Welcome to parents/carers and friends to week 10 of Term 4.

The final Prep and Orientation Day and State-wide Orientation Day

Yesterday was the final Orientation Day for the year. It was wonderful to see the new preps all ready for a school day, many in their uniforms and with their lunch all packed. They are all partnered up with their Grade 5 buddies who will help to orientate them around the school during the first couple of weeks of school.

The Grade 6 students went off to their new secondary schools and many have returned with some stories to share about the exciting experience they had yesterday. The different programs that are offered at secondary school and the larger mix of students is something new. It’s almost like they are Prep students again!

Swimming

This is the final week of swimming. Due to the Food Fair and concert tomorrow night we will not have the swimming program operating tomorrow. But in lieu of this day the cost will go towards the Fun Day at the Pool on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December. The students will be bussed to the pool and they will be allowed to bring money for the canteen. Parents and friends can join them at the pool. As it is a school occasion we expect students to behave appropriately and to obey the pool safety rules as well as the school rules.

Chinese Students

I have received news that all of the Chinese students and Mandy the Chinese teacher arrived home in Shanghai safely last Monday. They were quite exhausted but thrilled with their Australian experience. The Chinese committee send their sincere thanks and gratitude to the schools and especially the Homestay families for their wonderful kindness, care and consideration that was shown towards the students. It has been outstanding.

Grade 6 Graduation

Next Tuesday evening is the Grade 6 Graduation at the Platinum room at the Foundary Hotel. Students do not need to go out to purchase expensive outfits but just something neat and tidy and appropriate for Grade 6 children. Every year this is a fabulous event as it is so special to farewell our students and to hear each child reflect on their formative years at Speci.

Food Fair and Concert

On Thursday evening we will have the Food Fair starting at 5pm. This will finish at 6.30 and then we will all move on up to the basketball court for the end of year concert at 7pm with a 90s theme. All come along and bring along some family and friends to enjoy the evening. There will be some chairs available but a rug for the ground or a fold out chair is advisable.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

This is on Tuesday at 11.00 This is the school’s opportunity to thank you for the wonderful support that many parents have shown towards the school throughout the year. As we know parent involvement in their child’s education is the most important factor in engaging children in education. My sincere thanks to all parents for the many ways that you support Speci and your children on their educational journey. Please come along and enjoy morning tea.

Reminders :

- Grade 6 Graduation is Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} December. $30 per person.
- Parent Helpers Morning Tea- Tuesday Dec 15\textsuperscript{th} at 11.00am.
- Fun Day at the Pool is on Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} December.
- Step up session- Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} Dec.
- Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} December - Final Assembly 9:10am Early Dismissal End of Year - 1.45pm.
- Have a great week ahead.

Di Craig, Principal
SENIOR CLASSES
Greetings all. We have been flat out in the Senior department with lots of concert practice and lots of finishing up of projects etc. Our Grade sixes enjoyed a transition day yesterday and the rest of the school enjoyed their morning in a class other than their own, mixing with different students.
In relation to Graduation, please remember there are NO spare graduation tickets. Each student has been allotted a maximum of 3 per family (the student is included in that 3 also). We have a large number of graduates this year and space is at a premium. Also a reminder, payments are now overdue and it is a 6pm arrival for a 6.30pm sharp start on the night.
The food fair and concert is on tomorrow night! Donations are still welcome, as are parent volunteers to help man the stalls. Anyone who can spare some time on the night would be greatly appreciated.
Concert Clothing: 5/6 Pysing either a black or white t-shirt /shirt and sun glasses; only if they have the sunnies!!!
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.

JUNIOR CLASSES
Reading: Please continue to hear your child read and send along their yellow reading diary.
Swimming: Has almost finished and it was great watching all the children’s skills improve. Our final day is on Friday.
Pool Break Up Party: Is on next Wednesday the 16th of December at the Golden Square Pool. Please ensure your child has a rashie/t-shirt, sunscreen, hat, water bottle and packed lunch.
Last Day of Term: Friday the 18th of December at 1:45.
Food Fair and Concert: Our Food Fair and Concert are both occurring tomorrow, Thursday 10th December. Sales begin at 5:00-6:30pm. Many delicious items will be available.

PREP NEWS
The Preps have been very busy with Swimming and getting organised for the Food Fair and Dance Concert.
In Swimming, the Preps have been having lots of fun in the water learning how to float on their backs and tummy, kicking with a noodle and kickboard and most are now confident in putting their head under water and blowing bubbles. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow. We look forward to the final 2 days in the pool this week, before our Fun Day at the pool next Wednesday.
The Food Fair preparations are well underway and both Prep classrooms will be selling Pizza. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help out on the night, a note was sent home last night with your allocated time. We look forward to everyone dropping by and buying a slice or two! The Dance Party will follow on from the Food Fair, where all classes will perform a dance to a song from the 90s.
The end of the school year always seems to get busy, so make sure you check out the calendar in the newsletter for any upcoming dates. Next week is last week of term, therefore students will be asked to bring any readers back to school for collection and they will be sent home with work books, art work etc.
We look forward to the busy week ahead… the countdown is on!
Emily and Joan

Normal Assembly Monday 2:45pm
Final Assembly Friday 9:10am
Art Show
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.

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.

Our children’s future in the very best of hands………………..
### Food Fair & Concert

**This Thursday**

December 10th
5:00 - 6:30PM

@ Specimen Hill Primary

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### Please check with your classroom Teacher how you can assist???

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Dear Santa

Can I please have for Christmas: a barit machine a bow and arrow. Also I have improved my behaviour. Am I on the good or bad list? I will soon find out on Christmas day won't I. If you where a kid I will put you on the good list, as Santa got to go. Love from Breanna.
Congratulations to all the students on their excellent behaviour during the Swimming program. The weather made it extremely enjoyable for students and our Teachers who were the Swim Instructors this year. The Golden Square Pool is a great facility, ensure you support the community pool throughout the summer holidays.

Swimming Continues

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Food Fair & Concert

This Thursday 5:00pm

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**SPECIMEN HILL SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

If you have uniform that is no longer required and is in reasonable condition, please consider passing it on to another family.

The school also holds a supply of recycled uniforms for distribution to those in need.

**We are in need of small boy shorts if you have any spare??**

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**Christmas Hamper Donations Please!**

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
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 tree display area.

REMINDERS: As these last two weeks are quite busy, here is a reminder list for the fridge!!

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A BPAY payment has been made for $147.40 that we cannot identify. Please advise the date payment was made to have it allocated to your account.

Great Christmas present for the family??

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### 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

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**GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

**TUESDAY DEC 15TH**

**FOUNDERY 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)

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**WALKING SCHOOL BUS**

**THURS 8:30AM**

**Last Week**

**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Please phone the correct phone number for bookings

ASC Phone: 0447 788 636

BSC Phone: 0438 062 561

Please phone or text Leah Johns

Please phone or text Karen Emerson

**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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