Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Welcome to week 4 of Term 4. I write this week’s newsletter on behalf of Di Craig, who is absent from school today attending to family matters. I hope everyone enjoyed yesterday’s lovely weather and a day off school and work. It certainly makes the week go quickly.

Peer Review

Last Wednesday the school underwent its Review. This day was a celebration of all that the school has achieved over the last four years and sets the direction for the next four years. There was much to celebrate and it was exciting to set a direction for the school that builds on the school’s already pleasing achievements. The Review was conducted by Pam Toose and our peer reviewers were Anne Smith and Vince Dobbs, both of whom have been a significant part of our journey. It was a highly successful day with an exciting direction set for the school that will hopefully lead to the continued improvement in student learning outcomes along with the wellbeing of students.

Art Display

Once again the school has won the school’s award for the best Art display at the Bendigo Show. Congratulations to all the students whose work was chosen to be part of this display. In addition to this many students were successful in receiving individual awards for their Art work. A big thank you to Mrs Young for the excellent Art program that she runs and also, the effort she puts into the school display every year.

Chinese students

Our three Chinese students are continuing to settle into the school and adding to the education of all our students. A big thank you to the Year 5/6 teachers and students for hosting these students along with our host families, who are doing a fabulous job. Being a host family is a huge commitment from any family and I know all families are making a big effort to ensure students are settling into Australia, their home and school. It is amazing to think that 3 weeks has nearly passed since their arrival. On Friday at 2.30 pm we will be holding a special assembly to welcome these students to Bendigo and our school. All welcome and in particular, our hosting families.

Evacuation

Today the school evacuated to the Schweppes center. This is mandated by the department as we are in a high risk fire area. This fire season looks like being very challenging and as a school and community we need to be prepared.

Market Place

Many of you may have seen our students on Win news performing at the Market Place. This was to celebrate the Market Place’s 20th birthday. It was a large event and our students certainly were an excellent advertisement for our school.

Hoping that everyone has a great week ahead

Wendy Jackson (School Improvement Officer)
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings again! Wow week 4 already, the term sure is flying by! As we approach the midway point of term we wanted to remind students of the values that we encourage and follow at Speci. Although it can be exciting to think about the end of year, and for some students the end of primary school, it is very important that students continue to demonstrate Speci values right through the entire year. We want everyone to finish the term in a positive manner and really enjoy what’s left of the year.

A reminder that Graduation payments are due as soon as possible. Payments can be made through the QKR app and also the front office. Tickets are $30 each and students will also need to purchase a ticket. Payment plans can be organised through the office.

The food fair is happening again! It will be held in the second last week of term and teachers will let their classes know soon what food they will be preparing. Donations are encouraged, and any parents who are available to lend a hand would be greatly appreciated.

Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
Space Travellers Expo - Senior students who have been working as part of the Space Travellers program will be holding their expo on Friday this week from 11:45am - 1:15pm. Parents and family members are most welcome to come along and view their child’s amazing work. We look forward to seeing many of you.

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 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. 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
Another exciting week ahead as we continue our circus theme and practise for our mini circus performance.

Communication Books: These will go home shortly but there are many that have not been returned from last term. Please return as soon as possible.

Gym: We are thoroughly enjoying these sessions and it will be on again this Friday. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately (with easy to put on and remove shoes/socks).

Mini Magician Performance: Due to unforeseen circumstances the show had to be postponed and is on this Thursday with a ‘mystery’ magician arriving to entertain us.

Reading and Spelling homework: Please ensure your child reads each night for about 20 minutes and completes/practises their spelling homework.

Hats: Great to see almost everyone now has a hat to wear outside as that the weather is heating up.

Jacqui, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

PREP NEWS
Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4. This week is a short week, which is great news for everyone! However, we still have a busy week at school. We will be doing some descriptive writing, learning more about ordinal numbers and probability and continuing our wonderful work on Circus. Our clowns are now complete and hanging in our classroom. Pop in and have a look - they are fantastic and unique!

Gym continues to be a highlight of our week! We have two weeks left. Please note that students are eating half of their lunch before we leave. Therefore, if you are ordering a lunch order for your child on a Friday, please make sure they have some sort of snack to eat before gym as they won’t get their lunch order until we return.

Please remember to pack your child a drink bottle. During the warmer weather students are encouraged to have regular sips from their drink bottle.

HATS! Hats must be worn every day during Term 4. If your child has lost their hat, new hats can be purchased from the office. Students are responsible for their own hat and it should be kept in their tubs at school, not taken home.

Although the weather is getting warmer, we still have quite a few students with runny noses. Prep H has run out of tissues, so if any families have not yet donated their tissue box for the class to share please do so soon.

As the end of the year draws nearer and the students start to tire, please ensure they are getting enough sleep and eating a healthy breakfast to set them up for a productive and happy day. Have a wonderful week,

Emily and Joan

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2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

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Tickets now available on QKR

Get Your Engine Purring For Jemima's Gift

Jemima's Gift Inc. is a not for profit organisation run by volunteers fostering & returning unwanted cats & dogs. All animals are desexed, micro-chipped, vaccinated, flea treated & vet checked before being returned. The group does not receive regular funding from any source. Donations of $5 & over are tax deductible.

Cruise to Newbridge on the 8th of November
Meet at Crusoe College
Olympic Parade Kangaroo Flat
10:30 for an 11:00 Departure

Cruise to the Newbridge Football ground for Live Music-Drinks-Meals-Show & Shine
Public Vote Show & Shine Prizes for: Best Bike, Best Holden, Best Ford, Best Hot Rod & Best Overall
Pre Entry $5 per Vehicle
Entry on the Day $10

For entry forms please find 'CRUISE JUST COZ' or 'JEMIMAS GIFT' on Facebook, email e4sz456@hotmail.com or call into Burson Auto Parts
Jemima's Gift Volunteers will be there on the day to talk adoption & will have more information about the group

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)

Working Bee Thursday
5th November from 3.30–5.00

We are looking forward to a great turn up by all families to our last Speci Working Bee of 2015. With many willing helpers we will have our children’s learning and playing environment looking amazing.

Bring along gardening gloves and any equipment you could use for weeding and general gardening and maintenance.

Please note: There will be a short induction at 3.30 in the staff meeting to discuss safety procedures and specific tasks to be done. All staff, parents and children need to attend the induction. Those who miss the induction still need to report to the staffroom upon arrival to read and sign the Induction sheet.

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