Welcome to students, parents and friends to week 9 of Term 3. We are up to the second last week of the school term.

**Three weeks of Wellbeing**

The Wellbeing activities across the school over the past week and a half have been fabulous and readily embraced by all students. Today we kick started the day off with our Community Breakfast of bacon and egg toasted sandwiches or cereal. It was a delight to see so many grandparents and family and friends who came along to join in. The staff effort in preparing the breakfast and cleaning up was such a team effort and a fun way to start the day. Thank you to Mr Broadbent’s family for donating the eggs (about 8 dozen!) to Mrs Bergin for donating the bacon and to Mr Stringer’s family for donating the bread and milk. Their continued support and generosity towards all at Speci Hill is greatly appreciated.

**School survey**

The response from the school surveys was overwhelming as a large number of families have taken the time to share their thoughts and ideas towards improving our school. Next week I will include some feedback from the surveys in the newsletter. Underlying all responses was a sense of pride, satisfaction and sense of community in our school. These are extremely positive qualities. All names of members from families who returned their surveys have been placed in a box and this will be drawn at Monday’s Assembly. Best of luck to all participants.

**Division Sports**

Last Thursday about 45 students went along to the Sports centre to participate in the Regional sports. Most of the students performed personal best results which was an outstanding result. Congratulations kids! 6 students did exceptionally well and now qualify for the Division Sports to be held at the sports centre next Monday 14th September. Congratulations to Tia L., Kiera L., Siena F., Jazy R., Bailey C. - we wish you all the best for next Monday.

**Principal for a Day**

Yesterday I had the pleasure of working with Gordon Hardcastle who worked alongside me for the day as Principal for a Day. The morning was spent attending a meeting at Crusoe College developing a pathway forward for our students attending Crusoe in the future. Then we were back at Speci to join in with the girls group, catching up with some students, classroom visits and then the end of the day. So overall Gordon had a ‘taste’ of what a ‘normal’ day is like as principal at Speci Hill. Gordon is the Manager at Motherson Elastomers in Bendigo which is an industry employing about 55 employees. For the Principal for a Day program, Gordon identified as key goals: to increase his understanding of the challenges faced by primary schools and to identify how business and industry can help in supporting the school to enhance the learning experience. Over the next term we will work closely with Gordon in developing these goals into a framework that will be mutually beneficial.

**Father’s Day stall**

The Father’s day stall was once again very successful and I hope that all fathers, stepfathers and grandfathers enjoyed their gifts and the time spent with the children on this special occasion. A special thanks to the Parents and Friends for providing the fabulous gifts.

**Overseas Chinese Learning Experience and Homestay Families Information Session**

I now have 4 families from our school community who have volunteered to host the 3 Chinese students for their cultural experience in Term 4. A huge thank you to the family of Zinnia L. to the family of Issy and Xavier L., to the family of Molly N. and to Isabelle M. family. Without the generosity of families to host the Homestay and Overseas Learning Experience would not go ahead. So my sincere thanks for your support. Later in the week I will be catching up with Grade 4 and Grade 5 students who are looking towards applying for the Overseas Learning Experience for travel in 2016. I have one extremely keen student who has already sent in her application and another student who is finalising his draft copy. Their enthusiasm is wonderful to see.

**Book Fair**

This has been incredibly successful once again. Thank you to Mrs Young and her helpers for managing the program and to the huge number of families and students who have come along to purchase books. Sandy Young has put together a $50 package and all names of students who purchased a book went into a box for a draw. The winner was Blake D. who will choose his own selection of about $50 of books. Congratulations to Blake. The school will also benefit from proceeds from the fair which will provide many new books for the Library. Hoping that all students enjoy many hours of fabulous reading.

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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.

**September 2015**

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**Week without Violence**

**Tuesday 8th**

Parenting Information

**Wednesday 9th**

Community Breakfast

**Friday 11th**

School Community Walk

**Thursday 10th Sept**

**Volunteers Needed**

Thursdays 12-1pm
NAPLAN
Tonight parents of students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 who completed the NAPLAN assessments this year can come along to speak to class teachers about their child’s NAPLAN results. Overall, the school results were very pleasing and some individual students did extremely well. In Grade 5 results in the areas of writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation the school achieved higher than state level. In Grade 3 in writing the school was better than state and at state level in spelling and reading. So overall we are once again very pleased and proud of the achievement levels of the students at Speci Hill. Next week I will include further details in the Newsletter.

School Uniform and Jewellery
A number of students are continually arriving to school not wearing the appropriate school uniform. If you require extra items of the uniform please see Kaye or Wendy in the office for some pre-loved items. All students are expected to be in full uniform every day. Jewellery worn to school should only be a watch or students/sleeper earrings. Too many students are flaunting the rules. These rules are made for health and safety reasons. Nail polish is not allowed at school and students wearing nail polish will be asked to remove it. Please help us to follow the school policy and to support us in this area.

Hoping that everyone has a wonderful week.

Di Craig

CLASS NEWS

SENIOR CLASSES
Less than two weeks to go in Term 3! Wow! Where has the year gone I’m sure you’re asking yourself. Students have been participating in many wellbeing activities throughout the past few weeks and highlighting certain values and qualities. This week we are looking at ourselves and how we can live a healthy life.

During class, students are busy continuing their poetry in writing. Students have now completed many different forms of poetry and are publishing these for display. It is great to learn about the different types of poems and children can get across deep meanings while creating their own.

We will keep it brief this week but before we go, a quick reminder to continue to keep on reading each night for 20-30minutes and have students fill in their diaries for the nights they have read. Parents must sign this to verify it has been done. It is a great benefit for all students to be practising mathematics concepts learned in class regularly to build up their knowledge of the subject.

Professional Development notes for grade 5/6 students must be returned ASAP! Graduation night is on Tuesday the 15th of December. Please keep that date free for attendance.

“Being prepared to succeed allows for you to do so” – famous teacher – Sir A J T.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the week.
Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
It’s been a long term with lots of exciting things happening as well as illnesses and absences. This next week we will be concluding our Integrated Studies unit on ‘Flight & Structures’ with a race to the finish to see whose flying machine goes the greatest distance. There will be much excitement at the finals as the students prepare to test their structures for the final time.

The holidays are a great time to relax and prepare for the last term. They are also a wonderful opportunity to read and enjoy literature. Please keep up the reading practise over the break.

Check the lost property for any missing items of clothing. Remember that Term 4 requires the children to wear hats. Make sure your child’s hat has their name labelled on the inside.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

JUNIOR CLASSES
Welcome to week 9. All Junior classes have been busily working, learning about Asian cultures and focusing on Wellbeing as well. With the focus being on wellbeing we would like parents to ask students about their days at school and what they have learnt.

Next week is our Junior Fun night and we need all permission notes returned to school ASAP. It promises to be a fantastic night for all and it would really help us with organising numbers and food if we can get the notes in.

A few reminders

Junior Fun Night permission notes returned ASAP!!!
Gym notes filled out and returned ASAP
Library books – Some people have overdue books, so we need people to have a really good look at home to try and find the missing books!!
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
Communication Journals need to be returned ASAP

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

PREP NEWS
Welcome to Week 9! We enter our second week of wellbeing. Last week we enjoyed writing/making/drawing Warm Fuzzies for people in our classroom. We were able to make lists of things we can do for other people to make them feel happy and appreciated. This week it’s all about healthy living. We have been doing lots of dancing, stretching and quiet relaxation time. We look forward to the Multi Age Rotation Day on Thursday.

Both classrooms are working towards having hot chips for lunch next week as a class reward for great behaviour and work ethic throughout the term. Please keep an eye out for a note which will let you know which day this will be happening.

A few other things to remember as we near the end of term:
· Please return any readers that may be floating around the house or hiding under beds
· Return any library books to the library
· Bring back the Communication Journal so this terms work can be entered

READING: Keep it up! The progress we are seeing in students is wonderful! It is important to keep up your reading routines and take on challenges, such as having a go at harder books!

Junior Fun Evening
NEXT THURSDAY 17TH
September
Please return permission form and payment if you have not done so already.

Thanks,
Emily and Joan

GREEN CANTEEN MENU • FRIDAY
 Preferred payment - QKR
Cash orders must be in on Thursday
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:
Augie W.  Logan K.  Savanna S.

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.

$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

STARS OF THE WEEK
7th Sept

| Room 1 | Lucas N. |
| Room 2 | Jaeda |
| Room 3 | Trei S. |
| Room 4 | Henry C. |
| Room 5 |  |
| Room 6 | Alexis L. |
| Room 7 | Ashlynn B. |
| Room 8 |  |
| Room 9 |  |
| Room 10 |  |
| Room 11 | Shayla T. |
| Room 12 | Kaleb T. |
| Room 13 | Sean B. |

Nude Food


Random Act of Kindness

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

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:


Please pay fortnightly

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**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

Last Thursday the District Athletics Sports were held at the LaTrobe University Bendigo Athletics Complex. Based on our Athletics Sports results we had fifty Specimen Hill students competing at the District Sports along with five other schools - Camp Hill, Eaglehawk North, Lightning Reef, Spring Gully and Quarry Hill. We achieved some excellent results on the day, which was exciting and outstanding to see:

- **9 Year Old Girls 200m** – Mikayla C. 3rd
- **10 Year Old Girls Long Jump** – Siena F. 2nd
- **10 Year Old Girls Triple Jump** – Siena F. 3rd
- **10 Year Old Girls Shot Put** – Tahlia P. 2nd
- **10 Year Old Girls Discus** – Jazy R. 1st
- **10 Year Old Girls 100m** – Tia L. 2nd
- **10 Year Old Girls 200m** – Tia L. 2nd
- **10 Year Old Girls 800m** – Tia L. 2nd
- **10 Year Old Boys Discus** – Bailey C. 1st
- **11 Year Old Girls High Jump** – Holley B. 2nd
- **11 Year Old Girls Triple Jump** – Georgia W. 3rd
- **11 Year Old Boys Long Jump** – Mitch R. 3rd
- **12 Year Old Girls High Jump** – Keira L. 2nd
- **12 Year Old Girls Triple Jump** – Keira L. 3rd
- **12 Year Old Girls 100m** – Keira L. 2nd
- **12 Year Old Boys Long Jump** – Bailey C. 3rd

Well done to all. The students behavior was excellent throughout the day and they all displayed outstanding sportsmanship.

Some of these students will be competing at the next level in the Divisional Athletics Sports, to be held at the Bendigo Athletics Complex, on Monday 14th of September. We are sure they will do extremely well and represent Specimen Hill with pride.

A big thank you to Sophie Williams and Hayden Polglase for assisting the students to their events and throughout the day whilst I was assisting with the running of a couple of events.

Todd Broadbent

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**Volleyball – Mini’s Competition**

The Bendigo Volleyball Mini’s Competition has come to a close and it was fantastic to watch the Specimen Hill team continue to develop and improve their skills throughout the year.

Students have attended trainings on a Monday and games on a Sunday evening with all team members improving. I was very impressed with the development of all students and their ability to complete a dig, set and even a few spikes along the way. They improved their teamwork and communication skills, which assisted in the teams winning many points.

We did very well considering most of the team we are playing against are Grade 5/6 and most of our students are Grade 3/4 and we even have a couple of Grade 1 and 2 students.

A big thank you to John Sheen and Kathy Campbell who have assisted and coached a team throughout the year. John and Kathy have helped me with training and games and the Speci volleyball teams wouldn't have happened without their support.

It has been excellent to see Specimen Hill participating in the Bendigo Mini Volleyball Competition and we hope this can continue again in 2016. We also look forward to seeing some more students participating in this fantastic sport. Todd Broadbent
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

STUDENT ABSENCES
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

CAMPAIGN AT AN END
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THANK YOU to all the families who were able to participate in the Book Fair. People have indicated the value we all hold in reading by purchasing over $2,500 worth of books. Our school has received $750 worth of free books because of your support.

Congratulations to Blake Dowton
Winner of the purchasers Raffle - $50 Free Books

Many thanks to the Parents & Friends committee for conducting the Father’s Day Stall. The donated gifts from the school community were greatly appreciated, enabling students to purchase a gift for their special Dad in their lives. Funds raised will go towards valuable educational items for classrooms.
CONGRATULATIONS - PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Students are encouraged to continue completing the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. The Challenge finishes next week, so keep reading! A number of students have completed the challenge committing to reading each night and enjoying the content of the interesting books.

Speci Hill Shopping Tour
Bu Turpie 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

More Shoppers are required to make this Tour happen. Please book at the office and pay deposit.
## 2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

**Wed**
- 8:15am Breakfast Program

**Thurs**
- Walking School Bus

**FRI 11th**
- **GREEN CANTEEN DAY**
  - Well Being Focus
  - Healthy Living
  - Week without violence
  - See page 2 for session times

**Thur 17th**
- Junior Fun Night
  - 5-7pm

**Sat 17th Oct**
- School Shopping Tour
  - Shoppers Needed!

**Oct 9, 16, 23**
- **GYM PROGRAM**
  - Prep - 2

**Dec 15th**
- Grade 6 Graduation Night

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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.

**golden.square.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au**

For more information phone on

(03) 5443 7668

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**Year 7 2016?**

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

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**Netball Clinic**

South Bendigo PAC will be hosting a Cath Cox and Bec Bulley clinic on Thursday 17 Sept, 2015 from 1.30pm to 7.30pm.

- 2 x 3hr teaching dress sessions, concluded by Cath Cox, former Australian women’s netball player and current coach with the Australian under-17 team & NSW Open team. Coaching will also be provided by Bec Bulley, current Victorian & Australian under-17 player for Queensland.
- One 90min skills session with Cath Cox.

For further information, please contact: Man O’ War, 185 Stuart Street, Bendigo, VIC 3550

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**Annual General Meeting**

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