Family Name:
Dear Parents,

HEALTHY BREAKFAST
Thank you to all those who came along and enjoyed a healthy breakfast (and our Open Day) with your friends and family at Speci last Thursday. The breakfast was a great way to start our Open Day.

A big thanks to Mrs Craig for organising the Healthy Brekky & to all our wonderful staff and visiting student teachers who helped out—(preparing, serving & cleaning up).

HARMONY DAY
On Friday 22nd May we had Harmony Day at Speci with lots of fantastic science experiments or activities. All the children were in multi age groups and worked very well together.

Thanks to Mrs Craig for organising the groups and to staff for the fabulous activities.

ENROLMENTS (PREP 2010)
To assist us with planning for 2010 we need families with children starting in Prep in 2010 to fill out enrolment forms now.

Please contact the school (Ph. 54 435 353) if you have a child starting next year and we will send home an enrolment form for you to fill out and return.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented - Monday 25 May to:

PG - Audrey S  
PQ - April S  
P/1B - Harvey R  
1/2 H - Kaylem T  
1/2 MY - Kayne B  
1/2 SW - Thomas R  
3/4B - Aaron RB  
3/4C - Kiam S  
3/4G - Caleb B  
3/4J - Rusty H  
5/6B - Sophie H  
5/6M - Mikhaela C  
5/6S - Becky S

Principal’s Award - Mitchell W (5/6M)
Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

Dates to Remember...

Wed 3 June - Grades 3/4 excursion  
Mon 8 Jun - Queens Birthday Holiday  
Thur 11 Jun - Three way interviews 4pm—7pm  
Fri 12 Jun - Interviews continue 9am—12noon

Wed 17 Jun - Grade 3 & 4 Performance  
Mon 22 Jun - School Council  
Fri 26 Jun - Last day Term 2 (2:15pm finish)

It’s COOL to BE AT SCHOOL!!

SWINE FLU CONCERNS
This matter is currently getting the attention of the media and has already been detected at some schools in Melbourne. This can lead to concerns from parents about what may be in place at our school. At present we have no cause for concern and will be guided by the State Government and the Department of Education.

Should parents have any concerns about swine flu, we have been advised to refer you to any of the following contacts points:

1. Call the Swine Influenza Hotline Telephone 180 2007
2. Call Nurse-on-Call Telephone 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
3. Call your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in
Our children’s future in the very best of


SOLAR POWER FOR SPECI
We have just had our solar power (6.3kW) system installed. The system has to be certified and the power connection changed at the power box and then we will start supplementing our power supply with solar energy. We will monitor the amount of power generated via a Sunskools web site. More information to follow when we have the system online.

ORIENTEERING SUCCESS
Thanks to Mr. Corey Warne for organizing our students to participate in the orienteering event last week. Thanks also to Mrs. Ball, Mr. Sing and Mr. Meehan who supported the orienteering students. Our students did particularly well! These students achieved a first place: David S & Marley D - Gr. 4 mixed, Eleanor M & Danielle M - Gr. 6 girls and Becky S and Isaiah W - Gr. 6 mixed. Mikhaela C and Sophie H - Gr. 5 girls came 2nd. Well done to all those who participated!

NEW - LATE PASS (repeat)
We are starting a new system for children who arrive late to school. Please ensure your child / children are always at school before the starting time of 9am. This enables them to start the day with the whole class (in a settled way). If they arrive late they are unsettled and miss important instruction. Then they are in ‘catch up’ mode for the remainder of the day.

The new system is the use of late passes (an orange card). Children and their parents come to the school office and fill in a late pass and this is taken by the child to their classroom teacher

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Experience is not what happens to a person; it is what a person does with what happens to them.

Doug Jones
Principal

FUNDRAISER
All families will have received a brochure and order form for our latest school fundraiser which is for Bevilles jewellery. This is a great opportunity to gather orders from family and friends and for them to purchase a quality product. All orders and money should be returned to school by Thursday 11th June and items will be distributed by Thursday 25th June. A coloured brochure and more order forms are available from the office.

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
Oral language is the foundation for learning to use language. Children bring what they know about how the English language works when attempting to read and write. Conversations with your children are important. It is through these that they develop their understandings around the way sentences are constructed; the order in which words are arranged; and how words change to suit the purpose or tense. Opportunities to share their day, discuss events and issues and ask questions foster this development. So instead of asking: “What did you do today?” or “What did you learn?” and getting a familiar response: "Nothing." - perhaps try “What was the best thing about today?” or “Tell me about your day.”

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

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Thank you to parents and grandparents who joined us for the Healthy Breakfast and visited our classrooms last Thursday. It was great to see you. Our Harmony Day on Friday was a great success. Students worked well together in multi-age groups on a variety of science activities. We have a number of students competing in the Zone Cross Country today. We wish them well.

A reminder that an Excursion around Bendigo is happening next Wednesday, June 3. Please return notes and money asap.

A big thank you to Mr. Clayton and Mr. Paton (student teachers from the uni) who have been working with us for the last three weeks. They have provided many wonderful learning experiences for the students. We wish them well in their future teaching careers.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
Cross Country was on today. Everyone tried their best and had a good time.

Don’t forget the Queen’s Birthday Holiday is coming up on Monday the 8th of June.

The 5/6s have started their homework task about their favourite book/novel. It should turn out really well.

5/6 news team (Jessikah S and Maddie R)

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PE NEW
Athletics
Grade 3-6 children will be attending the annual Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Flora Athletics complex on Thursday 16th July (first week back in Term 3).
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.

BOOK FAIR - arriving soon (9th June)
Sandy

LOST
One size 16Y Microfibre Jacket belonging to Kiera. Please leave at the school office if found.

SEEDLINGS FOR SALE
On Tuesday 2nd June we will be selling a range of vegetable and flower seedlings. The cost is $1.50 a punnet. They will be available outside the staffroom from 3pm to 3.30pm.

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

NO SLUSHIES ON SALE DURING WINTER

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 ROSTER
CANTEEN DUTY:
28th May - Tricia R, Cheryl B-S & Carol J
29th May - Sheridan H
1st June - Tricia & Cassandra
2nd June - Martine
3rd June - Michelle
4th June - Tricia, Martine & Carol
5th June - Sheridan

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
An Exciting Opportunity for Victorian Students!

John Monash Science School is a specialist science school opening in 2010 at Monash University, Clayton, beginning at Year 10. It is a government school in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, for Years 10 to 12 students. We welcome applications from any Victorian students with a keen interest in the sciences and a desire to pursue a career in this exciting field!!

Monash University and DEECD are partners in this initiative. The combined expertise and resources will help ensure students are able to access programs of the highest quality in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, the VCE and university enhancement.

If you are in Year 9 now and are keen for a challenge, we would invite you to register for enrolment!

For all information about the school please visit the website www.jmss.vic.edu.au, including details on how to register for the entrance test on July 18th at Monash University Clayton campus.

Our Information Night will take place on Thursday June 11th at the Alexander Theatre Monash University Clayton beginning at 7 p.m.

Further enquiries to JMSS Office at EMR, 92652492 or via email on john.monash.ss@edumail.vic.gov.au

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. 28th May - Fruit / Monster Hospital
Fri. 29th May - Popcorn / Movie
Mon. 1st June - Fruit Platter / Outside Play
Tues. 2nd June - Milo & Sweet Biscuits / Monster Masks
Wed. 3rd June - Fruit & Veg. sticks / Cooking: Ghostly Goodies

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

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.

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.

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.

THE ZONE

‘Family Entertainment Complex’
1 Gildea Lane, Bendigo
Ph. 5441 7046
Skatezone, Darkzone, Kartzzone, Golfzone, Kidzone
Mini Go Karts
Mobile Laser Zone
Big Slide Inflatable
Looney Tunes 5 in 1 Inflatable
Under 5’s Big Top Inflatable
and must be sent to LMPA by the 30th June 2009.