Welcome to students, parents and friends to week 8 of Term 3.

Three weeks of Wellbeing - The 3 weeks of Wellbeing has begun with a host of activities organized. This week the focus is on Building Positive Relationships. Positive relationships underpin all areas of our lives such as: happiness, friendships, relationships, getting along at school, work, in sport and in any other daily pursuit. It enables us to be physically, emotionally and spiritually well and to function in a positive manner in all aspects of life.

The classroom activities and Multi-Age Wellbeing Day tomorrow will target activities focusing on Positive Relationships and in developing resilience, persistence and being cooperative in all aspects of school.

School survey - On Monday all families should have received a copy of a school survey that was sent home. (on yellow paper). This survey is an opportunity for every family to have a voice and to provide feedback as to what is working at Specimen Hill and what you would like to see improved. It is critical that we get as many surveys back so that we have a balanced view from the school community. This information will be used for 2 purposes: 1. To assist us with information-both reflections and recommendations for the future for our school Review and 2. to help us to plan for the future on a pathway of continuous improvement.

All surveys must be returned by Monday - Family members who have returned their surveys will go into the draw for an education pack of books. You can keep the actual survey anonymous (no name on the sheet) but include the family name on the envelope so that we can add those family members into the draw. Once out of the envelopes the surveys go into a general pile for viewing. It should only take about 10 to 15 minutes to have your say. Please take the time.

Principal for a Day - Next Tuesday the 8th Sept I will have Mr Gordon Hardcastle who works in management at a manufacturing firm in Bendigo working alongside me for the day. Gordon is part of the Principal for a day initiative and he is interested in looking at how schools operate on a daily basis and the challenges faced by schools. A key aim is to see how business and industry can assist in schools to enhance learning experiences and to develop strong relationships to mutually benefit the school and business. Gordon had a walk through last Friday and met most staff members and students and I am looking forward to him spending the day in the school next Tuesday.

Fathers Day Stall - This Sunday is Father’s Day and on Friday we will be holding a Father’s Day stall at school. The gifts are reasonably priced and the Parents and Friends have done an outstanding job in preparing a wide range of lovely gifts to choose from. Can all children bring along some money to purchase a gift at the school on Friday please. Carry bags will be provided to each student to decorate.

Reading Chair - As part of Literacy, Numeracy and Book week last week the Parents and Friends purchased a striking and very comfortable chair for the Library for teachers and students to sit in when they share a story with others. It is a real stand out and a number of students have shared that it is very comfortable and that it makes them feel special. Please take the opportunity to call in to the Library to take a look and to even have a sit with a book in hand of course! Thank you to the Parents and Friends for your continued support for the school.

Overseas Chinese Learning Experience and Homestay Families Information Session

On this Thursday night starting at 7pm to 8.30pm in the James King Hall (at the top of the steps in the park at Senior Secondary college) there is an information evening for all Grade 4 and 5 students and families looking at applying to travel on the Overseas Learning Experience- Team China trip to China next year. It is important that interested students attend this session before applying for the trip (early in Term 4). There is also a session for families who have volunteered to host a Chinese student during Term 4. People will be present to share their stories and to offer hints for a successful Homestay experience. There is more information on page 4 of this newsletter.

Men and Kids Night

This was another fabulous night held last Thursday night at school. I believe that there were about 200 people who attended and I have caught up with many children who shared that it was great to share fun activities and pizza with dad, grandpa or a male family friend. Huge thanks to Mr. Warne for organizing the event with the assistance of Mr. Stringer, Mr. Polglase, Mr. Pysing, Michael Lawlor, and Mr. Tanner.

Book Fair

It has been wonderful to see the number of families who have already come along to visit the Book Fair. The array of books is fabulous- something for everyone’s interest, taste and reading level. The Book Fair will continue until next Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs. Young for organizing this event.

Hoping that everyone has a wonderful week.

Di Craig - Principal

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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 toys, mugs, picture frames, anything suitable to purchase by a child from

50c—$5.00

(NO tobacco products or alcohol please)

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

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CLASS NEWS

SENIOR CLASSES
Welcome to week 8!

The term is rapidly coming to a close. Students have been working on their integrated studies models eagerly during the past few weeks and they are starting to look fantastic. It is fabulous to see the students’ creativity be displayed during this task and we may have some future engineers amongst us!

Students this week are enjoying Wellbeing sessions that have been outlined for the school to participate in. This week students are focussing on developing positive relationships in their lives. This theme will continue for the remainder of the term and will highlight some issues and reinforce values we are looking to develop. Next term students will be participating in Personal Development lessons.

Next week transition will continue for Grade 6 students. Big Day Out will be held at Weeroona, Eaglehawk and Crusoe secondary schools on the 10th of September in the afternoon. This will be another exciting day for students to gain an early experience into what will be in store for them next year. We hope they enjoy the day!

Homework expectations - Reading is to be completed each night for 20 – 30 minutes and signed by a parent/guardian to acknowledge this. These are logged into student’s diaries. Weekly homework (spelling and numeracy) is to be completed by Thursday. When students receive their homework they should take it home immediately and read over it in case they don’t understand concepts or problems they are working on. They should then follow up with their teacher in order for them to complete the tasks for the week. Leaving this to the last minutes won’t allow for students to achieve the learning tasks set and makes for a more stressful situation. Please continue to setup a routine where children have time to ask their teacher for help early in the week and it is not left to the last minute! Mathemetic concepts students are learning in class currently should be discussed with children and reinforced at home by having children explain their learnings.

Two weeks until holidays. Enjoy the end of Term 3!
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.

Students will be creating a flying machine at school in the next few weeks. They will need to collect materials from home with which to do this and bring them to school.

Please check with your child that he or she has their homework book, homework sheet and reading diary in their bag on Friday.

Late Notes can also be made by going to:
http://www.specimenhill.com.au

Tuesday. Prep Hill

More

Prep Mullen

Prep Hill

Tuesday.

Prep Mullen won with 5 wrappers

Homework expectations – Language: ensure your child has written their dictionary words on the appropriate page of their Communicaton journal.

Communication Journals need to be returned ASAP

About Creating Positive Relationships. We will be making a Warm Fuzzy Wall in our classrooms where all students will be posting a written positive message to their classmates.

BOOK FAIR:
Thanks to Mrs Young we are holding a Book Fair in the library. All the preps have come along to check out the books for sale and have made a shopping list for their parents. The Book Fair is open for selling after school on Wednesday and Thursday. The books are reasonably priced.

Share in the Chair:
This is every Monday just before Whole School Assembly. Many students are bringing something from home to share. Please don’t allow them to bring anything too valuable or precious. The Star of the Week takes this session. This is very good experience for the students as it is extending their oral language and also great for their confidence.

Bendigo Advertiser Fathers Day Gallery: The Preps have submitted some photos to the Addy Gallery for Father’s Day. Be sure to check out their web site.

Library Sessions:
Prep Mullen- Tuesday. Prep Hill- Thursday.

IPads:
Our Preps are certainly enjoying having the iPads in the classroom. We are timetabled for 1 hour per week. During this time students are exploring apps and learning many I.T skills.

REMINDERS:
Communication Journals: return ASAP.

Word Lists: keep practising at home to read and write.

HOME READING: every night please.

Nude Food Day is every Thursday

Tissue boxes for runny noses

Please ensure your child has weather appropriate attire

BOOK FAIR:
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

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The Book Fair will be arriving again for the first week in September. It is a great opportunity to purchase fiction & non-fiction books for your child to encourage reading. The students love browsing the selection of books. All profits from the Book Fair help buy new books for the School Library. We encourage the opportunity to purchase books as a great literary gift for students and families to enjoy, while developing a love for stories. Students will bring home an information sheet on Monday, Looking forward to your support,

Thanks - Sandy

BOOK FAIR SALE TIMES

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Chinese Student Host Family Parent Information Session

Are you hosting a Chinese student for the first time???
Then this is a session not to miss!
The session will provide you with information to ensure the stay is a very positive experience for everyone involved! It is also a terrific opportunity to hear from families who have previously hosted students. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the homestay.....

Date: Thursday 3rd September
Venue: James King Hall, Bendigo Senior Secondary College
Time: 7:00pm to 7.40pm
Families who have previously hosted are of course also most welcome to attend!
The Bendigo Team China Principals and our school communities would like to thank you for your generosity and good will in volunteering to host a Chinese student.

Information Session for Overseas Learning Experience Shanghai & Suzhou China, May/June 2016 at Bendigo Senior Secondary College, James King Hall Thursday September 3rd from 7:45pm–8:30pm (Enter via the front of the school)

Expression of Interest information fliers will be given out at the information session. It contains specific information about the application process for the 2016 program.
Wellbeing for the whole community is our focus for the last three weeks of this term. Various activities are planned for students with some arranged for family involvement as well. Please view the calendar below for events that you could come along to and spend some time with other members of the community. Further information will be sent home with students.

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<td>Picnic on the oval 11-11.15 (buddy grades)</td>
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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:

Alex W.  Harry W.  Harrison C.  Ebony M.  Darcy R.

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

31 Aug

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**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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**$50 payment for ICT in 2015**

A $50 fee per student from Grades Prep to Grade 5 has been introduced this year. Grade 6 students are not required to pay this fee but have the option to purchase their school use netbook from 2014 or if they choose not to do this, they can pay the $50 fee to use school owned devices. This fee is an integral part of our schools ICT and all curriculum programs this year and in the future as it allows each student to experience current and high tech innovations which they otherwise would not experience in their classrooms. The school has incorporated this fee in order to allow and sustain technologies such as iPads, netbooks and desktop computers into each classroom for frequent use to build the ICT skills and learning for all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me as school Payments plans can be organised.

-Di Craig

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**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 or Karen Emerson**

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**NETBALL CLINIC FOR ALL AGES**

**Thursday 17 Sept, 2015**

- **1st Session:** 4.30pm – 6.00pm (10-13yrs)

- **2nd Session:** 6.00pm – 7.30pm (14y +)

**Numbers are limited, so be quick!**

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**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:


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Students are encouraged to continue completing the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. A number have completed the challenge committing to reading each night and enjoying the content of the interesting books.

Kid’s Corner

**Naming It**  
**By Freya W**

In my opinion ‘Naming It’ is important because you’re not only standing up for yourself you are sometimes standing up for other people too. Firstly it will stop the person doing the wrong thing. Secondly by ‘Naming It’, it is also a good skill to learn at school so you can use it throughout your life. Lastly ‘Naming It’ is always good because if you didn’t name it, it would not get sorted out. Thanks to Bernadette the experienced welfare worker. In my opinion you should always name it when someone is mean to you, is a good skill to learn and if you name it the problem will get sorted. Therefore ‘Naming It’ is a very important skill to learn.

**‘Naming It’**  
**By Mackenzie C**

In my opinion it is a great decision to use ‘Naming It’ as it really helps to name the behaviour. Firstly if they keep doing it go and get a teacher. Secondly they keep doing it just keep ‘Naming It’. Thirdly try and be brave and stand up for yourself. ‘Naming It’ is good because it helps to get rid of the mean and bad behaviour.

**‘Naming It’**  
**By Maggie F**

In my opinion ‘Naming It’ is a good thing to do. Firstly ‘Naming It’ is an important thing to do because if you get the teacher straight away they won’t know what they are being told on for. Secondly everyone at Specimen Hill Primary School knows how to use it, so it someone says it to you, you know what they mean. Also people will stop straight away. People will listen to you. Therefore ‘Naming It’ is a good thing to do.

**‘Naming It’**  
**By Xavier C**

In my opinion ‘Naming It’ is important because sometimes people bully other people and you can stand up for yourself. Firstly ‘Naming It’ is telling the bully and not letting them get away with it. Secondly I like people to ‘Name It’ and they stick to the law. Lastly if you be nice to people they will be nice to you.

Contact your college if you have not received your enrolment package.

**Walking School Bus - Thursdays**

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Golden Square Kindergarten
50 Year Celebration
11am-3pm, 13th September, 2015

This year marks 50 years since Golden Square Kindergarten opened its doors at 45 Panton Street. To celebrate this momentous occasion, a day honoring the kindergarten’s contribution to education in Bendigo will be held for past and present students, families and educators.

The Golden Square Kindergarten Committee are seeking contributions of photographs, memorabilia and memorable moments linked to the kindergarten with the vision being to display some of the kindergarten’s heritage at the 50 year celebration. Further input is being sought for another feature, the “where are they now” display, showing current photographs and captions of what previous students are now doing.

Contributions can be posted to:
Golden Square Kindergarten PO Box 157 Golden Square, Vic 3555
or emailed to golden.square.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

For more information phone on (03) 5443 7668

Meet past and present students and educators
Opening of Indigenous Garden & Flag raising ceremony at 11am Sausage sizzle, raffle, photo gallery and much more Birthday cake at 12 noon

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