Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The term has begun in a calm and positive manner and I have enjoyed my first week replacing Mrs. Craig. A big thank you to the staff and their hard work ensuring that students are engaged and on track.

ANZAC SERVICE

On Friday at 9.10 am we will be holding our ANZAC service. This will be run by some of our Year 3 & 4 students. We invite you to attend. Some of our Junior School Councilors will attend the Kangaroo Flat service beginning at 9.00 am to lay a wreath. This day fits in closely with our value of respect that we are focusing on at the moment. ANZAC poppies, pins & bracelets are for sale at the office. Priced from 50 cents for a poppy, to $5.00 for a bronzed ANZAC badge.

ANNUAL REPORT

The School’s Annual report is available at the front office from today and I would encourage you to come and collect a copy. The report is a summary of the school’s performance in a number of key areas over the last twelve months. As a staff, we are proud of what we have managed to achieve as a school and community. It demonstrates clearly that when we work together we can achieve a lot. I invite anyone who has questions or comments about the Annual Report to come along on Monday the 27th of April between 6.30-7.00 pm.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 are busy preparing for NAPLAN, which will occur in Week 6 on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May. Anne Smith (literacy consultant) has been working with students in the senior department to help prepare students for the tests.

GYM PROGRAM

Gym has commenced for students in Year 3-6. Reports from teachers were extremely positive saying students had thoroughly enjoyed the session, as had they. As you may know, we have changed our gym provider this year. It is great to see students enjoying this program.

PARENTAL CONTROL

We have recently had a concerning issue around violent video games. I would encourage all parents to closely monitor their child’s computer usage and ensure that they are not accessing inappropriate material. Violent games can have a very negative impact on children’s behavior and there has been plenty of evidence around this. It is important that young children have a childhood and these games take away from children’s childhoods, exposing them to ideas that they cannot clearly understand. It can normalize violence in children’s minds and lead to them becoming violent towards other. We ask that you support us in this.

SCHOOL VALUES

The value that the whole school is currently focusing on is respect. Teachers are speaking to students about ways in which they can demonstrate this value. We need to show respect towards each other, property and places. On a weekly basis, one student per class who demonstrates this value will receive a certificate for demonstrating this value. Please reinforce this at home with your child. Students who see adults acting in a respectful way towards others usually demonstrate this in their relationships with others.

OFFICE AREA

Could students please not use the office entrance as the pathway to classrooms of a morning. Students should be entering the school via side gateways and not through the main building. Students should also refrain from passing through the foyer at end of school day.

Wendy Jackson (Acting Principal)
**CLASS NEWS**

**SENIOR CLASSES**

Greetings all. Gym started last week on Thursday the 16th of April at Jets Gym, Golden Square. Feedback has been really positive and students are working hard in sessions on 3 key components; upper body strength, core strength and balance. Sessions will continue this Thursday.

Our annual school ANZAC Ceremony is this Friday the 24th of April, commencing at 9:00AM.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on properties of 3D shapes, among other things!!! In Literacy, we have continued focusing on Directly Stated Information within texts and suffix words. We have also been giving students opportunities to hone their Narrative Writing skills, in particular through a “quick write” process. Grade 6 students and their families will be given an opportunity to attend an information evening at their perspective secondary school for 2016 on Wednesday, May the 08th. Now, the first person that tells Mr Pysing the quotient of 108 into 12 will win a chocolate frog.

**MIDDLE CLASSES**

Gym Program - We had a very positive first session at JETS last week. The first bus leaves Speci at 9.10am please make sure all students are on time. Please read the Kids corner this week to find out more from some students about their experiences.

Werribee Zoo Excursion - All students have bought home a permission slip for our upcoming excursion. These need to be filled in and returned ASAP. If you have any concerns or payment plan questions please contact the school this week.

Home Reading - Reading daily is extremely important to a child’s development. The more words a child reads, the more words they use in both their written and spoken vocabulary. Can parents please ensure that their children are being listened to at least five nights per week for approximately 20 minutes each night. This term the 3/4 department has organised to run a ‘Home Reading Competition’. Students will be required to return their home reading diaries daily, with teachers counting up how many nights students have read for in their class on a weekly basis. The winning class will receive a trophy for the week, as well as being celebrated at Assembly on Mondays. The class who has read for the most nights for the term will also receive a special celebration in the last week of term.

Homework - Each Friday your child will be given homework which is to be completed and returned to school the following Friday. This will give each child seven nights in which to work on the tasks. Spelling: each child will have five words which they need to practise. They will need to complete the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check for their words. They also need to write each word in a sentence underlining the spelling word in colour.

The children are expected to read for at least five nights each week and these are to be recorded in their Reading Diary.

Some children are coming to school on the Friday saying they didn’t have time to do their homework. Given that they have seven nights to work on it and it would take 30 minutes at the most to complete, it would seem that they haven’t organised their time very well.

Please ensure your child has ample time to finish this important task. Failure to present finished homework will mean completing it during lunch time program.

Meals - As we are quickly heading towards the NAPLAN time can we please check that all students are eating a healthy breakfast each morning so they arrive with brains ready to learn.

Eating a healthy and nutritious lunch each day at school is vital to both the physical and mental development of all students. Students need to be eating all of their lunch, especially the main part of their meal (sandwich, wrap, roll etc.). Can parents please re-iterate the importance of this and we will continue to monitor students during eating times.

**Integrated Studies** - Our Integrated Studies topic this term is ‘Going Going, Gone’ Over the course of the term students will be learning about endangered animals both across the world and locally. This will include our excursion to the Werribee Zoo and the creation of posters.

We look forward to maintaining a close relationship between home and school during the school year.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

**JUNIOR CLASS**

This week, we have been celebrating ANZAC day within the classroom. We have been looking at ANZAC stories such as ‘Simpson and His Donkey’, and discussing the importance of why it is so important to recognise and remember the sacrifices our soldiers made so that we can live in a safe country.

Students were lucky enough to have past and present members of the Australian Forces come in yesterday for a discussion on ANZAC Day, which they found very interesting and were full of questions. A reminder that as the colder weather blows in, can we please ensure students are wearing appropriate clothing to school to keep warm. Students bringing jumpers/jackets to school need to be named clearly on the inside tag so that if they are misplaced; they can be returned to the correct owner quickly. Also, we are running low on tissues. If parents are able to donate a box of tissues to the office, it would be greatly appreciated.

**PREP CLASS**

What a busy start to Term 2!! This week we are learning the sounds Jj and Uu. We have also added the word ‘my’ to our word wall. Students have been given a word list (printed on blue card) which should be kept in their reader bag. Please take time to look at the words and read them during nightly reading time. This will help students to recognise commonly used words in their reading.

Thank you to all those parents who have continued their home reading routines with their children, this is vital to your child’s reading progress. Congratulations to those students who have reached some milestones in their reading. Many have reached 50 nights and are very close to 75 nights… this is fantastic!

Communication books will be coming home on Friday. This book will have some pieces of your child’s work from Term 1. It has been put together by the children so they will be very proud to share it with you. There is a place for you to make a short comment. Please share and return them to school ASAP so that work from Term 2 can be added.

Just another reminder to bring a box of tissues for the class to share, especially with the colder weather causing some runny noses! On that note, please ensure your child is coming to school with a jumper as it has been quite cold lately!

The students have loved learning about Fantasy and have been doing some wonderful craft activities. We are in the process of decorating the wall in the hallway which is coming along nicely.

Emily & Joan

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**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

**FRIDAY 8TH MAY**

Volunteers are required for the day of the stall. Please leave your name and contact number at the office.

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE OFFICE**

Items for the stall will be priced from

$1.00 - $5.00

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

VALUE OF THE MONTH: RESPECT
Students who displayed this value in an outstanding manner last week:
Nethani L. Ella P. Kaiden T. Josephine P. Jesse G. Marcus R. Jacob C. Emily S.

STARS OF THE WEEK 20th April

Room 1  Nevada T.
Room 2  Jaeda H.
Room 3  Mia D.
Room 4  Jordan R.
Room 5  Ta’diem M.
Room 6  Bayden B.
Room 7  Connor G.
Room 8  Tiffany P.
Room 9
Room 10 3/4 Manley
Room 11  Bailey C.
Room 12  Hayley C.
Room 13  Hudson S.
3/4 Reading Challenge 3/4 Manley Hayley H.
SPECI HILL PLAYGROUP

THURSDAY S
9:00 - 11:00 AM
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
@ SPECI HILL
COST = $1.00 PER CHILD
Or can be paid per Term
Please bring along a healthy snack and hat for your child

ACTIVITIES FOR TERM TWO

April 23rd  Cooking ANZAC biscuits
April 30th  Snipped Yarn Rainbows
May 7th    Mother’s Day Craft
May 14th   Veggie Painting
May 21st   Bead Threading
May 28th   Playdough - Make & Play
June 4th   Pasta Art
June 11th  Balloon Tennis
June 18th  Cotton Ball Painting
June 25th  Free Play - morning Tea

Contact: Belinda  0448 424644
**Canteen - Mondays and Fridays**

**Brown Paper Bags 20c if school supplies one**

**Super Sandwiches, Rolls**

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**Super Cool Food $4.00**

- **Dino Salad** - Dino nuggets served with lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cheese, carrot & hash browns
- **Nemo Salad** - Fish bites served with lettuce, cherry tomatoes, cheese, carrot & hash browns

**Burgers $4.00**

- (A) Chicken, lettuce, cheese & mayo
- (A) Beef, lettuce, cheese & tomato

**Super Hot Food**

- (G) School Garden Homemade Soup & Wholemeal Dinner Roll $3.00
- (G) Bolognaise sauce served over twista pasta & grated cheese **small** $2.00 **large** $4.00
- (G) Ham and cheese pizza $3.50
- (A) Steamed dim sims 60c each
- (G) Corn on the cob 60c each
- (G) Bake Potato w coleslaw - cheese and light sour cream $4.00
- (A) Nachos w mild salsa & cheese
- (A) Dino nuggets (5 pack) $2.00

**Meal Deals $5.00**

- Dinosaur salad pack or Nemo salad pack with choice of small milk, juice or water.

**Toasties**

- (G) Cheese & ham $2.50
- (G) Ham and tomato $2.50
- (G) Cheese $2.20
- (G) Bake bean $2.20
- (G) Spaghetti $2.20
- (G) **Apple Pie Toasty** $2.50

**Drinks**

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**Snacks - After Lunch Sales - Cash Sales**

- **Moosies $1.50**
- **Zingy frozen yoghurt 50c**
- **Zooper doper 50c**
- **Popcorn $1.00**
- **Chocolate mousse pot $1.50**
- **U.F.O. (frozen pineapple rings) 50c**
- **Sultana’s 60c**
- **Mini- Dino Snack Pack - celery, carrot sticks, cheese sticks, sultanas $2.00**
- **Yoghurt frogs 20c each (Limit 5 per student)**

**Preferred Payment Method**

RED ITEMS: Eat only every now & again.
AMBRE ITEMS: Eat moderately - not too often.
GREEN ITEMS: Eat more green items.
Last Thursday, 5/6E and 4/5T went to Jets Gym. There were a lot of activities to do. My personal favourite was the ropes, ladder and trampoline. By Georgia W

Last Thursday I went to Jets Gym with my classmates. My favourite part was the balance beams because I learnt how to go sideways and backwards. It was a little bit scary to go backwards. My other favourite part was the ropes but I couldn’t hold myself for long because you had to be really strong. My day at the Gym was terrific! By Darcy R

Our Gym session on Thursday was fabulous. I really loved having to do all of the activities there.

By Kira H

Last Thursday we went to Jets Gym. We had our first Gym session there. It was so fun. My favourite activity was the trampolines where we had to do big jumps.

By Aaron F

Please come and join our walking school bus this Thursday!
On Thursday 3/4 M went to Jets Gym. Climbing the ropes was very hard but great fun. We did rocket jumps on the trampolines. We did some skipping and flips as well as climbing the rope ladder and wooden bars. Walking along the balance beams was really easy but getting on them was hard. Stepping over the foam cubes was really easy but galloping over them was difficult. We learnt how to do the tuck sit and angry cat. On the squashy mat we did angry cat and did a jump upwards and landed flat on our tummies with our thumbs, pointer fingers and arms in the shape of a diamond. Our heads were turned to the side. We monkeyed across the bar and some people monkeyed back to the block. On one station we had to pick up the ball with our feet and either monkey across the bar or pretend to be a crane so you could put the ball in the other hoop.

At JETS gym, I thought it was great. I loved the green group activities especially the going across the pole like a monkey. I can’t wait to go to gym on Thursday. I also loved the red group. My class and Mr Regan’s class are the first class’ to go. Purple group is also one of my favourite group’s. I enjoyed JETS gym. I liked playing on the equipment.

Isabelle M

At Jets gym we had lots of fun and I learnt lots of new things. I liked the trampoline the best we practised motorbike jumps and rocket Jumps. It is a big place and I learnt what JETS stands for

.....Just Enjoy The Sport.

Corey B

At Jets gym we had lots of fun and learning. I think the best part was the trampolines. We also had to do balance walking and motorbike jumps. After the lesson we got to show one of our tricks. At last we went back on the bus. It was a great day at Jets gym. Jesse G
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Please Join Us!
Sunday May 17, 2015
Lake Weeroona
Registration: 8:30am
Walk Starts: 10:00am

Please Sponsor Us!
And click on ‘Sponsor a Friend’
Search ‘Girl Guides Bendigo’

Parental Supervision required for this event.
Full Uniform please. No Dog?? Then bring your favourite stuffed toy! We will meet at the registration desk from 8:30am. Bring Plenty of Water and let's have lots of fun!!