Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting Term at Speci. I hope all had a relaxing & enjoyable break.

Welcome back to Mrs. Campbell who was on long service leave for Term 1. Thanks to Ms MacDonald for acting as coordinator of the senior school for this time.

This Term we will have: School Photos; Sporting activities such as the School swimming program, Cross country, & Athletics; ANZAC Day service & school choir singing at Bethlehem; The Year 5/6 students school camp at Baanya Biami; Work with our critical friend / coach—Alison Davis (Literacy); school incursion; An Open Day for parents & those looking to enrol Preps for 2010; Harmony Day; Hold a Mother’s day stall; NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5); Performing Arts productions and send home Mid-year reports.

Please get involved!

Dates to Remember…
Thurs 23 April - Swimming Program
Fri 24 April - School ANZAC service
Mon 27-29 April - Year 5/6 Camp
4th, 5th, 7th & 8th May—Swimming Program
Wed 6 May - Incursion “Sticks & Stones”
Tue/Thur 12-14May - NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Mon/Fri 18-22 May - Education Week
Mon 18 May - School Council
Mon 22 May - School Council
Thur 21 May - Healthy Brekky & Open Morning
Fri 22 May - Harmony Day
Mon 8 Jun - Queens Birthday
Fri 12 Jun - State-wide Curriculum Day
Mon 22 Jun - School Council
Tue 23 Jun - Year 3-6 Athletic Sports
Thu 25 Jun - Proposed Parent, Student & Teacher interviews (12—7pm)
Fri 26 Jun - Last day Term 2

SCHOOL PHOTOS - Thanks
Thank you to our Parents & Friends committee for organizing the school photos again this year. Special thanks to President Marie Cox who put a lot of time into researching

the best company to go with and to Elisha Scholtes for helping Marie on Monday. All seemed to go very smoothly.

NOTE: If your child/children were not at school on Monday we may still be able to get their photos taken. Please contact the school office 54 435 353

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
The Year 5/6 totem poles are looking great!!
The shade sail poles are being transformed to reflect a value each grade has chosen. You can see this from the poles developed so far by the Year 5/6 students & Kim. The designs have pictures, symbols and plenty of color to convey the meaning of the value.

LEGACY’S 78th COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY
Legacy’s 78th Commemorative Ceremony on Thursday 23rd April. We have put forward a request for students from our school to attend and have been successful. We will be sending our School Captains: Jessikah S, Corey R, Georgia M & Jake S. They will be taking a Regional bus to Melbourne with other students from Bendigo and be accompanied by Ms Bernadette Wright.

PARENT ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS
The School Council is again offering a raffle prize which will be drawn after the 15th May. All families who have paid their child’s materials & the school levy by this date will be in the draw! This includes those families who receive EMA and use the school portion to pay for materials & the voluntary levy.

We have 3 prizes donated by the Zone Entertainment Complex
They are 3 Family Mega passes which include a laser game, skating and mini golf. Each prize is worth $107.00!!
We will draw out 3 families after the 15th May and each will win one of these fantastic prizes.
Outstanding accounts have been sent home this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards will be presented on Monday 27 April.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“The disappointments in life transform us.”
Our children's future in the very best of

Doug Jones
Principal

SIGNING IN / OUT
If children are attending appointments or are collected from school during school hours the following procedure must be followed:-
1. Parents must first go to the office to sign out the child.
2. Then the parents can collect the child from the classroom and hand in the sign out sheet to the classroom teacher.
3. If the child returns to school during school hours once again the parent must go to the office to sign in the child before returning him/her to the classroom.
4. Any child arriving to school late must be signed into the ‘late book’ at the office before going to the classroom.

Thankyou for your assistance.
Di Craig

ANZAC DAY
The school ANZAC Service will be held at 10:00 on Friday 24th April. The 3/4 students will be conducting the ceremony with participation from Mr. Handley who is a member of the Kangaroo Flat RSL and the school choir.
On Thursday 23rd April the 4 School Captains accompanied by Bernadette Wright will be attending the ANZAC Commemorative Service at the Shrine in Melbourne.
On Friday 24th April the School Choir accompanied by Ms. MacDonald and Mr. Barker will also be participating in an ANZAC Service at Bethlehem.

FUNDRAISING
Grade 3/4 are organising the Mothers Day Stall and there is only 2 weeks before Mothers’ Day on Sunday 10th May. We are seeking donations of suitable gifts which can be left on the table at the front office. Some gift suggestions are:
- Hankies
- Boxed chocolates / lollies
- Cosmetics / soaps
- Notebooks
- Plants
- Knick knacks
- Cups
or any other creative ideas.
Thank you for your support.
Di Craig

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
Swimming has commenced this week. Please ensure all clothing is labelled as some clothing went missing. Any items of clothing left at the pool will be collected and put in the school lost property. Plastic bags sometimes break so the green enviro bags are a great alternative – make sure your child’s name is on it. Swimming will be on Thursday this week.
No swimming next week.
The children in 1/2 have commenced their new unit ‘Power Your Life for the Future’. We will be looking at electricity, how we use it and some of its environmental effects.

Corey, Jenny, Julian, Julie, Katie, Kylie, Lisa, Sandy

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a restful break.
Our unit for this term is Australian Story, which is based around the History of Australia.
Students from the Grade 3/4 area will be running the ANZAC Ceremony on Friday at 10am in the Multi. You are welcome to join us.
A reminder that swimming will be held tomorrow. Please remember your gear. They all enjoyed their first day at the pool yesterday.
The gardening program this week has seen the students involved in watering all gardens, potting up plants, planting onion seedlings, strawberry runners and bulbs. The cooking group made ANZAC biscuits.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
It's has been a wonderful start to term 2, we hope that all students had a glorious time on their holidays.
Swimming has started and will continue for another five sessions. It has been a great start and children are enjoying it thoroughly.
Students and teachers have had their school photos taken. It was lovely to see all children looking very smart and having big smiling faces!
We are heading off on camp next Monday and are looking forward to a great camp! Please ensure all camp paper work is completed.

5/6 News Team
Maddison R and Jessikah S
OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PE NEWS
Swimming
Reminder - No swimming on the 24th April. It has been changed to the 4th of May, due to the ANZAC Day ceremonies.
Swimming has begun. Please ensure all clothes/goggles are clearly named.
Swim Dates: 23rd April, 4th, 5th, 7th & 8th May
Times:
11.45-12.25pm—PrepQ, 3/4B, 5/6S
12.25—1.05pm—Prep G, 3/4C, 5/6M, 6B
1.05—1.45pm—1/2H, 3/4G, 5/6B, P/1B
1.45—2.25pm—1/2YM, 1/2S, 3/4J
Any lost property from swimming will be left in the lost property box in the Multi.
Corey Warne

GUITAR GROUPS
Advanced and Beginner Guitar groups will have an extended holiday until after the swimming program has finished.
Lee MacDonald

CHOIR
The school choir will perform at our School Anzac ceremony on Friday and then at 1pm at the Bethlehem Hone for the Aged.
Parents are welcome to attend both functions. We will leave school at 12.30 Friday and return at approximately 2.15pm. Please make sure that all choir members are in perfect school uniform on Friday and have returned their permission notes.
Lee MacDonald

PERFORMING ARTS
In a few weeks children in Years 3&4 will be presenting some work in a performance here at school. Stay tuned for updates on the date and time.
Year 5&6 children are busily preparing for a wonderful production of ‘Suburban Circus’ to be staged here at school at the end of this term. They are learning songs and routines for class items. There will also be small group routines in the line up. Dates will be published next week. If there are parents who can help with the sewing of costumes please get in touch with me.
Performing Arts Inc.-performances for the year
May 6 Wednesday 9.30am Sticks & Stones
July 23 Thursday 11.30am Music Is Fun Band
Nov 13 Friday TBA Shake, Rhubarb & Roll
Julian Regan (Arts co-ordinator)

LIBRARY NEWS
All books borrowed prior to the holidays are now overdue. Please encourage your child to return their library book immediately.
Thanks
Sandy

WIGGLES TICKETS
There are still 8 tickets available for a performance to be held on 31st May at 1pm at the Bendigo Schweppes Centre. Tickets $22.50 each from the school office.

LOST
One micro fibre jacket size 14 named R. Cachia. Please leave at the school office if found.

EGGS FOR SALE—from our Specimen Hill PS chooks!!
$2.00 per dozen. See Mandy Pickering.

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS
1st - Trey A. 2nd - Kye K.
3rd - Jacob C. 4th - Taylah C
5th - Karl F. 6th - Kathy C.
7th - Tylah A. 8th - Ron S.
9th - Vaughan B. 10th - Des M.
11th - Trevor M. 12th - Tyran A.
13th - Kylie G. 14th - Logan B.
15th - Karen E. 16th - Heidi
17th - Ethan P. 18th - Grace N.
19th - Di C. 20th - M. Cook
21st - Judd G. 22nd - Paige M.
23rd - Katrina M.

Lorraine Lee Raffle winner was Leah Johns
Money raised went to the Bushfire Appeal
BENDIGO HOOKIN2 HOCKEY CLINIC
Want to learn hockey? The Central Victorian Hockey Association here in Bendigo is running a Hookin2Hockey clinic on Saturday mornings (9.30am - 10.15am) over a period of 6 weeks at the beginning of Term 2 (from 2nd May to 13th June) for children aged 6 to 12 years. For a cost of $55 participants will get their own hockey kit (stick, shin pads and ball). To register or obtain further information, see the flyer or visit www.cvha.org.au/development or you can contact Kerri Wellman at cvha.hookin2hockey@yahoo.com.au or on 5449 3527.

BOLD invites you to attend an information evening about Learning Differences, specifically Dyslexia. Hear Dr Daryl Greaves speak on Tuesday 28th April @ 7.30-9.30pm at the Strathdale Community Hall, Crook St., Strathdale. Cost is gold coin donation for families or students. RSVP preferred. Ph. 5441 8200.

HUGE BABY & KIDS SALE
Saturday 2nd May 9am to 1pm @ YMCA Stadium 45 Mundy St.
Gold coin entry proceeds go to the Bendigo Bushfire Appeal.