Dear Parents,

NETBALL SUCCESS
Well done to our Speci Purple netball students who won their grand final on the weekend. The team was made up of Bronte M, Shaniah C, Makaelah C, Becky S, Chloe L, Tanika L, Nejmeh A & Tara C And their coach was Sue McLean. Special thanks to all the parents who give up their time to coach all the Speci teams and to Mr. Warne who coordinates all of the teams.

SUNSMART—Hats for Term 4
Parents are advised that in Term 4 we require students to be SunSmart. Parents are encouraged to check conditions and if UV levels are going to be high—apply SPF 30+ sunscreen. Broad brimmed hats must be worn by all students in term 4. If practical the use of wrap-around sunglasses (marked AS1067) should be worn. This will help minimize the risk of skin & eye damage and skin cancer. Parents can access the SunSmart website at www.sunsmart.com.au/ and click on Today’s UV levels or look at the UV alert in the weather section of the daily newspapers.

LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS
Some of our teaching staff will be taking long service leave.
Mrs. Jackson has been on long service leave this week but will be back at the start of Term 4. Mrs. Brown will be taking long service leave in the first two weeks of Term 4 and will be replaced by Ms. Lucy Spalding. Mrs. Craig will be taking long service from the third week of Term 4 for 6 weeks. Mrs. Jackson has been appointed as Acting Assistant Principal for this time. I wish all these teachers well for their respective breaks.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented - Tuesday 14 September to:
PG - Darcy R
PQ - Jacob C
P/1B - Trey A
1/2 H - William M & James H

1/2 MY - Chantel S
1/2 SW - Chelsea C
3/4B - Blake M
3/4JG - Emma B
3/4NG - Laine G
3/4J - Jacob HH
5/6B - Ben N
5/6M - Caleb M
5/6S - Keith S

Principal’s Award—Lachlan M (PQ)
Congratulations to all these Students for their achievements & contributions

Dates to Remember...
Fri 18 Sept - Last day Term 3 (2:15pm finish)
Term 4
Mon 5 Oct - First Day Term 4
Wed 7th, 14th, 21st Oct & 4th Nov - Grades 1 & 2 Gym
Fri 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th - Grades 3-6 Gym
Mon 12 Oct - Zone Athletics

WORKING BEE - Thanks!
Thank you to the staff, parents & students who attended our working bee last Sunday (13.09.09) We completed some gardening (including new garden beds, extending our watering system, lawn mowing / trimming and spreading of mulch / bark behind the Art room and along garden paths. We also installed our old flag pole. This pole was previously powdered coated in a silver /grey and has now been put in place near our existing pole.
Thank you to all those who came along and helped us get these jobs done! Your contribution is appreciated and makes a difference to our school. A Special thank you to Mrs. Mandy Pickering (School Council convener—physical environment) for having everything so well organised!

Thanks again to the families and individual parents who were able to attend.
They were:
Mandy Pickering, Sherriff family, Humphreys family, Lock family, Rogers family, Moon family,
Ford family including grandparents Donna & Allan as well as uncle Chris, Narelle Waldron, Tony Brown. Also to: Corey Warne (Georgia), Katie Heard & Di Craig.

**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

**PICKING UP CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL**
(reminder)
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.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**
The Constitution only guarantees the American people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.

Benjamin Franklin

Doug Jones
Principal

**FUNDRAISING**
Orders and money for the cards/wrapping paper fundraiser must be returned by tomorrow so that the orders can be processed over the school holidays. All orders will be returned to the school during the first week in Term 4. Take the time to peruse the fabulous cards and paper available - cards which would appeal to all interests and ages. Thank you to Heather Snell and 3/4C for their support of this fundraiser.

**WELLBEING**
The holiday period would be a great time to practice the following key values for Australian Schooling.

1. Care and compassion - care for self and others.
2. Doing your best - try hard and pursue excellence.
3. Fair Go - pursue and protect the common good where all people are treated fairly.
4. Freedom - stand up for the rights of others.

5. Honesty and trustworthiness - be honest, sincere and seek the truth.
6. Integrity - act in a moral and ethical manner.
7. Respect - treat others with consideration and respect others point of view.
8. Responsibility - be accountable for one’s own actions, resolve differences in a peaceful way, take care of the environment.
9. Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion - be aware of others and their culture, accept diversity.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone happy and safe in Term 4.

Di Craig.
Wellbeing Co-ordinator

**BREAKFAST PROGRAM**
- Tomorrow for an 8.15am start in the Multi Purpose Room. All children must arrive at the program by 8.30am. Ms. Heard and Mrs. Smart will be assisting us tomorrow.
- 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
The children have had a very busy term and have worked extremely hard. They are completing their investigations and dioramas in readiness for a fresh start in term 4. We’re looking forward to our Junior Sports Day in October and lots more fun in our Developmental Curriculum. Thank you to the parents who have assisted in the classrooms this term, your contribution is appreciated immensely.

Over the holiday period please keep up the reading practice.

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

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
A reminder that the Zone Athletics will be held on 12th October for those students involved.
Gym will be starting up beginning of next term - Fridays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th October. Please have Gym notes and money returned asap.

Library books need to be returned to school this week.

We have all enjoyed the ‘Flight’ unit this term. Our unit next term will be about endangered animals. We look forward to learning all about endangered animals.

We encourage children to keep up their home reading throughout the holidays.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Judi

Grade 5/6
Next term children that were successful in their event at the District Athletics Sports will be going to the Zone Athletics Sports which will be held on the 12th of October.

The gym program will take place in the first week of term 4. Make sure you bring your notes back as they need to be finalised. Girls please do not wear skirts and/or jewellery and please tie your hair up.

Have a brilliant and safe holidays.

Maddison & Jessikah (5/6 reporters)

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

PERFORMING ARTS
Years 5 & 6 should be very proud of themselves and their stunning performances of ‘Suburban Circus’. The children performed to packed houses on both nights. The very appreciative audiences laughed, smiled, oohed, ahhed and applauded all through the shows. Special thanks to Ms Turpie, Ms Smith, Ms Whittle & Ms Brown-Sarre for their work on the fantastic props. We appreciate the support of Woolworths Supermarket Golden Square for the loan of shopping trolleys, and from Flora Hill Meats for meat trays. Thank you also to Ms Macdonald for her assistance with rehearsals.

Julian Regan

PE NEWS

Twilight Netball
Starts tonight.
Reminder—Students who didn’t play in the winter season will need to pay fees at the Netball office.

Zone Athletics
Zone Sports will be held on 12th October.

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

Corey Warne

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS
Please check for any overdue Library books at home and return to school asap.

SPECI SHOPPING TOUR
Saturday 10th October
Cost $55.00
Full payment of $55 per adult and $27.50 per student is now overdue. Please pay at the office ASAP. Could Joanne Milsom contact the school on 54435353 re shopping tour.

LOST
One Microfibre jacket belonging to Caeleb J in Grade 1/2M. Could parents please check at home as this has possibly been taken home by mistake.

UNIFORM NEWS
Our uniform shop is fully stocked with hats and summer uniforms. Size 14 Micro fibre Sports Jackets are also in stock. Uniform hours are Monday—Wednesday 9.45 to 12 noon.

2010 Term Dates
Staff commence – Wednesday, 27th January
Students in Grades 1 – 6 commence – Monday 1st February
Prep starting date to be confirmed.
Term 1 ends 26th March
Term 2: 20th April – 26th June
Term 3: 13th July – 18th September
Term 4: 4th October to 17th December
COMMUNITY NOTICES

MILO Have-A-Go CRICKET PROGRAM

Interested parents are invited to read the following details concerning this Milo Program that we propose to organise at the Golden Square Cricket Club throughout Term 4.

This is a junior cricket development program and provides the opportunity for boys and girls to participate in a skill-based program.

Registration for this Program will take place on Thursday 15th October in the Wade Street Football Ground Clubrooms at 4.15 pm. A briefing with all parents will precede the registration and the cost will be $50 per participant.

The age restrictions as of October 1st 2009

◊ Minimum Age 7 years
◊ Maximum Age 10 years

For more details phone David Pocock (H) 5447 7580 Mobile 427 959 070 or Max Grant Mobile 0438-336-832

JUNIOR SUMMER COMPETITION

Beginning 16th October 5.30pm start on Friday nights for 8 weeks. U13, U15 & U17 at CVHA Hockey Complex, Ashley St., Ironbark. 1/2 field, 6 a side teams. No hitting just pushing. $3 per player per game.

Mouthguard and shin guards required. Sticks are available for loan. Contact Heather Scanlon on 5442 6876 or scanlon-family@aapt.net.au

BENDIGO ART GALLERY has workshops for all ages on in the school holidays. Bookings are essential. Phone 5434 6088 for more details.

PLEASE RETURN

Bernadette can’t remember who she lent the parenting books to by Nigel Latta.

The books were:-
Before Your Kids Drive You Crazy read this
&
Before Your Teenagers Drive You Mad read this

Please return to school asap.

CANTENE ROSTER

CANTEEN DUTY:
17th Sept. - Tricia, Martine & Carmen (BBQ)
No Lunch first day of Term 4 (5th Oct.)
8th Oct. - Tricia, Carol & Margaret

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. 17th Sept. - Fruit & Yoghurt / ASC Puppet Show
Fri. 18th Sept. - Popcorn / Movie
Mon. 5th Oct. - Fruit & Jelly / Free Play
Tues. 6th Oct. - Saladas / Outside Play
Wed. 7th Oct. - Fruit / Craft: Mosaics

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

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

WANTED

Shoe Boxes for the 1/2 area to make Dioramas.

FROM GRADE PREP Q

INVESTIGATIONS

In investigations I do writing and I play doctors. 

By Ella

In investigations we play on the writing table. I write a letter.  

By Tiah

In investigations we make stuff and some people made a rocket.  

By April

When I did investigations I did a picture of a puppy.  

By Tiarni

Our children’s future in the very best of