Welcome to parents/carers and friends to week 9 of Term 4.
Not many weeks left now until the end of the year.

The final Prep and Orientation Day and State-wide Orientation Day - Next Tuesday it is the final Prep Orientation Day for the year. The Prep students will come to school at 9.00 and stay until the end of lunch-time at 11.45. They will require a lunch as they will eat and spend lunch-time with their buddies and the other students during the lunch break.

On this day the Grade 6 students will spend the day at their new secondary schools and all other students will have their second Step up experience into their 2016 Grade level. The final Step up session will be on Thursday 17th December where all students will move into their actual class for next year for an hour session.

Swimming - We have had 2 days of our swimming program and the program and the kids have been wonderful. The 3 teachers from Speci- Bec Eastley, Emily Hill and Brad Stringer along with Ash and Hugh have done an outstanding job instructing the students. A huge thank you to Mr Broadbent for organising the program in such a stream-lined and efficient manner. Even if the weather is cooler the teachers will adapt the program to suit so we do expect all students to attend every session.

Movember for Kids - What an interesting day last Friday was. It was very strange to see students running around the school sporting a range of moustaches above their top lips! The money raised was split between Mr Barker and Mr Stringer’s efforts towards raising money for the Movember Campaign. Thank you for the great effort.

Daniel Morcombe Day - Today we are acknowledging ‘A Day for Daniel’ which brings to everyone’s attention the importance of child safety. The students have been encouraged to dress up in red for a gold coin donation to recognise the day. The day recognises the need for explicit education around child safety. This encompasses teaching our students and families to be aware of the people around us and that unfortunately some people do not have good intentions and hurt children. The program sends a clear message to children to speak out if they are feeling uncomfortable around someone or some place. It is more than stranger danger but informs us that people who cause harm to children may also be someone who is close to them even a trusted member of our family. The teachers will be informing the children of strategies that they can use and these will be reinforced during the school Wellbeing sessions.

Get Well Mr Broadbent
Mr Broadbent is recovering from an operation and he will not be returning to school until next year. We wish him a rapid recovery and look forward to him feeling much better and more mobile in the future.

Sean Bell -I am very happy to share with you that Sean Bell the Grade 6 student who was recently injured as a result of a bike accident may be returning to his home in Golden Square by the end of the week. Sean has had a remarkable recovery which is a testament to the wonderful care that he has had at the Royal Children’s Hospital and to his determination, strength and positive attitude along with great family support. This is most fabulous news, an outcome that we have been hoping for. Many students have made and sent him cards and wishes and these have been passed on to him. See page 3 for a photo with special visitors.

Chinese Farewell Ceremony - Today we held our Chinese Farewell Ceremony at school. This was an opportunity for our Homestay families to share their experience as hosts to the visitors along with the Chinese students sharing their experiences over the past 8 weeks. I am very proud to say that the three students: Malia, Alice and Mandy have been wonderful ambassadors for their country and have shown great resilience, determination and persistence throughout their stay. They have learnt many things from their Homestay families as well as from the students and teachers at school. These include; cooperation, persistence, English language, to be more relaxed, home Aussie cooking and to enjoy and embrace other people and cultures. They have made such remarkable development. We wish them well on their return to China and in the rest of their education and futures and we certainly hope that our paths cross again. Thank you to Mandy their teacher who accompanied them on the trip and who has done a great job in managing any tricky situation that has arisen. She has thoroughly enjoyed her cultural experience as much as the students. They all will be leaving Bendigo on Saturday and will spend a night in Sydney before returning to China. Once again my sincere thanks to the Homestay families: Lin and Geordie Lee, Anne and David Marks, The Nicholson Family-Tracey and Brent and Kim and Adrian Lock. Without their generosity and support the program would not be able to continue.

Reminders
- Food Fair & Concert Thursday 10th December 5:00pm
- Grade 6 Graduation is Tuesday 15th December. $30 per person.
- Swimming is on each day except next Tuesday 8th Dec. (Orientation Day).
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea- Tuesday Dec 15th at 11.00am.
- Fun Day at the Pool is on Wednesday 16th December.
- Step up sessions- Tuesday 8th and Thursday 17th Dec.
- Final Day of school is Friday 18th December and finishing at 1.45pm.

Have a great week ahead.

Di Craig, Principal
**SENIOR CLASSES**

Greetings all! We trust that everyone has been enjoying their week of school, especially with the swimming program underway! What a great start to swimming we have seen so far, our Speci teachers sure are doing an excellent job, and the students have been very water smart which is lovely to see.

A few reminders as we draw closer to the end of term: Grade 6 Netbooks need to be handed in by the end of this week and will remain at school until the last day. If there is anything from your netbook you would like to keep must save it onto another device before handing it back in or the contents will be wiped.

School concert and food fair is next Thursday! Many people have already made donations to the food fair which is greatly appreciated. We are all very excited about the concert and can’t wait to see everyone’s awesome acts.

Graduation is approaching quickly, if you have not yet paid for your tickets could you please do so as soon as possible. Payments can made to the front office or through the QKR app. State wide transition day is next Tuesday the 8th December. Parents of Grade 6 students are responsible for getting their students to and from their high school.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

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.

**Food Fair** - Our annual Food Fair is coming up soon (Thursday December 10th) 3/4 Regan are requesting Fries and Vegetable Oil. 3/4 Polglase are requesting: Diced Bacon, grated cheese, sour cream, garlic butter, & Coleslaw. 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**

**Swimming:** Has started off wonderfully well. Could all children please make sure they wear a rashie or t-shirt please.

**Reading and Spelling Homework:** Please ensure that you continue to hear your child read each day, complete spelling homework and send along yellow reading diary.

**Dance Party:** We have all started to practise our dance routines for the end of year Dance Party with our 1990’s theme.

**Daniel Morcombe Day:** Wednesday was a special day when we dressed up in red to remember Daniel Morcombe and talk about keeping ourselves safe.

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**Food Fair: Dec 10th at 5 pm. Please see your class teacher if you can assist in any way.**

Thanks

Jacqui, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

**PREP NEWS**

Welcome to Week 9! Busy times but we are all enjoying the last weeks in our prep year. We have learnt so much this year and are looking forward to our grade one year in 2016.

**SWIMMING:** will continue on Thursday and Friday this week. Already many preps are becoming more confident in the water and learning to float, kick and put their heads under the water. Our preps need to have their bathers on in the morning from home as it makes it easier when arriving at the pool. Please check your child has their underewear in the plastic bag to put on after they swim. Please apply sunscreen at home as well.

**FOOD FAIR AND CONCERT:** Friday December 10th, Many thanks to the parents who have offered to assist selling pizza slices on the night of the Food Fair. We are busy practicing the dance we are going to perform at the concert following the Food Fair.

**TRANSITION:** Next Tuesday December 8th all classes will be moving up to their new grade level for 2016. This is a State Wide Orientation day. Our new 2016 preps will be here for two hours on this day and the grade five buddies will be meeting with their prep buddies on this day.

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** Please return all library books borrowed from the school library.

**HOME READING:** Encourage your children to continue their daily reading routine at home until the last day and also through the holidays.

**SCHOOL HATS:** A number of prep students have misplaced their school hats. Could you please check if their hats are at home as they need a hat to play outside during term 4. Make sure the hats are clearly marked with your child’s name.

Until next week.

Emily and Joan

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**Food Fair:** Gr 1/2 Christmas Art Paintings will be on display upstairs in Kilian's Walk next week, through until the New Year. Parents are welcome to view our Art and that of other Bendigo Schools that are exhibited upstairs.

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**LIBRARY**

This will be the last week students will be able to borrow books from the library. All books need to be returned to the Library by Friday 11th December.
Nothing like some visitors to assist your recovery. This morning Jake Stringer, Jason Johannisen and Joel Hamling from the Western Bulldogs, went to visit Sean in hospital. Claire, Sean’s mother sent me a message to say that the family loved the visit and Sean was rapt to have a few AFL footballers visit him.

L-R : Joel, Jake, Sean & Jason

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Please check with your classroom Teacher how you can assist???
Christmas Collection
This year the school’s Wellbeing committee has decided to provide families in the drought stricken areas of the North Central area the opportunity to receive some much needed support with food and gift hampers in preparation for the upcoming Christmas period.
We are asking families to kindly donate one or more items that can contribute to building gift hampers with a view that each hamper will have a wide variety of products.
At the end of Term 4, these items will be collected and hampers will be packaged and sent to the families prior to Christmas.
Below is a list of the items that each Grade level is kindly asked to donate to the Christmas collection appeal.

**P-2 - Food products** (potato chips, bon bons, pretzels, Christmas lollies)
**Grade 3/4 - Health products** (hair bands, deodorants, brushes, soaps, tooth brushes)
**Grade 5/6 - Small toys/games** (soft toys, card games, board games, sports equipment)

Please Note: Donations of money will also be accepted. These monetary donations will be then converted into gift vouchers which will be purchased within the local communities.
Can all donations please be left at the school office.

**Please Note:** Can all families who donate items please indicate their donation on the form.
Forms are to be placed in the school mailbox at the front office.

Thank you
Specimen Hill Primary School Wellbeing Team

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**VALUE OF THE MONTH:**

**PERSISTENCE**

Students who displayed this value in an outstanding manner last week:

Olivia A.  Henry C.  Electra B.  Jesse G.  Paw Law La

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Our children’s future in the very best of hands.................
Let’s Do it Again!

Last year Specimen Hill Primary were the winners of the Bendigo Marketplace competition.
Ends Sunday 13th Dec
We are requesting the school community support this competition once again.
Please place your shopping receipts for all stores in the Marketplace, in the Schools drop box located in the centre.
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### BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
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

### Parent Surveys

Please return to ASAP

### 2016 ENROLMENT NEW FORMS REQUIRED

IF YOU ARE REQUIRING OUT OF SCHOOL CARE FOR 2016
NEW ENROLMENT FORMS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED
For each Child

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