Dear Parents,

PARENT HELPERS—THANK YOU
It has been very impressive to see so many parents getting involved with the school again this year. The school Play group continues to go from strength to strength. Our Healthy school canteen program continues to provide school lunches two days a week. The Parent managed head lice program has been conducted regularly to help us keep these pests under control. The Mother’s day stall items are being priced and will be allocated to grades by parent volunteers. Also community members made kind donations to support this event. We also have many parents providing support in classrooms & at sports events.

Your support in all these areas is greatly appreciated by the staff but more importantly by the children who see that parents value the school and education. This demonstrates that we are a strong school community who is interested in children and their education.

Please remember that it takes an entire community to educate a child. Thank you for supporting our wonderful children and our school.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented -

Monday 4 May to:
PG - Dante R
PQ - Jasmin B
P/1B - Maxine C
1/2 H - Tyler E
1/2 MY - Logan B
1/2 SW - Joshua W
3/4B - Emma B
3/4C - Grace O
3/4G - Ellie A
3/4J - Mitchell B
5/6B - Tanika L
5/6M - Maddi H
5/6S - Maddi R

Principal’s Award-Thomas W (5/6S)& Jake S(5/6B)

Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

Dates to Remember...
Thur/Fri 7th & 8th May—Swimming Program
Fri. 8th May - Mother’s Day Stall
Mon. 11th May - Grades 3-6 Cross Country
Tues. 12th May - Bendigo Education Plan (Info. Night)
Tue/Thur 12-14 May - NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Mon/Fri 18-22 May - Education Week
Mon 18 May - School Council
Thur 21 May - Healthy Brekky & Open Morning
Fri 22 May - Harmony Day
Mon 8 Jun - Queens Birthday Holiday
Fri 12 Jun - State-wide Curriculum Day (no school)
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

BENDIGO EDUCATION PLAN
What does it mean for your child?

Parent Information Evening hosted by Crusoe College Principal Ben Johnstone-McCloud to be held at Specimen Hill PS @ 6.30pm on Tuesday May 12th.

To assist with seating please contact the school office (5443 5353) to let us know if you will be attending this event.

Specimen Hill Primary School: Inglewood Street GOLDEN SQUARE Victoria 3555 Ph: 03 5443 5353 Mob: 0419 540 718 Fax: 03 5441 5494 Email: specimen.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Web Page: http://www.shps1316.vic.edu.au
After School Care Ph: 0414068475 Before School Care Ph: 0438062561
Australian Early Development Index – a snapshot of children in our community

Between May and July this year, schools around Australia are taking part in a nation-wide program called the Australian Early Development Index (AEDI).

The AEDI looks at how young children are developing in the years before they begin school. As part of the AEDI, schools around Australia will be collecting information on children in their first year of school.

This will involve teachers completing an online ‘checklist’ – like a survey or questionnaire – for every child in their class.

Summary results of the AEDI checklists will be available for communities based on whole groups of children in a way that means no one will be able to identify individual children. The findings will provide communities with a snapshot of young children’s development. This will help communities understand how their children are developing and where improvements can be made to give children the best start in life.

Parents will receive more information about our school’s involvement in the AEDI in the coming weeks. You can find out more about the AEDI at www.aedi.org.au

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
“People who have health have hope and people who have hope have everything.”
So ................... Look after your health! (healthy eating & get active)

Doug Jones
Principal

WELLBEING NEWS
Family Relationships
Whenever there are family issues and breakdowns the major factor for all adults involved is to maintain stability, love and care for the children.

Informing the school - Di Craig, Bernadette or classroom teachers of the family situation is extremely important so that we can support the children and families at this time. In these situations school can be the one environment which remains the same throughout instability and it is important that we work together to maintain this.

Trauma and Hardships
From time to time individuals and families can experience difficulties including trauma and hardship in their lives. When a family is dealing with such an experience it has a huge impact on every member of the family. The way people deal with and cope with the situation is different for each individual. But there are many common behaviours that we see quite regularly such as:

- Bedwetting
- Acting out
- More challenging behaviour
- Violent behaviour
- Telling lies
- A sense of sadness or being worthless
- Poor academic performance
- Be withdrawn
- Issues with friendships
- Parentified behaviour in children

If your family or your child/ren are responding to a circumstance in any of the above ways it will surely be having an impact on their schooling and relationships.

Please feel free to contact
- Class teachers
- Bernadette (Wellbeing Officer)
- Di Craig / Doug Jones
to let us know of any changes so we can assist all involved to understand, deal with and cope better.

Di Craig
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School individual/class photos were sent home yesterday. Any queries regarding your photo please contact Leading Image directly on 03 5250 5436.

Special Orders
Whole School - $10.00
Junior School Council - $10.00
Composite Grade - $5.00
Please place your orders at the school office.

Our children’s future in the very best of
MOTHERS DAY STALL—FRIDAY 8TH MAY
Thankyou to all those families who have generously
donated items for our Mother’s Day Stall. If you have
not already made a donation, it would be greatly
appreciated if you could do so between now and
Friday. Items can be left at the office.

The stall will be held in classrooms on
Friday morning. Items will be priced
between 50 cents and $5.00. Raffle
tickets will be available for 50 cents
with several prizes. This is an
opportunity for all children to purchase
a gift for that very special person in
their lives.

If you could assist with the stall could you please
come along at both or either of the following times.
Parents will be needed to sort and price items in the
staffroom on Thursday morning between 9.00-10.00.
Also assistance will be required to distribute gifts on
Friday morning, as well as collect and count the
money.

Don’t forget to send children along with money on
Friday morning so they can purchase a gift for Mum.

Thankyou
3/ 4 J and the Fundraising Committee

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
Swimming will be completed this week. We’ve had a busy
start to this term and many of the children are tired due to
the exercise and change to routines. You may have noticed
your child a little out of sorts.

Reading and writing continue to be a focus of our mornings.
It is important your child is at school ready to commence the
day when the bell goes at 9am. Maths is another core area
we try to cover in our morning block. In Developmental Play
the children are learning important social skills and
developing their oral language. The children work very hard
all morning which is the prime learning time.

Journals have been taken home which the children love to
share with you and their extended family. These need to be
returned as the next instalment of their work is ready to be
included.

Part of coming to school is developing independence. To help
the children become more independent we ask that parents
drop their children off at the gate or door of the building and
let them walk in with their bags and organise themselves.
Being able to get themselves ready for the day is a great skill
to have.

Children in Years 1&2 have been recording the amount of
electricity which they typically use in their home over the
period of a week. Could these tables be returned to their
class by Friday.

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

SENIOR NEWS

Grade 3/4
Everyone is enjoying the swimming program and
developing new skills. We have two days left: Thurs 7th
May and Friday 8th May. Please remember swimming
gear. Some students need to bring clothes or long
pyjamas to swim in as well. These students have their
lessons in the big pool.
A reminder that Friday is Mother’s Day stall.
Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will participate in the
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and
Numeracy) next week - Tues. 12, Wed. 13 and Thurs. 14
May. Results from this will be available later in the year.
An information brochure has been sent home today.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
All 5/6’s had a wonderful time at camp, and
are planning to get stuck into their school
work. Thankyou to all parents who got the
payments in for their children and also a big
thankyou to Allan Sing, Lee Macdonald, Sally
Brown and other staff that contributed on
camp.

Our cross country is coming up next Monday.

Swimming will continue for another two
sessions. Children are enjoying the sessions
thoroughly.

Thank You
5/6 News Team
(Maddison R and Elleleanor M)

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PE NEWS

Swimming
Swim Dates: 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.

Grades 3-6 Cross Country on Monday 11th May
(9:30am).
Students need to ensure they have appropriate footwear.
Asthmatics need to ensure they have relievers at school.

Orienteering - Students in Grades 4-6 who received
orienteering forms need to return them by Monday.

Corey Warne

PERFORMING ARTS

Brainstorm Theatre returned yet again to present a
performance for the children. This year’s show was
entitled “Sticks & Stones” which concentrated on
cooperating and solving problems peacefully. It was an
Our children’s future in the very best of entertaining way to promote discussion amongst the students and established the rule NO BULLYING. The show combined juggling, singing and lots of laughs which entertained as well as educated.

In a few weeks children in Years 3&4 will be presenting some work in a performance here at school. We will be sharing choral and dramatic pieces we have been rehearsing. Stay tuned for updates on the date and time. Help is required to assist with the costuming of the Yr 5&6 Production. Parents /grandparents who are able to help with cutting, sewing & finishing of garments, please contact me urgently. I wish to hold a meeting explaining what needs to be done and for people to share how they can help.

Children in Years 1&2 are working around a theme about ‘Structures’. We have been designing, making, drawing and photographing structures. Next we plan to construct cubbies using sheets, blankets, pillows, tables and chairs.

Preps have been singing, dancing, moving and making a soundscape around ‘Growing things’.

Julian Regan

LIBRARY NEWS
Listed below are children with overdue Library books. These need to be returned to the Library desk immediately. Thanks Sandy

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LOST
One micro fibre jacket size 8 named Caleb Jacobs.

WANTED
Clean 200ml. Drink containers for the Art Room

It’s On Again

Speci Hill Shopping Tour
Once again Grade 1/2 S/W in conjunction with Bu is running the shopping tour as part of the schools 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. 12 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 10th, 2009
Cost : $55.00

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.

See Mrs Smart, Kaye at the office Or Bu Turpie in the Art room
WIGGLES TICKETS
There are still tickets available for a performance of the Wiggles to be held on 31st May at 1pm at the Bendigo Schweppes Centre. Tickets $22.50 each from the school office.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS
After School Care operates from 3.15pm - 6.00pm
Please ring Rachel on 0414 068 475 for Bookings/ Cancellations.
Please note that ASC is fully booked on Fridays unless a permanent booking cancels.

Program:
Thurs. 7th May - Soup & Bread / Computer Activities
Fri. 8th May - Chips / Movie
Mon. 11th May - Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows / Quiet Play
Tues. 12th May - Fruit / Free Play
Wed. 13th May - Saladas / Games: Outside Play

Before School Care operates from 6.30am - 8.40am. Please ring Anika on 0438 062 561 for bookings

COMMUNITY NOTICES
After School Tutoring and Homework
After school tutoring and homework help is available at the Kangaroo Flat Community House, 25 Woolcock Ave., Kangaroo Flat for students Prep to Year 10. For details phone the office on 5447 9687 or call Michael directly on 0413 116 096.

GOLDEN SQUARE KINDERGARTEN INC.
2010 Kindergarten Enrolments
Parents wishing to enroll children for preschool in 2010 should collect an enrolment form from any kindergarten.
GOLDEN SQUARE KINDERGARTEN provides both SESSIONAL and LONG DAY programs.
LONG DAY (open from 7.45 - 5.45) is a great option for working parents.
LONG DAY enrolments are ONLY available from Golden Square Kindergarten.
Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend one of our information evenings to discover more about our program.

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 6:00-7:00
OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY
Parents are welcome to visit or phone for more details.

KANGAROO FLAT PRE-SCHOOL
Enrolment forms for kindergarten in 2010 are now available from Kangaroo Flat Pre-School, Carpenter Street, Kangaroo Flat. Phone 5447 7675. Please feel free to drop in and meet the teachers, have a look through our centre and collect Kinder information regarding session times and fees. Pre-kinder program also available. Applications for the first allocation close on June 30th 2009 and must be sent to LMPA by the 30th June 2009.