Welcome to week 4 of Term 3 for 2015.

Another busy week with the Junior excursion, Senior Athletics and the Division hockey championships. These were all very fun and successful occasions and provide opportunities for children to shine in a manner that is different to the regular classroom. We all learn in different ways and variety in learning such as an authentic experience at Science Works caters for all different learning styles.

**Athletics Sports**
The Athletics sports day was lucky to have such a beautiful day to be outside. With great organisation and staff involvement the day was very successful. The sportsmanship shown by all children cheering and congratulating each other was outstanding, demonstrating the true Speci spirit. Well done.

**Science works**
The Science Works excursion was also successful with all children coping very well with the long bus ride and time away from Bendigo. At Science Works the children were very engaged in the multitude of tasks and activities and also had some choice in what they wanted to participate in. The discussions, stories and writing back at school about the trip have been wonderful. This proves the importance of real experiences in developing our thinking and learning.

**Cyber Safety**
Each week we will be including some information about cyber safety as throughout the week we are dealing with continual issues in relation to students’ use or abuse of technology. Even though we talk continuously about limiting the hours online and being safe on line, for many children they still feel that when they are speaking to or interacting with another person online that they have actually made a ‘friend’ and become involved in friendly conversation. Children should never disclose personal information online as many cyber predators target games to ‘connect’ with children as this is an easy way to share a common interest, to engage with children and teenagers in a seemingly harmless manner. Parents need to monitor all games played, the participants who are playing and limit the time and conversations that your child is participating in when online.

On a daily basis a number of children are presenting at school tired because they have been up till midnight playing online games. No wonder they are tired and lethargic at school. **All families need to have rules around on line time and there should be some nights when there is no technology time but family, reading or play time with real interaction.** It can be challenging when your child doesn’t agree with the home rules but parents need to be persistent and steadfast as you are the adults. Children are not capable of making mature and informed decisions around these issues at the primary level and it is the role of the parent to determine what is suitable. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

**Send along your cyber tips or queries** - Each week we are going to have an opportunity for parents and children to include their cyber tips or concerns in the Newsletter. We can all learn from each other. If you have any tips or ideas please write them down and label them as ‘cyber tips’ and post them in the school mail box and they may be included in the Newsletter.

**Allergies** - We have a number of students at school with serious allergies. We cannot ban products at school but we can strongly discourage children in bringing along these products. Can you support our program and endeavour to avoid sending along nuts or nut products and rice and rice products to school please.

**Recipes** - We are having a huge push for children to bring along their families favourite recipes to school to contribute towards the school Cookery Book. Most families have one of nan’s best cake recipes or mums sausage rolls or even handy hints that are useful around the home. These are all needed very quickly. We have until next Wednesday to compile the recipes and hints and the class with the most recipes will receive a prize. So get collecting. The recipes need to be written on the sheet provided in the Newsletter so that they can easily be transferred into the book.

**Working Bee** - Don’t forget to come along to the **Working Bee on Thursday from 3.30-5pm.** Many jobs to complete and the induction will be held in the Staff room at 3.30 going through the jobs and safety issues. Children will also be provided with some biscuits and a drink and a pick of the prize box. Many hands make light work!

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Di Craig - Principal
SENIOR CLASSES

Greetings readers. Welcome to Week 4.

Last week saw classes finding percentages during numeracy, synthesising during reading and creating information reports during writing. All students also competed in the Athletics Carnival with vast enjoyment.

The Athletics Carnival was a beautiful day with the sun shining and smiles all around. Students tested their skills and efforts and many were exhausted from running the 400 metres! Students who received a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in any event were awarded with a ribbon to acknowledge their achievement. High achieving competitors will be selected to compete at the District Athletics Carnival on August 19th.

It has come the time of year for the discussion of the Grade 6 Graduation Night. This night is already being planned as it is a momentous occasion for the students graduating. The date has been set for Tuesday the 15th of December at the Foundry Arms Complex. It will be a fabulous night for all to celebrate the accomplishments that students have had over their time at Specimen Hill Primary School. Further details will be discussed soon regarding requirements and times. Please see Mr. Pying if you have any questions.

Please remember to have students reading 20-30 minutes each night. It is essential that students have their diaries signed by an adult who has witnessed their reading. Asking questions about the text they are reading helps students to understand and comprehend better. If you can ask your child 3 questions about their reading each night, this will go a long way to improving their reading levels. Homework is due on Thursday. Please see your classroom teacher if you have any concerns regarding any issues.

Thanks for reading.
Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES

Our Integrated Studies Unit on Flight and Structures is well under way. The students are looking at all types of flight and how this has changed over time. They will be investigating famous aviators, building structures, listening to speakers and hopefully looking at an aeroplane in close proximity.

It was a pleasure to be out with the students at the Athletic Sports on Friday. The children were very well behaved and displayed true sportsmanship in their winning, losing and encouraging of others.

What an opportunity it was for all to have a go but especially for those whose day it was to shine.

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When we need help.

We ask you to assist your child with their homework and nightly reading. Be aware of the number of wrappers which are brought to school, especially on Thursdays. The aim is to not have any or to keep these to a bare minimum.

We ask you to assist your child with their homework and nightly reading. Be able to organise themselves and manage to complete the set tasks are skills which will support them through life. Please check with your child that he or she has their homework book, homework sheet and reading diary in their bag on Friday morning.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASS

Week 4 - time is now flying by! We had a fantastic excursion to Melbourne Science Works! Everyone that attended had a great time exploring and furthering our knowledge about space. A highlight of the excursion was the Planetarium visit. A big thank you to all the staff and students for the wonderful excursion. We have a few weeks left on our Space unit, with projects getting underway in most classrooms.

Hopefully our Communication Journals will be going home by the end of the week for us to share with you our wonderful work from Term 2! If people still have their Journals at home they need to be returned so we can share our work with you. We hope that parents, Grandparents and Carers enjoy looking through what we have achieved and completed throughout the first two terms.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has weather appropriate attire (Jumpers/jackets for colder months)
- Tissue boxes for runny noses
- Nude Food Day is every Thursday
- Home reading should be completed each night

We hope everyone has a great week!
Thanks,
Natalie Stacey, Brad, Jacqui, Jo and Kylie.

PREP NEWS

INTEGRATED STUDIES: BLAST OFF! Wow! What a great day we all had at Science Works in Melbourne on Friday. I think our favourite part was when we went into the Planetarium and viewed the sky from our armchairs. The man pointed out many stars and planets and told us that it was going to be a full moon Friday night. We were very proud of our students remembering lots of Space facts and answering all the questions that were asked.

TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL: Nearly every Prep student brought along their Teddy to school to be fixed by the doctors. Ten young Doctors came and instructed the students at different work stations covering plastering, operations, asthma, fitness and nutrition, X-rays and injections. It was a very hands-on session ending in the students practising the emergency number to call when we need help. Call 000

WRITING: We are writing descriptive text about the Planets using interesting words to describe the planets and learning many new facts.

WORDS of the WEEK: can, my, he. Handwriting: Yy, Zz. We are learning about Rhyming Words and locating them in our reading.

MATHEMATICS: We are looking at numbers and talking about whether they are bigger and smaller or before and after. We will be collecting data and constructing simple graphs to show which are our favourite planets.

REMINDERS:

CLOTHING: Students need to wear a long sleeved school top in this cold weather. Please see all clothing is clearly named.

NUDE FOOD: Every Thursday please remember to have Nude Food as your children feel great when their class has minimum wrappers.

TISSUES: please if your family have not brought one to school this year for the class to share.

HOME READING: complete every night and sign the yellow book please.

LIBRARY SESSIONS: Thursday to return and borrow library books.

Emily and Joan

WARM CLOTHES

Many students are coming to school with very little clothing on in this cold weather. Teachers are encouraging students to rug up before they go out at break times and I would ask that you send your child dressed warmly and in what you think is appropriate clothing for this time of the year. I know children do not often feel the cold like adults do, however some students are clearly inadequately clothed for the cold weather and as parents, you need to be the one deciding what is appropriate clothing. Thank you for your assistance.

3BO Buddy Bench Competition

3BO is running a competition to win a buddy bench for a school. Could you discuss this with your child and encourage them to log onto the web-site and enter for Specimen Hill Primary to win the bench for our school.


Wendy Jackson (Acting Assistant Principal)
We are acknowledging students with awards, to those who display and follow our school values.

**VALUE OF THE MONTH:**

**RESILIENCE**

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

*Ryan M.*  *Molly S.*  *Kurtis C.*  *Marcus R.*

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**It’s On Again**

**Speci Hill Shopping Tour**

Bu Turp and Mrs Louise are again running the shopping tour as part of the school’s fundraising program.

**Why not join us for a day of fun and bargain hunting?**

Includes:

- Bus trip to Melbourne.
- A full day guided tour to approx. 10 factory outlets.
- Great discounts.
- Morning and afternoon teas – delicious homemade cakes and slices.
- 2 course lunch at a hotel with a glass of wine or soft drink plus tea or coffee.
- Free raffle- lots of prizes.
- Good company and lots of fun.

**Date:** Saturday Oct 17th 2015

This is the second weekend after the holidays.

**Cost:** $72.00 Adults

$36 Children  (17 & under)

(Not suitable for children under 14)

Bring your friends for a great day out.

**Why not pay it off?** Just a few dollars a month and you will be able to have a great day out, loads of fun and take advantage of bargain prices at factory outlets.

$20 non-refundable deposit to be paid as soon as possible.

**Final payment by Sept 11th**

If there are any places you would like included or changed from last year’s Shopping Trip please see Bu or Louise before end of May

See Kaye or Wendy to put your name on the list in the Office

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**STARS OF THE WEEK**

3rd Aug

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**Nude Food**

3/4 Manley

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Starting primary school? Immunisation information for parents enrolling a child

**How do I obtain an immunisation status certificate?**

From the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

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- are moving or have recently moved, to ensure your contact details are up to date
- think your child’s statement is incomplete or incorrect.

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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.
On Friday 31st of August, Specimen Hill Primary School had a fabulous day at the Flora Hill Athletics Track participating in our school’s Athletics Sports. We had amazing weather - a lovely sunny day, which assisted in the students and the staff having a wonderful and enjoyable day. All the students did an outstanding job and participated in several athletic events including the 100m, 400m, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put. The students tried their very best and it was wonderful to see so many smiles on their faces. Congratulations to the students on their behaviour throughout the day and their sportsmanship during the events, it was great to see. It was also outstanding to see all the students cheering and supporting each other.

Congratulations to our Age Champions for each age group:

8/9 Year Old Boys – Deacon M       8/9 Year Old Girls – Haylee J
10 Year Old Boys – Kaleb T         10 Year Old Girls – Siena F
11 Year Old Boys – Mitchell R      11 Year Old Girls – Kaitlyn W
12/13 Year Old Boys – Sean B        12/13 Year Old Girls – Keria L &
                                   Tiarni B

To finish the day we had the annual Staff vs. Students Relay Race - again it was highlight for many of the students and the staff. The race was very close throughout and ended with a photo finish resulting in a DRAW!!

WHAT A GREAT RACE.

Thank you to all the staff from Grade 3 to 6 for assisting with the running of events and to the student teachers and parents for helping. Everyone did a fantastic job. It was also really great to have parents at the sports watching and supporting their children.

Finally thank you to Flora Hill Athletics Track for allowing us to hire the venue.

Overall it was a wonderful day.

Mr. Broadbent

2015 U12 State Winter Championships

By Kalo Davis

A couple of weekends ago I joined the Bendigo Baseball team, competing in the State Winter Championships. We played against Ringwood Green, Diamond Valley and Latrobe Valley in division one. The first game we played was against Ringwood Green. We won!

In the next game we played against Diamond Valley, they were in division one last year and earlier this year six of their players played nationally, so very unsurprisingly, we lost. I pitched to their team and their Coach gave me an award!

The next and last game for the day was against Latrobe Valley. We won again! I got hit in the arm by a wild pitch. The next day we went back to the ground and got warmed up and ready. The first team we played was Ringwood like the day before. We lost because the umpire called a triple play and it was only supposed to be one out. The third base man didn’t touch the base neither did the first base man! We played Diamond Valley next. We lost, but only just! We were the closest team to beating them, but even if we did score more runs than them we still wouldn’t have won because we had to beat them by at least 15 or 16. That’s because they had won every single game they had played!

In the next game that was against Latrobe Valley. I got to have another pitch. We played well, lost, but still came 2nd in our division and 5th out of all the eight teams! A great experience for all the team.

Working Bee - Thursday 6th August 3.30- 5.00PM

We are looking forward to a great turn up by all families to our second 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.
**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

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**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**

The Community Houses of Bendigo, Kangaroo Flat & Eaglehawk offer after school tutoring and homework help for students Prep - Yr 10.

[www.bendigotutoring.net](http://www.bendigotutoring.net)

Or call Michael Kennedy on 0413 116097

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**Junior School Council Investiture**

**THURSDAY 20TH AUG**

**2:20 PM**

Class elections have been completed and the new councilors chosen for all Year 1 to Year 6 classrooms. Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as a Junior School Councilor representative for their class:

- Room 3 - Amali P, Kaiden T
- Room 4 - Sebastian C, Ella B
- Room 5 - Brilee T, India P
- Room 6 - Caleb J, Mackenzie P
- Room 7 - Sienna F, Brylie M
- Room 8 - Mikayla C, Corey M
- Room 9 - Taryn E, Tia L
- Room 10 - Will J, Trinity F
- Room 11 - Tom R, Abbey E, Dylan M
- Room 12 - Macey R, Siena T, Zak E
- Room 13 - Hudson S, Aaron F, Karli

*The investiture will for these students will be held on Thursday 20th of August at 2.20 pm.*

*Parents and friends welcome.*

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**THE THREE R’s**

*Routine, Relationships, Remaining Calm*

Children feel secure in having predictable and structured routines and knowing what to expect and when.

**THE MORNING RISING ROUTINE**

Getting up at a reasonable time that allows for a calm morning and plenty of time for preparation without rushing.

*This should include a healthy breakfast - Example: Toast, eggs, cereal, fruit, yogurt, milk drinks, fruit juice.*

This nurtures and enables the child’s brain to be more receptive to learning.

*A rushed chaotic morning means children are not in the correct frame of mind for learning.*

*Parents also need to ensure enough time to be organized for the morning.*

*Parent moods and behavior affects the child’s mood also!*

It is suggested in reputable parenting books that there is **NO Television** in the mornings. Television should only be permitted after the child is packed and ready for school.

*Goals to set:*

1. Breakfast eaten and dishes cleared
2. Dressed for school with shoes on
3. School bag packed - reader bag, lunch box, school notes?
4. Teeth cleaned & hair brushed

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**Introducing Fresh Fruit Friday**

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:
FRUIT! FRUIT! FRUIT!
A huge thanks to the McKern Foundation for their donation of fresh fruit every week for all our students to enjoy. It is delicious and very healthy. Also thanks to the staff who cut up the fruit each week.

Joan Mullen.
Fruit Coordinator

Washed & Dried Milk bottle tops are required for the Art Room please.

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Library Books Overdue

A reminder that a huge number of Library books are still overdue. Many books have not been returned since the beginning of the year.

The Library resources are depleting!! Please encourage your child to return any school books to the Library desk, rather than just returning them directly to the book shelves.

Sandy has been around to the class rooms to remind students to go on a book hunt.... A perfect activity for a cold wintery weekend!!

We are going on a book hunt.... We are going to find some big ones!

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

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- are moving or have recently moved, to ensure your contact details are up to date
- think your child’s statement is incomplete or incorrect.
Please return by Wednesday 12th August
Please print clearly

Submitted by: ___________________________ Room No: _________ Grade: ______________

Contact Information: ____________________________

Please circle the section your recipe is to be included in:

- Breakfast  - Lunch  - Dinner  - Dessert  - Cakes  - Snacks  - Lunch Box Tucker

Are you willing to make your recipe so that we can photograph the dish?  YES / NO

RECIPE TITLE: ____________________________

Please give a brief description why it is your favourite. (If the recipe is based from another source, please include)

Example: “this recipe is based on a recipe included in my favourite Maggie Beer Cook Book - Maggie’s Christmas”

MAKES: ____________________________ SKILL LEVEL: ____________________________

Preparation Time: ____________________________

Ingredients:

Method: ____________________________________________________________________________

Oven Temp: ____________________________

Handy Hints: __________________________________________________________________________
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### WHITE HILLS CRICKET CLUB

**Junior Registration Day**

**FRIDAY 14th August**

4 - 5:30pm at the Scott Street Clubrooms.

A BBQ will be provided on the day.

We have teams from Under 10’s to Under 16's, including an All-Girls team.

For Registration Forms and more information visit [www.whcc.org.au](http://www.whcc.org.au) or contact Andrew Stewart

**stewartan@bankofmelbourne.com.au**

**PH:** 0403 942 551

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### BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB

**Junior Registration Night**

**Friday 14th August 2015**

5pm to 6pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms, Neale St, Kennington

**Fees for 2015 are:**

- Under 10,12,14,16 & 18’s - $70.00 each player
- $75 includes Milo cricket kit, Ages 5-10 boys and girls.
- Week 1 - Thursday 22nd of October 2015
- Final week - Thursday 10th of December 2015
- New online registration open on 10th of August.

Recommend to register before the 14th. Online payment preferred.

Any questions contact:

**Jason Dean** - [jandsdean2@bigpond.com](mailto:jandsdean2@bigpond.com)

**Marita Pinniger:** [maritap@hotkey.net.au](mailto:maritap@hotkey.net.au)


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### MAIDEN GULLY CRICKET CLUB

(A family friendly club)

**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY.**

**Date:** Sunday, the 23rd of August.

**Venue:** Maiden Gully Primary School Gymnasium

**Time:** 12.30 - 3.00pm

Includes a free sausage sizzle and a drink

This Registration Day is for all Milo, T20, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 players and an Under 15 girls teams.

**Fees for this year are:**

- $90.00 for the first child. (Includes shirt and cap).
- Other children $80.00 per child.
- T20 will be $100.00 this year. This fee is set by the Victorian Cricket Association.
- Milo Cricket will be $80.00.

Look forward to seeing you all on the day and looking forward to a great season.

**Contact:** Junior Coordinator - Shannon Craven

on 0401268868

Neil Byers on 0488186300 or at Maiden Gully Primary School.

Neil Byers. (President)

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### WALKING SCHOOL BUS THURSDAYS

**THREE - FREE “COME N TRY” GUIDE NIGHTS**

COME AND HAVE FUN AND ADVENTURE WITH BENDIGO DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES

- Ages 5/6/7 Blossom Possums &
- Ages 7-10 Star Guides

**Tues 4.30pm Atkins Street Bendigo North**

- Ages 7-13 Cookie Crumbs
- Wed 5.30pm Strathfieldsaye

- Ages 10-14 Lightening guides
- Tues 5.45pm Bond Street Golden Square

**CONTACT JULIE KALA FOR MORE DETAILS**

54440217 or 0427 927 268

**EMAIL:** girlguidesbendigo@yahoo.com

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