Family Name:
Dear Parents,

FUN ACTIVITY DAY
Last Friday the whole school was grouped into multi-age groupings and rotated through a range of activities including fun games and music activities. The Grade 5/6 children and teachers organised each activity. It was a great day with excellent weather and everyone had lots of FUN! A big thanks to Mrs. Di Craig for organising the day and in fact the entire Wellbeing month of activities!! She was well supported by Mr. Warne, the Year 5/6 staff and students (especially students Corey R and Tim R - Principal Award winners), Karen Emerson (BBQ), as well as all the staff. She also had a great group of parents helping during the day. They were: Martine Abbas, Marie Cox and Margaret Sherriff.

Thank you to all for putting on such a great day for the students!

ARTIST MURAL ON NEW SHED
Kim Donald has returned to the school and is painting the side of the new garden shed and chook house. The mural will depict a farm scene with a path leading people into the shed doors and the vegetable garden and chickens through the other side. We will all watch with interest as the mural takes shape.

SCHOOL RECIPE BOOK
Thanks to Marie Cox for the many hours she has put in to the completion of a school recipe book. The book is on sale for $12 and has a wealth of local tried and true recipes inside. It would be an excellent CHRISTMAS PRESENT for those who love to cook.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented on Monday 17th November to:
PF - William M
PG - Logan B
1/2 B - Connor S
1/2 H - James H
1/2 M - Jet C
1/2 SR - Josh W
3/4CB - Jayden F
3/4KB - Jasmine S
3/4C - Daniel M
3/4J - Dylan C
5/6B - Brittany H
5/6M - Jessikah S
5/6S - Jake K

Principal’s Award - Corey R & Tim R (5/6)
Super Clubs (Site of the Week) - Alyssa E (3/4)

Dates to Remember...
Thur 20 Nov - School Fun Run
Mon/Fri 1-5 Dec - Year Prep –5 orientation week
Mon 8 Dec - School Council meeting
Tues 2 Dec - Statewide orientation Day
Tues 16 Dec - Year 6 Graduation
Thur 18 Dec - Music share
Thur 18 Dec - Last day for students
Fr 19 Dec - Proposed Planning Day 2009

SCHOOL MATERIALS & VOLUNTARY LEVY
At the last meeting of School Council 17.11.08 we approved the budget for 2009.
School Council has approved the materials cost of $70 per child and a voluntary charge of $30 per family to help pay for the extra expense of the continued development of our grounds and technology equipment.
Families can use their EMA to pay for the materials we purchase on your behalf in 2009.

Doug Jones
Principal
CLASS NEWS

SENIOR NEWS
GRADE 5/6 NEWS
Grade 5/6 students have a very busy time in the next few weeks. We are completing our Gym Fitness Program and all students should have an awareness of requirements to maintain fitness in life. Our Grade 6 Cricket Teams had a successful day at the cricket carnival last Friday (see article). Please return Graduation Dinner money and numbers to school quickly so organisation can commence. Gavin Alexander will present his last session next week. The Grade 6 students will be involved in Personal Development Education in the coming weeks.

GRADE 5/6 Report Team

GRADE 3/4 NEWS
Our worm farms are up and running. The students have been very excited watching their progress. The chooks have moved into the chook house. Our seeds are continuing to grow and we are about to start our revegetation. The students have nominated Action Groups and these will operate for the rest of the term. This involves students taking action to improve their immediate environment. The groups are: Worms, Compost, Paper Recycling, Revegetation, Water and Chooks. The Paper Group are looking for donations of old working blenders. If you could assist, please see Wendy Jackson.

Wendy, Craig, Katrina & Lorraine

JUNIOR NEWS
Prep Orientation Program continues with one more visit to come. All children across the school will be involved in an Orientation Program to prepare them for their shift in levels for 2009. State Benchmark Testing in reading is being conducted at the moment. This testing is completed to collect data for the Government on the reading levels of children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 across the state. Please make sure your Learning Journal has been returned.

Julian, Jenny, Kylie, Katie, Lisa, Kate, Teresa & Sandy

PERFORMING ARTS
Our ARTS Share at the end of the year is on Thursday 18th December in the Multi-purpose Room - commencing at 12:00pm. We promise an extravaganza like you’ve never seen before!!

Julian Regan

GENERAL NEWS

BOOK CLUB
All book club orders need to be returned by next Wednesday 26th November.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Thanks, Sandy

SUPER 8’S CRICKET
On Friday the 14th, 16 kids went to the Super 8’s Cricket Carnival at Strathdale Park. There was a boys and a girls team. The boys won 1 out of 3 games and the girls won 3 out of 3 games. The girls made it to the finals. They all played fantastically! They all tried their best and had lots of fun. It was a very successful day as the girls made it to the final against St. Francis of the Field. Unfortunately they lost.

GIRLS WANTED!
9 and 10 year old girls are wanted to play in the Under 12 Basketball Competition for the YMCA team. The season has commenced and runs for 6 months. Please phone Donna Johnson on 5442 2185 or 0418 385 495 to express your interest or for more information.

VOLLEYBALL
Volleyball semi finals start this Sunday 23rd November.
Speci Jade V Girton Setters at 4:20pm on court 7.1
Speci Navy V Girton Maroon at 5:50pm on court 7
Speci Silver V Girton Navy at 5pm on court 6

Good luck everyone!

CANTEEN MENU
The Canteen Menu is now available to peruse on the School’s website www.shps1316.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR FUNDRAISER
Please make sure all orders are back at school by Friday 28th November. We will be sending artwork off on Monday 1st December. These calendars would make a wonderful Christmas present!

2009 SCHOOL YEAR
Grades 1 to 6 will begin the 2009 school year on Monday 2nd February. Preps will begin on Thursday 5th February.
PREP TRANSITION DATES - (*please note change of date)
Information Session for Parents - Tuesday 4th November
There are four Prep orientation sessions:
Tuesday 4th November 9 - 10:00am
Tuesday 11th November 9 - 10:00am
Tuesday 18th November 9 - 11:30am
*Tuesday 2nd December 9 - 11:45am

NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS
This year Specimen Hill Primary School is holding a
Golden Circle Fun Run
Thursday 20th November
to raise money for the school.

Prizes!!!
Children are rewarded with prizes. The amount of money raised will determine the prize on offer. There are also prizes for the highest amount of money raised by an individual student in each class as well as for the highest amount raised by a student across the whole school.

This event is entirely optional!
Children need your signature on their fundraising form to participate in the raising of money.

However, this is designed as a ‘fun’ event, so all children will be invited to participate on the day and will receive a certificate for doing so.

If you approve of your child taking part in the fundraising side of the event, could you please take the time to discuss the following with them before they begin:

- They must have your signature on their fundraising form before they can start
- No door-to-door selling, unless you or an appropriate adult accompanies them
- No fundraising in shopping centres or other public places

Please return your Fun Run money and forms as soon as possible to ensure you receive your well-earned prizes.
Specimen Hill Primary School
in association with the
Primary Music Institute

Cordially invites you to attend a special event, our
Keyboard Open Lesson Day

All parents and relatives, especially those of our present students, are invited to come and see the students take part in a group keyboard music lesson.

The keyboard teacher will demonstrate different aspects covered during a keyboard lesson. This provides a great opportunity for parents to gain a better understanding of the keyboard program and to interact with the keyboard teacher.

Lessons will be held at the usual times unless an unexpected event occurs at school on the big day.

Parents are advised to check with the school or Primary Music Institute on 1300 764 877 if in doubt of the lesson time of their child.

So come and join in the fun on
Monday 1st December 2008
(at the normal lesson times).

See you there!

Canteen Roster

Wed 19th November: Tricia
Thurs 20th November: Tricia, Cheryl B-S & Liz M
Friday 21st November: Sheridan
Mon 24th November: Tricia & Kerry
Tues 25th November: Maree L
Wed 26th November: Tricia
Thurs 27th November: Tricia, Martine & Maree
Fri 28th November: Sheridan

Five-a-Side Indoor Soccer

Friday Night Games from 4.30pm
Flora Hill Stadium
Ellis Street, Flora Hill

All Age Groups, Male & Female
Bring your friends. Make your own team.

All enquires, please call Rosalie on:
0407 675 384
or email
rosalie@vikingsfutsal.com
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