Welcome to week 5 of Term 1.

Meet and Greet meetings
Tomorrow evening from 2pm to 7pm the Meet and Greet Meetings will be held at school. If you haven’t made an appointment yet you can go to the Speci Information App and book in a time. Times will be available until tomorrow morning on the App. If you are having difficulties, call in to the office and Wendy and Kaye can assist you.

The Meet and Greets are an opportunity to share information with the teacher about your child, any current family information that is relevant information for school and the teacher will briefly share about the year ahead and how your child has settled in to school. An information sheet will be handed out at the end of the session. Please take the time to read this as it is important information about the school programs.
Meetings are strictly 10 minutes only and please be on time.
If you would like to catch up with Mr Warne or myself please call down to the office.

Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting
The Parents and Friends AGM will be held in the staffroom this Friday afternoon at 2pm. All parents (male and female), grandparents and friends of families are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents in our school community, to develop friendships and to contribute to and to support programs across the school.

Chicken Pox
Over the past week there have been less numbers of reported cases of Chicken Pox in the school.

Alternative Lunchtime Program (ALP)
Every day the Alternative Lunchtime Program (ALP) operates in the Library. If a child has broken the school rules they may receive a pink slip by a teacher and then are required to attend the ALP for a lunchtime for one day only.

Once in the program each child completes a written sheet where they have to reflect on their behaviour, its impact on others, what better choices they could make in the future and what they can do to fix the problem. This is followed by a discussion with the teacher who is on duty in the program. Once this process has been completed the child can join in a game or activity in the Library so that there is positive interaction with others in a supervised environment. If a child is in the program on a pink slip we ask the child to let Mum and Dad know what has happened. (it is usually for a minor misdemeanour).

If a child is sent to the program on several occasions over a short period of time on pink slips or the behaviour is quite severe, a ‘white slip’ will be sent home to inform the parents of the behaviour and consequences. The child is usually in the program for two or more days on a white slip.

Many children attend the Library at lunch times as volunteers. They choose to come in to the Library to play games in a quiet environment.

Hoping that you have a great week,
Di Craig, Principal
Greetings and a big welcome to week 5. Students have been extending their knowledge of Place Value in Maths as they learn about numbers with decimal points in them. Area and Perimeter is also being taught.

In Reading, our small group rotations continue to go very well. Students have also been focusing on Apostrophes in our grammar unit.

We are about to commence a Cyber Safety unit for our Integrated Studies and we will have a presenter from the Victorian Police at the school on the 18th of May to help educate students and parents on this critical topic. More information will follow.

Don’t forget to book your Meet and Greet Interview online with your home group teacher. These interviews will take place on Thursday the 25th of February between 2pm – 7pm. If you don’t have the facilities to book an interview, please contact the school and we can book an interview for you. Miss Williams will be away until the 08th of March and is replaced by Mrs Garwood during this time.

Now, the first person to tell Mr Psying what the “Quotient” of 24 divided by 6 is will win a small treat. Good luck!!!!

Regards, Bec, Sophie and Scott.

MIDDLE CLASSES
Meet and Greet - Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for an interview tomorrow. It will be lovely to see you all and discuss how we can work together to create an engaging and motivating learning environment for your child.

School Camp - School Camp will be held in the middle of Term Four this year. Once again we will be going to Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff. Unfortunately there are a few events occurring in Term Four, such as Gym and the Swimming Program.

We understand that this may cause a stretch for some families financially and are therefore mentioning camp at this early stage to give families as much time as possible to plan for. The approximate price of the camp will be $240. The school will be provide a three-step payment of $80 per term, beginning next term. If families are wishing to pay the full amount, they may do so at the beginning of Term Two, however all families will need to pay a deposit of $80 at this time. Families will not be able to pay the full amount in Term Four. Hopefully this gives all families enough time to plan and arrange payments to ensure their child does not miss out on this fabulous camp. We look forward to seeing your child have a great time at camp this year.

Hats - As Term One is a compulsory term for hats, it is important that students are wearing a hat every single school day. This will ensure students are sun smart while playing outside. It is also recommended that students apply sunscreen at home before coming to school each day, particularly on days that are over 30 degrees.

Homework and Home Reading - Thank you for your support in listening to your child read and helping them with their homework. It is important that parents are signing reading in each night into each student’s green Home Reading Diary.

Thank you in anticipation for your wonderful support this year.

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Kim Manley, Adam Tanner

PREP NEWS
Welcome everyone to week 5! Wow the term is disappearing quickly. This week the Junior Department has started our units on ‘Dinosaurs’. It promises to be a very exciting unit, filled with lots of interesting facts and fun craft activities. We look forward to ‘Meet and Greet’ interviews on Thursday 25th of February. This is a great opportunity to for classroom teachers, parents and students to sit down and get to know each other. All class have started borrowing from the library on a weekly basis, the class borrowing days for each class are:

1/2 Bergin/ Burman – Thursday
1/2 Ball/ Gould – Friday
1/2 Stringer – Friday

Classes have also started their spelling programs with words selected from the writing in class going home for students to practise. This greatly assists their learning in the classroom and is a quick activity students can do just after they complete their nightly home reading.

As we have had several very hot days lately we encourage students to bring a water bottle to put on the table during the school day that they can drink out of regularly to ensure students are keeping hydrated!!

A few reminders:

- Home reading needs to be completed every night
- Hats to be worn outside during Term 1
- Nude food in lunch boxes as much as possible & especially Thursdays

We hope that everyone has a fantastic week

Jacqui, Brad, Kylie, Jenny, Felicity and Jo

Mullen’s Musical Musing Moments MELODIES Madrigal
The Instrumental Group will be performing at assembly on Monday. They have been busily practising and are very excited about their upcoming performance.

Music Questions ??
Name 5 percussion instruments.
Draw a Treble Clef. I have hidden one in this newsletter. See if you can find it…….
Discuss this at home and pop the answers to Mrs M in the music room.

Junior and Senior choir sessions started this week.
*Mare music news next week.

Staying TUNED!!!!
Mrs M.

Our children’s future in the very best of hands……………..
Meet & Greet Interviews being held on the Thursday 25th February

ROOM 12 - THURSDAY 18TH

Instruction sheets have been sent home. You will be able to book an interview time via the link on the school information app under “More” on the bottom right hand corner of your screen, then “Interviews”. This is the link for the web site for bookings.

Children still attend school on the day of interviews.

Helping Your Child’s Math’s Skills

Mathematics is all around us and part of our everyday lives. Using these everyday occurrences to involve your child in math’s tasks can really assist your child in becoming numerate. Over the following weeks, I will include ways in which you can take use everyday occurrences to build numeracy skills in the newsletter. Today’s focus is on cooking.

Counting – Count the amounts of each ingredient being used in recipes.

⇒ Count the number of items being made
⇒ Ask your child to read the number off the recipe and then count the cups or spoons required
⇒ Count the cutlery

Measuring - Lots of measurements used in cooking, cups, teaspoons, tablespoons, millilitres, litres, grams, kilograms.
- Older children can learn about the equivalencies between measures such as 250 ml= 1 cup or 1,000 grams is a kilogram?
- Discuss importance of exactness of measurement. Why do measures need to be accurate when baking, but not so when making stir fry?

Figuring – Increasing and decreasing: If you need to double or halve a recipe, what are the quantities required.

Fractions - Explore what a half, quarter, and third mean in the context of cooking.
  This can involve equivalence ideas for older students, that is 125 grams is half a cup.

Time - How long things take to cook, establishing and planning timing of tasks.
  For example, we are eating dinner at 7 o’clock, what time do we need to start cooking etc.

How much - When shopping, compare prices of ingredients your using and what is the cheapest brand to buy etc.

Happy cooking - Wendy Jackson (School Improvement Officer)

LIBRARY

The school has taken full advantage of the voucher we received from Bendigo Market Place. The voucher was earned through our participation in the Money Can Grow on Trees competition. A big thank you to Mrs. Turpie and Miss Louise who assisted students with making decorations for our Christmas tree and the families and friends who placed their receipts in the school’s box. We have been able to purchase books to the value of a $1,000 dollars. As these books are processed and covered, they will become available for students to borrow.

If any parent is able to assist with covering these books, could they please make contact with me. Please provide your child with a waterproof bag to transport their library books to and from school.

During the ‘Meet & Greet” interviews, please ensure you know the day your child visits the library. This way you can assist your child to return their library book in a timely manner.

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS PLEASE DO NOT SMOKE NEAR SCHOOL GATES**

**Team China Fundraiser Dinner**

**Tuesday the 26th April**

@ 6pm Bendigo Sports Centre

A portion of all meals purchased goes towards the students from Speci to help subsidise the cost of their trip

RSVP: to the office, no later than Tuesday the 19th of April

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**Apologies from the Canteen**

The new style Mini Ham & Cheese pizzas will now be priced at $2.00 each

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**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Please note - NEW enrolment forms for 2016 are required.

To ensure a placement for your child, please complete new enrolment and present to the office.

**Bookings are essential:**

- BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561
- ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636

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**SCHOOL TERMS 2016**

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**PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE**

**Parents and Friends AGM**

Our Parents and Friends AGM will be held on **Friday February 26th at 2:00pm in the Staffroom**

All positions will be declared open for nominations. Our main positions are President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as general committee members. Meetings are held monthly at school. They are currently held on a Friday morning, but this can change if this doesn’t suit all committee members. If you are looking to be more involved within the school, this is a fantastic way to do so.

All current Parent and Friends members holding current positions or specific roles, this is a reminder that a report will be required before the 26th February meeting. This includes, Playgroup, Head Checks and the Cooking Group.

A meeting agenda will be sent out before the day.

Thankyou and we look forward to seeing some new faces in the upcoming weeks.

Belinda Seymour
Secretary Speci Parents and Friends

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**A problem has developed with push notifications & retention of messages for some iPhones within the Speci Hill Information app. Our Tech team are trying to resolve the problem??**

Please check the school calendar regularly to keep up to date with events.

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**SOUTHBENDIGO FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB**

**REGISTRATIONS for JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS**

from Under 9s through to Youth Girls are now open for the 2016 Season

**REGISTER ON LINE**

SOUTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
- Fox sporting Pulse

If you have any questions about the registration process, please email

juniorsecretary@southbendigofnc.com.au

(on completion DATE TO BE DATED)