Dear Parents,

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

**This Term:** We have our Athletics carnival (Yr 3-6) on Monday 27th July and an incursion next week ("Music is Fun Band") as well as interschool Netball & Football for the Year 5/6 students. Later in the term we will have Literacy & Numeracy Week and the Year 5/6 production. Yes! Plenty happening at Speci again this term! (see 'Dates to Remember...')

**IT'S A BOY!**
Congratulations to Mr. Corey Warne and his wife Liz on the arrival of a baby boy (Harry) during the vacation break. Georgia now has a baby brother.

**THANK YOU**
Thank you again to Mandy Pickering for opening the school during the holidays for trades people to complete work. We really appreciate Mandy’s support in this area as she has done this for the last few years without fuss. **Well Done!**
Thank you to Trevor Humphreys, Wayne Sherriff & Mick Ryan for installing (extending) pipe work to the existing irrigation system at the front of the school during the vacation break.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**
The Star of the Week awards will be presented again on Monday 20th July.

**BOOK FAIR SUCCESS**
Thank you again to Mrs. Sandy Young for organizing the Book Fair towards the end of last Term and the staff who supported her. Thank you also to the many parents and students who purchased books. **Funds raised will be spent on increasing our current stock of books.**

**PERFORMING ARTS SHARE**
Congratulations to all our 3/4 students on their performances on the last Wednesday of Term 2. Thank you to Mr. Regan for developing the children through the Performing Arts program. Another production is planned for the Year 5/6 students at the end of this term.

**SCHOOL GROUNDS MASTER PLANNING**
Students & staff will be putting their stickers onto areas they think are important for our future planning. Parents can still put their 3 stickers on if you have not already done so. **The list of suggestions is outside the school office.**

**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.

**Dates to Remember...**

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**EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)**
EMA applications for Semester 2 are available from the school office.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**
An optimist sees the rose; and pessimist the thorn.
Let us all see the Rose.

Doug Jones
Principal
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
2nd Semester application forms for EMA are available from the school office. Forms need to be filled out and returned by 7th August. If you submitted an EMA application during 1st semester you are not required to re-apply.

WHAT IS ANAPHYLAXIS
Anaphylaxis is a severe rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Food allergies are the most common triggers for an anaphylactic reaction. 8 foods cause 90% of food allergic reactions in Australia.
They are:
+ Peanuts
+ Tree nuts eg. Hazelnuts, cashews, almonds
+ Egg
+ Wheat
+ Soy
+ Fish & shellfish
Other triggers include:
+ Insect stings (particularly bee stings)
+ Medications
+ Latex
+ Anaesthesia

The most important aspect of management of any child/person who is diagnosed with a severe allergy or anaphylaxis is to identify any known triggers and then to prevent exposure to the triggers.
The school strongly discourages children in bringing along nuts to school. All children should eat their own lunch only and cannot share any food from their lunches.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Junior School Council members will be selling products in support of the Junior Diabetes Foundation each morning (before school) at 8:45am in the Multi Purpose room.
Items are:
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Reminder: If lollies are purchased they must remain in the child’s bag until the end of the school day.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM
Next week on Thursday 23rd July will be the start of the School Breakfast program. This program is aimed at encouraging children to make healthy, substantial choices at breakfast time or for those children who do no have breakfast at home.
A healthy breakfast provides adequate energy for a great start to the day and enables students to function at a more productive level throughout the day.
There is no cost for the breakfast.
Time: 8.15 to 8.45 - children must be in the MPR by 8.30
Where: Multi Purpose Room
What: Cereal, toast, juice, fruit.
All children attending must have a signed slip. See page 3.

CLASS NEWS
JUNIOR NEWS
The Student Led Conferences were a valuable experience and a great way to share information. Thank you for spending the time with us.
The children have returned from the holidays refreshed and ready to learn. They have been eager to share their holiday news with their friends and us. Investigations are a large part of the Junior School Curriculum which provide the children with many opportunities to plan, make and write about their experiences and activities. These tasks also encourage the appropriate use of social skills when working with classmates and develop their thinking and problem-solving skills.
We’re looking forward to an exciting term with lots of growth and learning.
Corey, Jenny, Julian, Julie, Katie, Kylie, Lisa, Sandy, Teresa

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Welcome back to Term 3 everyone. We hope you had a relaxing break.
A reminder to return Athletics notes and money by tomorrow please. Athletics has been postponed and will be held on Monday 27th July.
Our unit of study for this term is entitled “Come Fly With Me”. Our first activity involves designing and building a vessel to safely transport an egg dropped from a height. For this we require some junk material eg. Egg cartons, washed milk cartons, margarine containers, bubble wrap, cereal boxes. It would be appreciated if these materials were brought to school tomorrow if possible.
Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
Hope all children had a good holiday and didn't stay up too late!
The Athletic Sports have been postponed and will now be held on Monday 27th July at the Flora athletics complex. Please make sure you wear appropriate footwear and a jumper to put on when you aren't participating in the events. Please make sure you have your notes back asap.
The Netball and Football carnival is on next Tuesday (for the Netball) and Wednesday (for the Football).
5/6 news team Jessikah & Maddison

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS
PERFORMING ARTS
For those of you lucky enough to catch the Year 3&4 performance at the end of last term would have been enthralled with their poise and control. The children presented their dramatic stories with confidence and humour. Each class recited their poem clearly articulating
We’re busily preparing for the arrival of the Music Is Fun Band for their performance next week. This group perform a range of material from pop to opera. Fun is a huge element of their show as is audience involvement. We’ve been practising some of the songs from the show so that we will be able to join in.

Julian Regan

MUSIC IS FUN BAND
This fantastic group from South Australia will be performing next Thursday 23rd July at 11.30am in the Multipurpose Room here at school. I have been trying to engage this band for a number of years and have been fortunate enough to have them this year. They present an action packed show of fabulous songs in an upbeat format interspersed with humour and crowd involvement. Cost for the show is $6.50 for those who haven’t paid the $20 Arts Incursion fee.

Julian Regan

LOST PROPERTY
There are several plates left over from last term’s disco. Please collect from the school office.

PE NEWS
Athletics
Grade 3-6 Athletics has been postponed. They will now be held on Monday 27th July.
Netball Carnival - 21st July
Footy Carnival - 22nd July

Corey Warne

RECESS/COUNTER SALES
(11.15am Monday and Thursday; 1.45pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday)

POPCORN 80c
GINGERBREAD PEOPLE 80c
JELLY FRUITS 30c
CALIPPO 80c
MINI MILK ICY POLES 50c
ZOOPER DOOPERS 30c
ZING ICY POLES 50c
RAINBOW PADDLE POP $1.20
MOO (Chocolate & Strawberry) $1.30
FROZEN YOGHURT $1.70
NIPPY MILK 250ml(Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb) $1.20
NIPPY MILK 350ml(Chocolate, Strawberry, Honeycomb, Banana & Vanilla Malt) $2.00
FRUIT JUICE $1.20

HEALTHY BREAKFAST
Name: _________________________
Grade: _____________
I give my child/children permission to attend the breakfast program on -

Please tick
Thursday 23rd July [ ]
Thursday 30th July [ ]
Thursday 6th August [ ]
Thursday 13th August [ ]
Thursday 20th August [ ]
Thursday 27th August [ ]

Parent’s signature: ___________________
COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Quick Message from Golden Square Auskick
Due to further discussions with the coaches, Golden Square Auskick will carry over to Term 3. So come along as usual this Thursday, take a break over the School Holidays, and we will see you again same place, same time, on Thursday 16th of July, again on Thursday 23rd of July and we will be wrapping it up on Thursday the 30th of July with a Presentation and a Sausage Sizzle.
See you all then!

Parents Night Out:
A Parents Role in Developing Resilience in your Child.
Wednesday 29th July at 7:00pm at Kalianna School in the Multipurpose Room.
Dr. Loretta Gioccelli will be our presenter for the evening. She travels the world as an Educational Consultant and has a vast knowledge in this area. She has worked extensively in our region so this is an opportunity for parents to hear a wonderful guest speaker. A light supper will be provided. This evening is FREE. If you would like to register for this evening please contact Kalianna School on ph: 5442 1311.

BASKETBALL VICTORIA
- Aussie Hoops
Where: Flora Hill Basketball Stadium
Address: Keck Street, Flora Hill
When: Wednesdays, Term 3, 2009
Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm
Cost: New Players ($35.00), includes backpack, drink bottle, t-shirt, basketball and sweatband.
      Returning Players ($25.00), includes reversible singlet.
Basketball program for children 7-12 years.
Andrea Walsh—Lady Braves player will be coaching, with the assistance of other players.
Registration and program starts on Wednesday 15th July 2009. Please contact Andrea on 0432 347 999

CENTRAL VIC. HOCKEY ASSOC.- Junior Development Prog.
CVHA will run a 6 week development program in Term 3 targeted at younger children to bridge the gap before our current U13 competition). Structured as 1/2 hour of skills development and 1/2 hour mini games from Sat. 25th July to Sat. 29th Aug. to be played at the Garden Gully Rec Reserve, Ashley St., Ironbark.
Bring: mouthguard, hockey stick & shin guards. Spare kits available on day.
Cost: $20 for the 6 weeks plus $2 insurance if you were not a participant in 2009, payable 1st session, 25th July.
Register: Email cvha.hookin2hockey@yahoo.com.au or ring Kerri Wellman, 5449 3527
HOCKEY—a great game for all children and all abilities!