Dear Parents,

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to all the families who donated goods for the Annual Father’s Day Stall. A big thank you to the grades who organized the Father’s Day stall. They are: Grade Prep Gould, 1/2 Heard & 3/4 Campbell—A Special Thanks to the parents from these grade who have done a lot of sorting wrapping & buying of goods. They are: Marg Sherriff, Tracey McSween, Christie Harris, Claire Bell, Heather Snell, Cheryl Brown-Sarre, Jenelle Pollard, Kylie Evans & Sheridan Reid. They have all spent many hours at school to ensure we have plenty of quality items and child friendly prices.

I hope all the father’s enjoy their gifts and have a great day on Sunday.

Our next fundraiser has started thanks to Prep Gould & 3/4 Campbell and especially Heather Snell. It is Gift Card kits (cards, paper & wrapping materials).

DAD’S DAY OUT
Thanks to Mr. Barker’s Advanced Unicycle group who mingled with the crowd at the Dad’s Day Out at Rosalind Park last Sunday. They were: David, Josie, Kayley, Bailey, Thomas, Shelby, Jake, Jayden, Isaiah, Amy, Tahlia, Aaron, Alyssa, Brooke, Dacoda, Mitchell & Brittany.

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 ASAP. (They were due back last Friday). The data is important to help us to further develop our school.

Thank you to those families who have completed the survey and returned it.

LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK
What a great week of activities!!!
I would like to again express thanks to our staff for organizing so many fantastic activities for our students. A special thanks to Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Craig & Mr. Regan.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented -
Tuesday 1 September to:
PG - Tyron A
PQ - Aleisha G
P/1B - Antonio C
1/2 H - Kaylem T
1/2 MY - Makayla H
1/2 SW - Dylan B
3/4B - Dominic R
3/4JG - Macee F
3/4NG - Mitchell C
3/4J - Jacob HH
5/6B - Connor L
5/6M - Emma P
5/6S - Rhys DN

Principal's Award - Jake S (5/6M)
Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

WORKING BEE - Sunday 13 Sept.
Please make some time to come along and help us on Sunday Sept. 13 at the School Working Bee. It starts at 9:00am and will conclude at 12:30pm with a pizza lunch for all. Even if you can only spare an hour of your time it all helps! We are getting the school ready for spring. Jobs will include - installing new vegetable beds; installing some seats; installing the rest of the front watering system; sowing some lawn seed and pruning roses & trees.
During the Term 3 vacation break I have organized for our cover over the basketball court to be install—this is a big project which is 36 X 21 meters! and 5.5 meters tall. We are also getting quotes on new shade areas as well as the replacement of old shade sails.

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…**

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**PICKING UP CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL**

A reminder to parents that after school we have teachers on duty to support students as they leave for home. **This duty finishes at 3:30pm** and any children who have not been picked up at this stage must come to the office until the person taking them home arrives. Children are not allowed to be in the yard (unsupervised) after this time. That means children are not allowed to play on the playground equipment while they wait for parents unless the parents are directly supervising them at the play ground. Staff often have meetings after school and are required to attend them from 3:30pm.

Your cooperation with this matter is appreciated.

**ZONE ATHLETICS**

Good luck to all the children attending the Zone Athletics’ day tomorrow. Thank you to Mr. Warne for co-ordinating the event and to staff for their support.

**WELCOME**

We welcome Maddi, Laine back to Speci and Jonah who started Prep this year.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Regardless of how little you have, you can always give comfort & encouragement.

Doug Jones
Principal

**PARKING**

Please do not park in the disabled parking bay or park there to drop children off. **Disabled parking bay and turning circles need to be kept clear at all times.**

**FATHERS DAY STALL**

We will be holding our Fathers’ Day Stall this Friday morning. Gifts will be priced from 50c to $5. There will also be 20 raffle prizes—tickets 50c ea.

**NUMERACY & LITERACY WEEK**

Some wonderful things have been happening this week during Numeracy and Literacy week. Some of the activities are:-

- **Stamp Competition**—children will design a stamp around their favourite book/character. Judged and displayed in the MPR on Friday.
- **Guess the lollies in the jar.**
- **Department 1/2 hour readathons in the MPR room.**
- **One hour of maths games in each classroom.**
- **Matching the teacher to their favourite book.**
- **A 4 leaf clover. Write about what luck it is going to bring you.**
- **Find some favourite quotes or sayings from books / stories.**

Don’t forget **Footy Colours Day** this Friday 4th September.

Children need to come along dressed in their favourite footy team colours (for a gold coin donation). There will be Hot Dogs and cordial for lunch. (Any late lunch orders accepted tomorrow—$2 hot dog + cordial).

The big draw for the Literacy Numeracy Week good behaviour raffle tickets issued to children throughout the week will take place during the last 1/2 hour on Friday - following the fun movie afternoon. Mrs. Jackson has created some fabulous prizes focussing on numeracy and literacy activities.

The challenge to all parents this week is to share your favourite children’s book with your child/children at home. Also come along to school and have a guess at the match the staff member with their favourite book (situated on the MPR window). See Mr. Regan for entry forms. This competition is keeping us all guessing!

**Have fun and keep reading.**
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/headbands/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’ were greeted with great excitement on Monday. They brought with them a wonderful menagerie of animals. In the farmyard section the children were able to pat, hold, and feed a variety of domestic animals such as calf, pig, goat, sheep, hens, rooster, guinea pigs & rabbits. In the multi-purpose room they were able to view some Australian Native animals and learned some interesting facts about them. Amongst these were a wombat, wallaby, ringtail possum, bush-tail possum, tawny frog mouth owl, parrots, crocodile, lizard, and snake.
Corey, Jenny, Julian, Julie, Katie, Kylie, Lisa, Sandy, Teresa

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
A busy week has been had in all classrooms. Students have been involved in numeracy and literacy activities throughout the week. Thankyou to those parents who have volunteered to read to classes on Thursday morning.

A reminder to those students from the 3 /4 area who have been chosen to participate in the District Athletics Carnival to make sure they arrive at school both on time and properly prepared for the day. We wish them luck and hope they enjoy their day.

Today Peter and Anne from Lore of Flight presented an incursion about flight to all Year 3 /4 students. Students enjoyed Peter’s sense of humour as well as learning a lot about flight. Please take the time to discuss the incursion with your child.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Judi

Grade 5/6
Don't forget that the 5/6 performance is next week on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Just a reminder that chocolate money needs to be back ASAP.

The grade 6's had to do a netbook test this week.

Districts athletics is coming up on Thursday so bring your running shoes for that and make sure you have plenty of water and a jumper.

Have a great week
Maddison & Jessikah

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PE NEWS
Twilight Netball
Students who didn’t play in the winter season will need to pay fees at the Netball office.

District Athletics
Thursday 3rd September at Flora Hill Athletics Track.
Supporters are most welcome.
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

BOOKCLUB
All orders need to be returned by Tuesday September 8th. No late orders accepted.
Thank you
Sandy

MS READaTHON
A big thank you to the families and friends who have sponsored MS Readathon participants during the 30th year of the MS Readathon!
As students begin to close their books on this year’s program it is now time to return sponsorship funds and collect their hard-earned certificate and reading rewards. With an official money-due date of August 31st, the fastest way to return sponsorship is online with the help of mum and dad.
Students can also return the Completion Form (which they received in the post recently) and any receipt books sent to them. If you have misplaced your form, a replacement can be downloaded from WWW.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 232 to speak to the State Office.

Julian Regan

PERFORMING ARTS
Only one week until ‘Suburban Circus’ on Tuesday 8th September and Wednesday 9th September. 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.

Julian Regan

SPECI SHOPPING TOUR
Saturday 10th October
Cost $55.00
There are still 4 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.

Natalie Gleeson

REMINDER
THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS TOMORROW.
Hot Dog Day this Friday.

GRADE 3/4G FUNDRAISER
We are going to re-publish our ‘Food for Thought’ recipe book from last year and are inviting parents to contribute new recipes to add to this book.
Natalie Gleeson

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS
After School Care operates from 3.15pm - 6.00pm
Please ring Rachel on 0414 068 475 for Bookings/Cancellations.

Program:
Thurs. 3rd Sept. - Fruit & Jelly / Cooking: Toffee Apples
Fri. 4th Sept. - Popcorn / Movie
Mon. 7th Sept. - Fruit / Cooking: Biscuits
Tues. 8th Sept. - Kabana, Cheese & Biscuits / Fun in the Multi
Wed. 9th Sept. - Fruit Platter / Craft: Prop Making

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES
MEET ANDY GRIFFITHS - Children’s author will be at Big W on Thursday 3rd September from 4pm.

BENDIGO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHOOL PRESENTS—ALL WARES NIGHT
Where: Lockwood Road, Kangaroo Flat
When: Thursday 10th September @ 6:30pm.
Auction concludes at 8pm.
How: Gold coin donation. Free tea, coffee and cordial available, plus free entry into raffle. BBQ and soft drinks available for purchase.
Why: To raise funds to support programs at the school, including play equipment, physical therapies, and communication systems.
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