Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another exciting Term at Speci.
I hope all had a relaxing & enjoyable break.

This Term:
• We will have a Whole School focus on Wellbeing for October.
• We will start our school Gymnastic Program
• We will conduct our Orientation Program for the 2009 Preps and conduct a Prep to Year 5 Orientation Program
• Fundraising events this term will be:
  1) Shopping Tour (Saturday 10 Oct)
  2) School Fair (Friday 20 Nov)
  3) School Disco (TBA)
• Conduct our School Fair.
• Send home reports.
• Conduct our Year 6 Graduation

We welcome to our staff Ms Lucy Spalding who will be taking Mrs. Brown’s grade for the first two weeks of this term and to Mrs. Karen Holden who will be taking Mrs. Smart’s place while she is on sick leave. Mrs. Judy Garwood will continue to teach Year 3/4 Campbell as Mrs. Campbell continues to recover from her illness.

NEW COVER OVER BASKETBALL COURT
Our new cover over the basketball court was lifted into place on Saturday 3 October. The workers are now completing the finishing touches so we can open it up for school use. It’s a massive structure and should serve the school well for many years providing year round protection from the elements. Mandy has taken some pictures and we will try to put them on our Web site soon.

Dates to Remember…
Grades 1 & 2 Gym - Wed 7th, 14th, 21st Oct. & 4th Nov.
Grades 3-6 Gym - Fri 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30.
Sat 10 Oct - Shopping Tour
Mon 12 Oct - Zone Athletics
Mon 12 Oct - Mathletics Parent Info. Session 5.30pm
Tues 14 Oct - Men’s & Children’s night 6-7.30pm
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
People are more influenced by how much you care than by how much you know.

Doug Jones
Principal

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 14th October (next week) from 6pm to 7.30pm we will be holding another Men and Children’s night at school.

The aim of the night is for children (boys & girls) to invite an important male member in their lives to come along to enjoy fun activities together at school. The night will finish off with pizzas for everyone to share.

The children may like to invite their dad or stepdad, uncle, grandpa, brother (of adult age) or a male family friend to come along. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

There is no cost involved.

Come along and have fun.

When: Wednesday 14th October
6:00—7:30pm
Multi Purpose Room

Di Craig
Wellbeing Co-ordinator

FUNDRAISING
A special thank you to Heather Snell for her coordination and support for the 3/4C Fundraising effort of the cards and paper sales. The money raised will contribute towards the Fundraising target.

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
- Gardening produce

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)

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.

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
The children have returned fresh and enthusiastic from their holiday break. Remember that we have Gym over these first four weeks.

Teachers in the Junior classes will be conducting state wide assessments in English over the next few weeks. These are tasks completed with each individual child to determine their skills in speaking and listening, reading and writing. The valuable information gleaned from these assessments will be used to celebrate the child’s achievements and future planning.

Mrs Holden will be replacing Mrs Smart in 1/2SW while she is away.

Teachers in the Years 1&2 require lots of materials to help with their investigations including: boxes, egg cartons, fabric scraps, plastic containers and newspapers.

Corey, Jenny, Julian, Julie, Katie, Kylie, Lisa, Sandy, Teresa
Our children’s future in the very best of

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Children have returned from their holidays refreshed and ready for another busy and eventful term. We hope that you enjoyed the school holidays.

A couple of reminders. Students need hats otherwise they will be restricted to the veranda during lunch and the afternoon recess. This can be very upsetting for some children. Please label your child’s hat using a permanent marker. Also, gym starts on Friday. Notes and money need to be returned by this date, if your child is to participate. Also, please make sure appropriate clothing is worn. Stud earrings only to be worn.

We are planning an excursion to the Werribee Open Plain Zoo later in the term. The visit will be focused around endangered animals. A note outlining this excursion will be sent home this week.

You should have received your child’s NAPLAN report this week. The test was undertaken early in Term Two and is an Australian wide test. It is important to remember that this is one test on one day. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s performance on this test, please see your child’s teacher.

Please monitor your child’s home reading regularly.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Judi

Grade 5/6
Gym is starting on Friday. Please make sure you have your permission slips back and wear appropriate clothing. Please don't wear earrings, necklace, bracelets etc. Girls please wear your hair up.

Zone sports is on Monday for the people that successfully past through to the next stage. Please bring a drink bottle to keep hydrated and wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Good luck!

Just a reminder to parents if you would like to help with the 5/6 unit ‘Express Yourself’ could you please return notes by Friday October the 9th.

Thank you and Good Luck to the people in the Zone sports.

Maddison & Jessikah (5/6 reporters)

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
PE NEWS
Twilight Netball
Resumes tonight.

Zone Athletics - Monday 12th October
There are 8 students representing our school at the Zone Sports day. We wish them all the best for the day.

P - 2 Tabloid Sports Day - Friday 9th October
Students in Prep to Two will be having a sports day on Friday (9-1.30).
Please have permission notes and money returned asap.
Parent helpers are needed on the day to help run activities. If you are able to help please see Mr. Warne.

Gym
Our Gym program started today for Grades 1 & 2. Grades 3 to 6 will attend Fridays. Please have children wear appropriate clothing - no zip or jewellery and girls to have hair tied back please.

Corey Warne

PERFORMING ARTS
Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students are busily working on their items for their performance at the end of the year. We have a mixture of items planned for this spectacular. The date and time for the Junior School Arts Share will be announced next week. This term we look forward to the show “Shake Rhubarb and Roll” which will be coming in November.

Julian Regan

Mathletics Information Session
Since purchasing the Mathletics program, our students have answered over half a million questions. Most of this is happening outside of school hours. It is great to see so many students regularly accessing the program and working towards improving their mathematical skills.

Brendan from Mathletics is visiting the school on Monday the 12th of October to further in-service staff on using the program. He will also conduct a parent information session on Monday at 5.30 pm in the staffroom. Children will be minded by teaching staff during the session. The session will be of short duration and will provide information on the program. All parents welcome.

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

BOOKCLUB
Could all Book Club orders be returned by Tuesday 20th October please.

Thanks
Sandy

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.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

KIDS CHARACTER CARNIVAL BENDIGO
A free family fun day presented by the Greater City of Bendigo on Saturday October 17th from 11am to 3pm. A variety of activities to be held plus a visit by Dorothy the Dinosaur & friends. Visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/events

GOLDEN SQUARE EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE
Enrol Now. Vacancies available. Open between 6.30am to 6.30pm. The privately owned centre caters for all children aged 6 weeks to 5 years. The team would love the opportunity to present our centre to you. 92-94 Specimen Hill Rd., Golden Square. Phone 5441 8955.

U10 GIRLS BASKETBALL
Aztecs team are looking for players. If you were born in 2003, 2002, 2001 you can join the team. The team is coached by Speci mum Christie Harris. Games nights are Monday and training Wednesday. Phone 0403 341 403.

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

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