner although they were up against some strong and quite physical opposition at times. But they worked hard putting in their best team effort resulting in a pleasing day. Thank you to Miss Eastley and Miss Williams for their coaching and support throughout the day.

Today the Boys Football team is competing in the same competition. Mr Tanner and Mr Pysing are coaching and we wish them success and for everyone to put in their best and a real team effort.

Next week is sub committee meetings week for all staff and parents on School Council sub committees. Monday-Management, Tuesday-Wellbeing, Thursday-Student Learning and Environment meeting.

The Juniors are heading off to the Science Museum in Melbourne on Friday 31st July.

There are still many forms outstanding, the permission forms need to be returned by the end of this week please.

On Friday July 31st the School Athletics Carnival from Years 3-6 will be held. Another day for students to shine and demonstrate their skills in the sporting arena.

Parent Opinion surveys will be sent home shortly to 40 randomly selected families. These forms need to be completed and returned to school promptly please.

At Monday’s Assembly we had a guest speaker from the McKern Foundation who spoke about its donation to the school in supplying our fresh fruit every Thursday for this year. This is a very generous and huge contribution to the school. We have had this program in place for many years but it has been funded by the school. Now with the McKern Foundations generosity the school money can be redirected into other programs. Huge thanks for the support.

As you all know we have experienced a very cold spell of weather lately. Many students are arriving to school in short sleeves and have been walking around the school shivering with cold. Can you please insist that students wear a jumper in such freezing conditions. We have sent many children to the Lost Property box to find a jumper/jacket that fits to put on but our supplies are very low.

Corey Warne is now on three weeks leave and Wendy Jackson is Acting Assistant Principal for this time. If you require any assistance in the area of wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy or myself for an appointment or assistance.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week

Di Craig - Principal
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings to all our readers!
It has been a fabulous start to yet another term. Students are in the full swing of things again and many have found their personal routines easy to settle back into. Please ensure your child has a productive routine when they come home from school and are incorporating their homework tasks to ensure they are meeting the requirements. Students must complete their weekly homework which is due on Thursday. Students who do not complete this in time will be asked to finish their work during lunch time in the library.
Well done to the girls and boys netball teams last week who had an enjoyable time competing against other schools. The students displayed all the Speci values and came away from the day with pride, enjoyment and empty lungs exhausted from effort. This week the girls and boys football teams will compete on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively. Results were unavailable at the time of printing.
Students have been able to sign up for many sporting events recently for different sport days and there are a few events to come this term. We invite students of all abilities to have a go at sports they are interested in and join in a team environment where they can display the Speci values and importantly have fun! Students are asked to honour commitments when choosing sports so that they are respectful to their team mates and allow for teams to be finalised and organised.
As was mentioned last week, students are studying an Integrated Studies unit named ‘Learn to Earn’ which is a unit that looks at economics and business activities. Students have recently discussed goods & services as well as how assembly lines work and what they looked like in the past and present. It is great to hear stories of students discussing these school topics with family members and the important things they learn from rich conversations around these subjects.
Enjoy the rest of the week!
Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
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 practise at home and then read to the class as part of the Speaking and Listening focus for the term.
The Integrated Studies topic of ‘Flight & Structures’ will provide the students with opportunities to create and experiment, and experience repeating tests while changing variables. There will be a lot of fun alongside the learning.
The weather has been exceptionally cold. Please ensure your child has sufficient layers of clothes on - to keep them warm. A polo shirt alone, is not enough to keep warm at lunchtime out in the elements at lunchtime.
Looking forward to all the excitement of the term.
Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASS
Welcome to week two of Term 3. We have had a very busy first week in the junior classes. We are well under way with our integrated topic of ‘Space’. All classes have been very productive with some very creative pieces of work taking place. We are only one week away from our excursion to Melbourne Science Works. If notes haven’t been returned to school they need to be back ASAP! We hope that everyone is back into the routine of nightly reading and spelling too. Communication Journals will be sent home hopefully in the next fortnight, so we can share with you our wonderful work from term 2.
Reminders :
Excursion notes to be returned ASAP
Please ensure your child has weather appropriate attire (Jumpers/jackets for colder months)
Tissue boxes for runny noses
Nude Food Day is every Thursday
Communication Journals need to be returned ASAP, if they haven’t already been returned
Home reading should be completed each night
We hope everyone has a great week!
Thanks,
Natalie Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

PREP NEWS
ONE HUNDRED DAYS IN PREPS: Today the prep classes celebrated being at school for their first 100 days of their school life. We had 100 cupcakes which we counted to check they were all there. Some students counted by ones, some by tens and some by eights. The cakes were yummy too. Mrs Craig came and chose the first cake and wished the students all the best for their future days at school.
INTEGRATED STUDIES: BLAST OFF! We are learning many facts about the planets. We were very excited to hear on the news of the photos that were sent back from Pluto. It was hard to believe the photos took 9 years to come back to us. We will be visiting Science Works in Melbourne on Friday July 31st. Please ensure your signed permission forms and money is returned to school.
Nude Food: Thanks for supporting your child and seeing that they are wrapper free each Thursday.
Writing: We are learning how to write descriptive text and are using interesting words to describe Space and the Planets. Encourage your children to write at home. Praise them for their efforts. Don’t tell them the word or how to spell it, let them use strategies to solve words for themselves.
WORDS of the WEEK: on, in & and. Handwriting: Dd, Gg.
READING: Keep up the home reading every night. Some students have reached 150 nights of reading.
MATHS: This week we are learning about Place Value and Time. We are looking at the different types of clocks-digital and analogue and will be sequencing/ordering events. We will be talking about minutes, seconds and hours.
CLOTHING: All students should come to school each day with a long sleeved school top and a coat if possible. Please see all clothing is clearly named.
Emily and Joan

My Woolworths
Earn & Learn Points
PLEASE HAVE FRIENDS
& FAMILY SAVE
YOUR STICKERS

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

Netball Tournament

Last Friday, 20 Specimen Hill students walked to Bendigo Stadium Netball courts to compete against other Primary Schools at the Divisional Netball tournament.

We had two teams competing a 5/6 Girls team and a 5/6 Boys team, with teachers Ms. Williams and myself coaching the teams.

Both the teams did an outstanding job especially the boys, as many of them hadn’t played Netball competitively before, however they picked it up very quickly. The girls showed some fast ball movement and excellent defensive skills against some really strong teams. The students’ improvement throughout the tournament was impressive as was their ability to work together as a team.

The girls finished the tournament with 2 wins and a draw and the boys finished with 4 wins and 4 losses, just missing out on the finals.

All the students encouraged and supported each other throughout the day and worked as a team, also displaying great sportsmanship to the other teams. They represented the school proudly, were well behaved and really enjoyed themselves, which was fantastic. We look forward to many more divisional sports this term.

Library Books

Please return books before school ready for borrowing during class sessions. Please see the list of students who have overdue books on Page 4. 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.

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Under 12 Baseball State Winter Championships 2015
By Kalo Davis

This year I have been lucky enough to have been selected to be in the baseball team that will be representing Bendigo in a state wide tournament this weekend!
I have played in this team before, but this year we have a much better and experienced team compared to last year.
I have been playing baseball for five years since grade one, this year being my fifth. It is a sport that I enjoy very much. My three main positions on the field are Pitcher, (The person who throws the ball for the batter to hit) Catcher (The person with protective gear on behind the batter) and Outfield. There is a rule that every player on every team must have had a pitch in at least one of the games. Last year, the Vice Coach of our team, arranged for a speed camera behind the catcher when I was pitching to Ringwood. My highest speed was at least seventy two kilometres an hour!

Other teams competing are: Ringwood Green, Ringwood Black, Dandenong, Diamond Valley, Bendigo, Sunraysia, Geelong and Latrobe Valley. In the next newsletter I will write about how my team went.

Library Books Overdue

Room 1
Nethani L. Ryan M. Heidi P. Charlie R. Taylah S. Augie W.

Room 2

Room 3

Room 4
Olivia B. Sebastian C. Ethan C. Raine McF. Samantha E. Liberty F. Skye L. Ronan M. Breanna R. Tyler S. Cooper C. Caleb W.

Room 5
Makenzi A. Ben C. Amy E. Miranda F. Adam G. Connor K. Regan PT Taijah S. Bailey T. Tay’Diem M.

Room 6

Room 7
CONGRATULATIONS!
NO OUTSTANDING BOOKS!!

Room 8
Deacon M. Akaisha L. Riley H. Mallaki M. Hope L. Rogan W.

Room 9
Katie B. Hannah E. Tia L. Mason T. Deakon R. Sophie W. Hailie M.

Room 10
Corey B. Lyam McM. Kynan H. Savanna S. Tyrone H. Tiana PT Tarras P.

Room 11
Tyran A. Jasmin B. Holley B. Bailey C., Mitchell C. Ziontelle L. Thomas R. Cody N. EhKheeLa P.

Room 12
Brylie C. Callum GR Kalo D. Riley M Caleb K.

Room 13
Shakira N. Daimen W. Michael B. Trasaiah C. Kobe R. Charlotte K.

ICAS Testing
For those students sitting the English test this will happen next week. Any questions or queries please contact Wendy Jackson.

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Starting primary school?
Immunisation information for parents enrolling a child

By law, your child must have an immunisation status certificate to enrol in primary school.

Why immunise?

- Children starting school are exposed to a large number of people and to a range of potentially dangerous diseases.
- Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases that cause serious illness and sometimes death. Enrolling in primary school is a good time to check your child’s immunisations are up to date.

What is an immunisation status certificate?

- It is a statement showing the immunisations your child has received.
- By law, you must provide an immunisation status certificate to the primary school when enrolling your child.
- If your child has not received any immunisations, you must still provide a certificate.
- The school keeps a copy of the certificate so that, in the event of a disease outbreak, unimmunised children can be quickly identified and excluded from school until the risk of infection has passed.
- If you do not provide the certificate to the school your child may also be excluded from school as their immunisation status will be unknown.

Homeopathic treatment is not a legally recognised form of immunisation and cannot be listed on an immunisation status certificate.

How do I obtain an immunisation status certificate?

From the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register
- phone 1800 653 809 or
- email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit your local Medicare Office.

The most common type of immunisation status certificate is a Child History Statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). You will be sent this statement when your child turns five years old, however you can request a certificate at any time. You should also contact ACIR if you:
- are moving or have recently moved, to ensure your contact details are up to date
- think your child’s statement is incomplete or incorrect.
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

Our children’s future in the very best of hands.................
Our children's future in the very best of hands.............
It’s back!

We’re thrilled to invite you to participate in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Find out how to earn educational resources for your school or Early Learning Centre in this handy flyer.

Please have family & friends to save stickers for Specimen Hill Primary