Dear Parents,

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS (TOM)
On Saturday we had two teams represented at the Regional TOM competition held at La Trobe University. They did an excellent job with the support & supervision of Mrs. Jackson & Ms Gleeson. The teams were:

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<td>Tanika L, Emma P, Teesha S, Becky S, Jake L, Mikhaela C &amp; Caleb M</td>
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<td>Indianna P, Georgia M, Grace O, Chene M &amp; Deana H, Cassandra M &amp; Megan G</td>
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Thanks again to Ms MacDonald for coordinating TOM again this year and being a fantastic Regional coordinator!

Thanks also to Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Craig, Mr. Regan and some of the wonderful student teachers who helped out with judging on the day.

Well Done!

ANNUAL PARENT OPINION SURVEY
The Annual Parent Opinion Survey was sent out to 44 randomly selected families on Monday 24th August.

If your family has been one of the 44 randomly selected, please complete the survey and return it to school by Friday 28th August.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented - Monday 24 August to:

| PG     | Callum GR |
| PQ     | Ben B     |
| P/1B   | Michael C |
| 1/2 H  | Anthony G |
| 1/2 MY | Taylah S  |

1/2 SW  - Kaisha B
3/4B    - Adam BS
3/4JG   - Josh R
3/4NG   - Nalani D
5/6B    - Georgia E
5/6M    - Brandon P
5/6S    - Baylee Y

Principal's Award - Sean B (PG)

Congratulations to all these Students for their achievements & contributions

ENROLMENTS (PREP 2010)
We have sent letters home to parents informing them of their child’s place at Speci for 2010. This year we still have room for a few more Preps starting next year. Please pass this information onto any of your friends/relatives who have a child starting in 2010.

I welcome the opportunity to meet any parents to discuss our school, the questions you may have and also provide you with a tour.

Phone 54 435 353 for an appointment.

Dates to Remember...
Mon/Fri 24-28 Aug - Book Week—Book Safari
Sun 29 Aug    - Advanced unicyclists event
Mon 31 Aug    - P/1/2—Incursion ‘Animals on the Move’
Mon/Fri 31Aug/4Sept- Literacy & Numeracy Week
Thurs 3 Sept  - District Athletics
Tues/Wed 8/9 Sept - Year 5/6 Production
Mon 14 Sept   - School Council
Fri 18 Sept   - Last day Term 3

THANKS
Thanks again to Maria Humphreys who has continued to weed the garden beds at the front of the school. They are looking even better!

Thanks to Sue McWhae who has spent many hours at school in relation to the Year 5/6Sing chocolate drive. Also thanks to the students of 5/6S and Mr. Sing.
**DAD’S DAY OUT**
Mr. Barker’s Advanced Unicycle group will be mingling with the crowd at the Dad’s day Out at Rosalind Park this Sunday. Come out and enjoy the fun.

**WELCOME BACK MRS TURPIE**
We welcome back Helen Turpie from her recent long service leave. She spent most of the time on a trip to northern Australia with husband Geoff.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**
If you don’t feel like being pleasant, courteous and kind, **act that way and the feelings will come.**

Doug Jones  
Principal

**WELLBEING**
We are working very hard at school to strongly discourage swearing and putdowns. Putdowns are not helpful as they affect people’s confidence and self esteem. Words that we hear regularly often target a persons physical appearance, sexuality or are of a sexual nature.

Our approach is that although people may swear in the home it’s not okay at school. When working on any key issue it is always more meaningful for both school and home to work together for actual change to occur. Therefore we are seeking family support to discourage this behaviour.

Di Craig  
Assistant Principal

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**
A special thank you to Sue McWhae, Mr. Sing and the 5/6S students for their hard work on conducting the Chocolate Drive. This is a huge task and has been managed very capably by all involved. A proportion of the money is still outstanding so could all unsold chocolates or money be returned to school as soon as possible.

**FATHERS DAY STALL**—reminder
We will be holding our Fathers’ Day Stall on **Friday 4th September**.

We are still seeking suitable donations (all items must be new). All gifts can be placed on the table at the front of the office.

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**
- Tomorrow for an 8.15am start in the Multi Purpose Room. All children must arrive at the program by 8.30am.  
- Only children who have already returned their permission slips can attend.

**SCHOOL FAIR**—reminder
**Friday November 20th** - 4pm to 6:30pm.

- Calling all parents, grandparents and friends. If you are able to help out with items or providing a service that could help us with the school fair could you please fill out the slip below or contact Di Craig at school

  **Ways you could help**
  - Woodwork skills
  - Sewing to make aprons, embroidered towels/face washers/headsbands/baby clothes
  - Jewellery
  - Paper/crafts - cards, tags, note books
  - Any other craft skills such as frames, soap, bath bombs, candles
  - Gardening - potting up cuttings, seeds/seedlings
  - Gardening produce
  - Decorated pots
  - Knitting / crocheting

If you are able to donate any supplies / materials or equipment that would be greatly appreciated. Otherwise the school can supply materials for you to use.  
Other support that we will be requiring closer to the date will be:
- Gourmet cakes/slices
- Assistance with operating stalls

Thankyou for your support.  
Di Craig (Fair Committee)

**CLASS NEWS**

**JUNIOR NEWS**
’Animals On The Move’ will be at school on Monday 31st August. Please make sure permission notes and money are returned to school by today, Wednesday 26th August. To be able to see, touch and feed many of these animals will be a fabulous opportunity for the children. Please keep up the reading practice at home. The more practice the children get the better readers they become.

Insects are the next creature under investigation by the Year 1’s and Year 2’s. The children are looking at the features of the insect group and their life cycles.

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

**SENIOR NEWS**

*Grade 3/4*

Just a reminder that the Lore of Flight incursion is on next week. Students need to have returned both their note and money if you wish them to attend the incursion. It is a very worthwhile presentation that students should find both entertaining and educational.

Our vegetable garden is progressing well. Students are enjoying working in the garden for an hour a week. At present, each class is making a scarecrow to go in the garden. We still require some old colourful clothing that can be sent into class or left at the office. If you can assist with this, it would be gratefully appreciated.

Last week students were involved in cooking and eating vegetables from the garden. The stir fry included
vegetables such as spinach and celery. Mrs Pickering assisted students to cook a delicious stir fry, which students and staff enjoyed greatly. Home grown vegetables really do taste better.

Our 21 fact challenge is coming to an end. The facts for the week are published in the Speci each week. Please take the time to test and reinforce these facts with your child.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Judy

Grade 5/6
Could all left over chocolates and money be returned to the office asap.

Suburban Circus. Don’t forget our Grade 5/6 performance coming up on 8th & 9th September. Tickets available from the office at $5 a seat. Performance not to be missed.

Please remember that the District Athletics Sports are coming up soon on the 3rd of September, so could all notes from the students that are participating please come back soon.

Maddison R and Jess S (5/6S reporters)

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PE NEWS
Netball News
Speci Red are playing St. Killians this Saturday at 12noon in one of the finals. 
Supporters are urged to attend.

District Athletics
Notes need to be returned asap.

Gym
Our Gym program starts up in the first week of Term 4. Notes will go home in the next week. Grades 1 & 2 will attend on Wednesdays and Grades 3 to 6 on Fridays. Corey Warne

PERFORMING ARTS
Only two weeks until Years 5&6 will be presenting their major work ‘Suburban Circus’ this term on the evenings of Tuesday 8th September and Wednesday 9th September. Yes they are performing twice. This is a spectacle not to be missed. Tickets are available from the office now at the amazing price of $5 per ticket – same price for all. Get in early as numbers are limited for each night. Staging, lighting, costumes, props, singing, dancing, juggling, slapstick – this show has it all!

Wanted – a pedal car - for use in Suburban Circus.

Julian Regan

The Speci One Wheelers - Dad’s Day Out Event Sunday, Aug 30th.
(Family event at Rosalind Park)
The advanced unicyclists will be riding at the “Dad’s Day out” event in Rosalind Park this Sunday. We will be meeting at the Rosalind Park Poppet head at 1:15pm sharp (pick up time will be at 2:30pm). Many hours have been put in by the students towards learning how to ride and it will be great to see them using their skills out of the school. The event is a family fun day to celebrate fathers and there will be lots of fun activities for the whole family throughout the day. Our ‘Speci One Wheelers’ will be adding some extra colour and entertainment to the event between 1:30pm and 2:30pm.

Craig Barker

CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK
This week is children’s book week and some tips from Julie Urquhart include:

 Read to your child from birth
 Read because you love it
 Encourage your child to join in when you read
 Pause to let them fill in a rhyming word or repeating line
 Take over the reading if they get tired, or share a page each, taking it in turns
 Talk about the books you read together
 Set an example, let children see you reading for pleasure
 Buy books about subjects your child likes
 Take them to the public library
 Be Vigilant about T.V. watching - a little is good, but reading time needs concentration
 Try a T.V. free night

Let’s celebrate children’s book week and read a book this week!!!

Sandy Young

SPECI SHOPPING TOUR
Saturday 10th October
Cost $55.00
There are still 6 seats available. Bring along your friends/family and have a great day out. Full payment of $55 per adult and $27.50 per student is due 11th September.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM & BENDIGO CONTINENCE CLINIC
Invite all parents, teachers & carers to a FREE information evening on Bedwetting, Day Wetting, Soiling on 2nd September 2009 from 7pm to 8.30pm (light supper provided) at DHS Building, Cnr. Edwards & Queen Street, Bendigo.

2009 MEN’S HEALTH WEEK
A ‘Calendar of Events’ starting 29th August to 5th September.
For more information phone Bendigo Community Health Services on 5434 4330.

GOLDEN SQUARE CRICKET CLUB
Golden Square Cricket Club is holding their Junior registration night on Friday 28th August from 4.30pm - 6.00pm at the Wade St oval.
Any prospective players interested in playing under 9, 11,13,15 and 17 are urged to attend.
Fees are Under 9’s $60
Fees for under 11-17’s are $70 per child or $130 per family.
Golden Square also require coaches for their under 11,13 and 15 teams. Assistance with gaining Level 1 coaching accreditation can be provided. A Working with Children Check will be required for all Coaches/Managers.

For further information, please contact Paul Abbott on 0417 334 887 or Craig Blencowe on 0418549969

JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS
WHERE: Table Tennis/Badminton Stadium Victoria Street, Eaglehawk.
WHEN: Friday nights at 7pm. Finish around 9pm.
SEASON: Junior seasons run with school terms.
FEES: Registration $5 per school term plus $3 playing fees each night.
NEED: Rubber soled shoes. Bats available to borrow and balls provided.
CONTACT: Supervisor John Connor 54471002 Or call Stadium on 54461839 on Friday nights.

KEYBOARD OPEN LESSON DAY

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 14th September 2009 (at the normal lesson times).
See you there!
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

Canteen News
A reminder that there will no After Lunch Sales for the remainder of this term

AND
THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPT.