Dear Parents,

CYBERBULLYING INFORMATION NIGHT
Tonight at 5.30 to 6.30 the school will be holding a Cyberbullying Information session for all parents and students across the school. This will be conducted by Officer Neil Crouch who is a community Police Officer and it will be held in the staffroom. The impact, implications and general issues related to cyber bullying and cyber safety will be discussed. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to come along to find out more information about responsible cyber use.

DISCO
A great night was had by all who attended the Disco last Thursday evening. Thanks to Mr. Warne and Ms. Quinlan and all of the other staff who assisted on the night. It was wonderful to see all of the children enjoying themselves. I didn't recognise many of them in their dancing gear! The total raised was $800 towards fundraising. Special thanks to the Henderson family for their ongoing support in providing the venue, The Golden Hills Motel.

THANK YOU
Mrs Brown and members of the Environment committee have been busy maintaining our school grounds. With the recent rain fall all of our plants have made significant growth which then requires mowing, wipper snipping etc. A special thank you to the Roberts family – Jason, Sharon, Tom and Jazy who have been working very hard after school to maintain our school environment along with Tony Moon who has spent time mowing the oval. Last Sunday at the Working Bee Mrs Brown had the support of the Sherriff family- Marg, Wayne and Kiam, the Baxter family- Scott, Jo, Bailey, Tiarni and Bronte and Melissa and Zara Willcox who all worked hard during the morning. Mrs O'Shea very kindly brought along some morning tea to help the process. A huge thank you to all for giving up their time!

WELLBEING
Today the 3/4/5/6 students were involved in an Orienteering session as well as a session on Cyberbullying and stopping violence against women. These sessions, although diverse all contribute towards good values and behaviours in us all.

SPECI FOR LIFE
Thankyou to Mr Warne, staff, students and the community for supporting the Speci for Life last Friday. It was a delightful day and a chance to focus on others who are struggling. Money raised was $183.00 which will be passed on to Cancer Research.

VOTING - STATE ELECTIONS
Don't forget to spread the word this Saturday - if you are voting come along to Specimen Hill P.S. as it is a voting booth. The school will be holding a barbeque which will start at 8.30 for breakfast (egg and bacon rolls) and continue throughout the day with sausages, hamburgers and drinks. Bring the family along.

Di Craig
Acting Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented on Monday 22nd November.

P/1J - Broadi T
P/1M - Kalo D
P/1Q - Tiahna P
1/2M - Sean B
1/2O - Ella T
1/2S - Maxine C
3/4B - Anthony G
3/4G - Jayden A-R
3/4Q - Javier W-G
4/5C - Kayley S
5/6B - Dearna H
5/6C - Jordan H
5/6S - Baylee Y
BSC Award - Georgia W & Cassy M
Class PE Award - 1/2 O’Shea
PE Award - Stuart D
Art Award - Mitchell W
Circus Award - Mason S

Dates to Remember...
Fri 26 Nov - Casual Clothes Day
Tues 30 Nov - Honk Prod. Gr. 4/5C, 5/6B, 5/6C & 5/6S
Tues 7 Dec - Statewide Orientation Day
Fri 10 Dec - Tabloid Sports Grades Prep-2
Tues 14 Dec - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
- Grade 3-6 Gym
Fri 17 Dec - Last Day of Term

CLASS NEWS

Senior Department News
Senior grades will attend a production prepared and presented by Bendigo South East College on Tuesday, November 30th 2010. This will be presented at the Capital Theatre. Please return permission notes quickly to support the organization of this event.

We are aiming to process netbooks for the Lenovo S-9/Thinkpad Mini 10 warranty exchange so that they may become available next week. Please return forms related to this process as soon as possible.

Organization is well under way for the Graduation Dinner. Thanks to those parents and students who have returned indicated numbers. Please make payments before or by the requested date as by then the timeline for final organization is very short.

Grade 5/6 News Team

Middle Department News

This week is another busy one. We are continuing to write persuasive texts. Children are enjoying this style because they can express their opinions in discussions and in writing.

We are looking at the author's purpose in our reading. This could be to entertain or inform or even put forward an opinion just as we are doing in our writing. Even though the year is coming to a close we are still encouraging our students to read at home. It is a great habit to get into.

In maths we are doing lots of measuring to find out the capacity of various containers.

At the end of this week students will begin working on another project in Integrated Studies. This one will be done by individuals rather than in a groups.

We are having two visitors this week. Neil Crouch is going to talk about cyberbullying and the dangers of unsupervised internet use. Jim Russell from the Bendigo Orienteering Club is going to organise an orienteering activity in our school yard.

Middle Dept. Team

Junior Department News

We cannot believe there are only 3 weeks left until the end of the year. The children will start transition sessions next week to prepare them for the following year. Many children are excited and looking forward to the new areas but there are also some children who are nervous and worried. These transition sessions will assist in this change and children will hopefully feel more comfortable and prepared.

We are still waiting for some Communication Journals to come back to school. Please do this ASAP so we can put more of your child’s work into them.

Please, Please, Please encourage your child to read every night to an adult. It is extremely important for your child’s learning to become a better reader. If they are an independent reader, discuss the book with your child, as well as the characters, setting, problem and solution.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Junior Team

REMINDER -
FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT - CYBER-SAFETY
Our school has been lucky enough to secure the services of Senior Constable Neil Crouch from the Bendigo Police to give parents/children the opportunity to learn more about cybersafety in the home (Facebook, MSN, Twitter, etc.).

Neil will be running a short but informative workshop for parents/students on Wednesday 24th November at 5.30pm in the school staffroom. This session will run for approximately 1 hour.

BREAKFAST
Breakfast Club is on this Thursday (25th Nov.) starting at 8.15am (no earlier please) and no later than 8.30am to allow time for serving and clean-up.

Parent Support Group- Prep 2011
Where- Staffroom
Time 9-10am
Date- 7th December (Orientation Day)
Who- Prep Parents-2011
The session will provide parents with the opportunity to meet other parents and have a general discussion around their students starting school in 2011. Everyone is welcome to come along for a coffee and chat.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
GOLD COIN DONATION
MATHS PUZZLE PAGES - Solutions

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2. Mark   John   Carla
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3. Carla
4. John

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SPECIMEN HILL PS

ART SHOW

Monday 13th December @ 3-6.30pm
Come along and see your child/ren's artwork on display in the Art Room and Multi.
There will also be an opportunity for parents to do an art activity run by Mrs. Brown.
A gold coin donation at the door would be appreciated.

GENERAL NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS
Overdue books need to be returned ASAP please. Prep children in particular have books that need returning.

EGGS FOR SALE
$2.50 per dozen. See school office

CANTEEN NEWS
Thursday 25th Nov. Pie day. Orders have gone home Mon. Mon. 6th Dec NO sausage sizzle as mentioned last week. The Canteen will be open for normal lunch orders. This will be the last day for Canteen 2010.
Chicken Sticks (breast) are on the menu instead of Chicken Royale due to unavailability. 6 sticks for $1.80

Canteen Lunch Roster:
Monday 29th Nov. - Tricia & Janine B
Thursday 2nd Dec. - Tricia, Margaret & Hayley
Monday 6th Dec. - Tricia & Kerrie B Last Day of Canteen

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

ASHC Phone No. 0447 788 636. Please ring Leah for bookings/cancellations. Accounts will go home on a fortnightly basis and need to be paid at the school office.

Some accounts are overdue and need to be paid asap.

Program:
Thurs. 25th Nov. - Saladas & Juice / Memory games & Outside Play
Fri. 26th Nov. - Mini Hotdogs / Movie
Mon. 29th Nov. - Sandwiches / Free Play
Tues 30th Nov. - Fruit / Craft
Wed. 1st Dec. - Saladas / Playground

BSHC Phone No. 0438 062 561. Please ring Danika for bookings/cancellations.

**GRADE 5/6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT POSTERS**
Our children’s future in the very best of hands..............