Family Name:
Dear Parents,

PARENT ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS
The School Council is again offering a raffle prize which will be drawn next Monday!!

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.

FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR TERM 2
Thank you to 3/4 Jackson for organizing the Mother’s Day stall last week and to all those wonderful families who donated items for the stall. We had an excellent group of parents who wrapped & priced the gifts and ensured they were distributed around the school. Thankyou also to Martine for oranising donations from Lorraine Lee Linen towards the raffle. We raised $1039.00 and provided lovely gifts for our mums. I hope all had a great Mother’s day!
Our Fundraising target for Term 2 is to purchase the annual use of a school wide online Mathematic program call Mathletics. This program is available at school but is also available to students anywhere in the world—online. (See more details about Mathletics in this newsletter)

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented - Monday 11 May to:
PG - Ella F
PQ - Tahliah C
P/1B - Reece L
1/2 H - Shania B
1/2 MY - Tabitha W
1/2 SW - Nakiya W
3/4B - Brandyn M
3/4C - Thomas G
3/4G - Jacob C
3/4J - Poppie KB
5/6B - Indiana P
5/6M - Mikhaela C

Principal's Award - Sean B (PG)

Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

Dates to Remember…
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 - Orienteering Group Excursion
Wed 27 May - Zone Cross Country
Mon 8 Jun - Queens Birthday Holiday
Fri 12 Jun - State-wide Curriculum Day (no school)
Wed 17 Jun - Grade 3 & 4 Performance
Mon 22 Jun - School Council
Thu 25 Jun - Proposed Parent, Student & Teacher interviews (12—7pm)
Fri 26 Jun - Last day Term 2

NAPLAN
This week students in Years 3 & 5 have been undertaking the National Assessment Program for Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN). Upon completion of the NAPLAN all material is sent away for external assessment. Parents and teachers will receive a report later in the year in relation to this assessment of reading, Writing, Spelling, Language conventions & Numeracy (Maths). This is a ‘snap shot’ of the children’s skills on that particular day and should be seen in conjunction with the ongoing assessment of the classroom teacher.
Further information can be accessed at the web site www.naplan.edu.au

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
For all to continue to work on Getting Along better.
Remember to Keep Naming It until the behaviour stops!
Doug Jones
Principal
FUNDRAISING NEWS
Thankyou to Martine Abbas and the wonderful group of parents who organised the Mother’s Day stall last week. Also a special thanks to all who donated gifts for the stall. It was a great success with a total of about $1039.00 raised.

Below is the Fundraising Timetable for 2009. At this stage some classes have not nominated an activity. If there is a willing parent from Prep G, 1/2H, 3/4C, 5/6M or 5/6B who is willing to organise an activity please see classroom teachers or Di Craig. Thankyou for your support.

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Other Suggested Activities:
Slice/cake drive  Engraved bricks & pavers  Raffles
Sausage sizzles  Educational toys  Popcorn
Movie night  Picture plates  Show bags

** This is the year for our School Fair. Those classes who are not involved in individual class activities throughout the year may wish to have a class representative on the Fair Committee, to run an activity or stall or to help with general Fair organisation.

If you wish to nominate for a class activity please contact your child’s class teacher or Di Craig. Thankyou for your support.

JUNIOR NEWS
Next week is Education Week and our focus for the week is around Science. We invite you to come along and spend some time in our classrooms on Thursday morning. Why not start with a healthy breakfast. Make sure you have your response returned early. Friday is Harmony Day for which we have planned a wonderful day of activities.

Oral language is an important part of learning to read and write. Conversations are a vital way in which the children develop their knowledge about how our English language works. Chatting on the way home at the end of the day about what has happened and sitting around the table at dinner time are great ways to provide opportunities for this to occur. These occasions also encourage the social skills of listening and turn taking; Is your Journal back at school?

It has been pleasing to see parents starting to encourage independence in their child. Thank you to parents for taking up the suggestions in last week’s newsletter. Children are coming in on their own with their bags and getting themselves organised. These are wonderful skills to have.

Talk to your child about time: What day it is today? What was yesterday? What would it be tomorrow? Use words such as morning and afternoon. Point out times on the clock – especially o’clock and half past.

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

SENIOR NEWS
All grade 6 students received a letter last week indicating your child’s neighbourhood secondary college.
An information brochure accompanied this letter.

Grade 3/4
Swimming has now concluded. Students had a great time and developed lots of skills.
Grade 3 and 5 students have been involved in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) this week. Results will be available later in the year.

We currently have two La Trobe University students working with us. We hope they enjoy their time at Speci.

Next week is Education Week. Thursday May 21st is Open Day (9am to 11.30am). Please come and join us on this morning and experience “Life as a Grade 3/4 Student”. We look forward to seeing you.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
The Grade 5’s have been busily working on their NAPLAN tests. They only have one more to do.
The Grade 6’s have been working on their Peer Mediation advertising which is coming along great. These will then be presented to each class.
Orienteering is coming up (Friday 22nd May) so make sure you get your notes in quick.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Our children’s future in the very best of
Zone Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 27th May. Please check the notice board outside the Multi-purpose room to see which children will be attending.

The 5/6's are now completing their art work with Kim on the poles near the playground and sandpit area. It was really fun working with all the different colours.

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

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

MS READATHON
In 2008 15 students at Speci raised money for people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Together they raised $986.50 which contributed to the national fundraising total of 3.2 million dollars. This year MS Readathon celebrates 30 years of fundraising. A MS representative will visit our school later this year to present information to our students about the Readathon which begins June 1st to 30th. Readathon registration forms are available now from Mrs. Young. All interested students may participate.

Thankyou
Sandy

UNICYCLE NEWS
Students from Grade 3-6 have been practising hard during recess times to improve their skills. We currently have 14 students confidently riding and lots more on the way! If children are interested in learning and they are in Grades 2-6 a helmet (correctly fitted) needs to be brought to school with a permission note filled in (obtained from me).

Craig Barker

PERFORMING ARTS
The much awaited Year 3&4 performance will be on Wednesday 17th June at 12pm -12.45 pm in the Multi-purpose Room. This will be an extravaganza of singing, choral verse speaking and a dramatic narrative.

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 have been building cubbies using sheets, blankets, pillows, tables and chairs. They have made fabulous constructions.

Preps have been continuing their singing, dancing and moving around 'Growing things'.

Julian Regan

GRADE 6 INFORMATION EVENING.
Eaglehawk Secondary college.
This will be held next Wednesday May 20th in the Music Room at 7.30pm. Parents and children should come to the Wes Vine Hall in Bright Street where they will be greeted by Learning Neighbourhood Leaders and shown through to the Music Room. We encourage all parents to attend, even those who are current parents, as it will be an opportunity to find out more about our new facilities, structures and curriculum and answer any questions or concerns. There will be time for discussion and a chance to meet individual teachers and student support staff over a cuppa. We look forward to meeting with you and your child next week!

Crusoe College will also be holding their Information evening on Wednesday 20th.

AFTER LUNCH SALES
Milo drinks are now available at After Lunch Sales for the cost of $1.

LUNCH ORDERS
Please note that if the school supplies a paper bag for your child’s lunch order there is a cost of 20c. Also Sweet & Sour sauce is available for 20c.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN DUTY:
Thurs. 14th May - Tricia R, Martine A & Margaret S.
Fri. 15th May - Cassandra F.
18th May - Tricia R & Janine B
19th May - Martine
20th May - Moya C
21st May - Tricia R, Carmen S & Moya C
22nd May - Sheridan H

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours: Monday and Tuesday mornings 8. 45am to 12 noon and all day Wednesday.
Uniform shop is fully stocked with winter uniform items.
Sale Items: Girls pleated shorts sizes 4 to 10 for $8; Windcheater w/~ side split sizes 8 to 14 for $14. Girls pleated gabardine trousers sizes 6 to 16 for $10.
Uniform Order Forms are available from the office.
**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

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**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. 14th May - Fruit Platter / Music & Drama
- Fri. 15th May - Popcorn / Movie
- Mon. 18th May - Fruit & Veg. Sticks / Craft: Chatterboxes
- Tues. 19th May - Sandwiches / Fun in the Multi
- Wed. 20th May - Fruit & Yoghurt / Monster Relays

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

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

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.**

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**THE ZONE**

‘Family Entertainment Complex’
1 Gildea Lane, Bendigo
Ph. 5441 7046
Skatezone, Darkzone, Kartzone, Golfzone, Kidzone
Mini Go Karts
Mobile Laser Zone
Big Slide Inflatable
Looney Tunes 5 in 1 Inflatable
Under 5’s Big Top Inflatable
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.