Dear Parents,

WOW! What a wonderful & generous response to our school bush fire appeal. Our community has been outstanding in responding to the collection of non perishable items!! These were bundled up and distributed to the families on Monday & Tuesday this week.

Thank you for your support and extremely generous donations and the feedback from the families has been of how overwhelmed they have been with your generosity.

I would like to acknowledge the huge contribution which was made by the Glenvale School community towards this school appeal—this communities contribution was enormous!

The Education Department held a Statewide Casual Dress day on Friday to support the Bush fire victims. This was very well supported by our students and raised $536.35 for “The Bushfire Relief Fund”. Well done and thank you!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS SELECTED

Our school captains have now been selected. Thanks to our Year 5/6 teachers: Mr. Sing, Ms MacDonald & Mrs. Brown for organizing the selection of captains. They even got the Electoral commission involved and had ballot papers just like in the State and Federal elections. It was great to hear the nominated students speak last week before their peers voted on Tuesday morning.

The new School Captains are:

School Captains: Corey R. & Jessikah S.

School Vice Captains: Georgia M. & Jake S.

Congratulations on being selected and we will look to you for positive leadership this year.

The investiture ceremony will be held in the near future after we have selected our Junior Council.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS—2009

At the close of nominations last week we had one parent nomination and two staff nominations. These members are now elected to School Council. They are: Parent Member: Ken McWhae & Staff Members; Lee MacDonald & Sally Brown.

Congratulations to these new and existing members. I have called for further nomination for the three parent member vacancies. These nominations close today at 4:00pm.

NETBOOKS FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

1:1 Notebook Program

An information brochure has been sent home with Year 6 student for families to read last Friday. We will conduct a Parent Information session at school at 7:00pm on Tuesday 24 February.

More information was also sent home yesterday to support information in the brochure.

Dates to Remember...

Term 1 - 18th February 2009

Mon 23 Feb - School Council Meeting @ 7pm
- Parents & Friends Club meeting @ 2.15pm
Fri 27 Feb - EMA forms due
Mon 9 Mar - Labour Day Holiday
Sat 14 Mar - Working Bee
Tues 24 Mar - Arts Incursion
Fri 3 April - Last day Term 1

Term 2
Mon 20 April - Start Term 2—2009
- School Photos
Mon 27-29 April - Year 5/6 Camp

STARS OF THE WEEK

The Star of the Week awards were presented - Monday 16 February to:

PG - Abby E
PQ - Lachlan M
P/1B - Darien M
1/2 H - Lachlan L
1/2 MY - Chantel S
1/2 SW - Lincon P
3/4B - Rhiannon D
3/4G - Kayla R
3/4GW - Thomas G
3/4J - Dylan C
5/6B - Tiffany L
5/6M - Mitchell W
5/6S - Jayden F

Principal’s Award - Grace W (P/1B)
Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

PARKING AT SCHOOL
Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that this information be conveyed to parents. The have also advised that Parking Officers will be conducting random patrols throughout the 2008 school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

An e mail from the City of Bendigo states:

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school is a major concern to the safety of children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting their children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park.

Motorists are reminded to slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones especially when children are making their way to and from school. Please note that the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing.

Thanks

John Hasty
Parking Co Ordinator
City of Greater Bendigo

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)
Parents eligible to receive the EMA must fill out the appropriate paperwork and return it to the school office after presenting current evidence (as at 28th January 2009) of eligibility. Parent or guardians must be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 1986 or be a foster parent; and submit their application to the school by 27th February.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?
If you have changed your address or phone number - WE NEED TO KNOW! Please see Kaye or Val at the school office or call 54 435 353. Thanks for your support with this matter.

BOOKS & REQUISITES PAYMENT
A reminder to parents about the schools Books and Requisites payment for 2009. This fee pays for the books we purchase on your behalf for each student, at a cost of $70.00. We request that each family contributes a voluntary $30.00. This amount will support the continued development of our grounds & updating our technology equipment (eg. Notebooks & Interactive White Boards). Thus the amount owing to the school is:

$100.00 for the first child and $70.00 for each child thereafter.
We are very happy for families to arrange to pay this off or pay as a lump sum.

EMA recipients (School Share) covers the cost of these items.
This year School Council are providing another prize which will be won by one family who have paid their requisites & levy by the 1st of May. Each family paying by May 1st will be placed in a raffle draw for the prize. (EMA payment is accepted). The prize will be determined soon and advertised in the newsletter—last year we raffled three family vouchers to the “Zone”.

EXCURSION LEVY (reminder)
Last year we designed a single levy for the various incursions & excursions that we have during the year. This means that you can pay up front for those parent funded items (like visiting performances) that previously needed to be paid for just before the performance. If you pay up front, your child will not miss the performance and you won’t have to be chasing around for change on the day before. That will mean you pay in advance and not worry about it for the rest of the year.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Doug Jones
Principal

WELLBEING NEWS
The response to the Specimen Hill Fire Appeal for the families directly affected by the fires 10 days ago has been overwhelming. From the families concerned our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of everyone who has given goods, vouchers, cash, food, cooked meals and other forms of support. The kindness of the Speci community shines through again. All goods were distributed to the families earlier in the week and were greatly appreciated.

All donations still accepted.

Di Craig
Assistant Principal

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
Preps, Grades 1 & 2
Could parents please make sure their child does not go into their classroom on arrival at school before 8.45 as teachers are busy preparing for the day and are not supervising students.

Junior Dept. Team
Our children's future in the very best of

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Thankyou to all those parents who have made an appointment to see us today. We are sure that the information we have gained from these interviews will help us to better know your child. If you have not made contact with your child’s teacher yet, please feel free to still do so, as it is still not too late.

The students have participated in the first of our activity days based on tuning our students into our Integrated Studies unit, I Love a Sunburnt Country. Thankyou to those parents who came and assisted us with these activities. Students enjoyed working with friends from other classes as well as being involved in several engaging tasks. Tomorrow we will be running another session between 11.45-1.45. You are most welcome to come along and assist as well as work along side your child.

On Friday, all students from the 3/4 area will be involved in a 45 minute football clinic run by the Kangaroo Flat Football Club. We are sure that students will enjoy the opportunity.

Please ensure that students read regularly and diaries are signed. This is the best way that you can assist with your child’s education and is considered to be homework.

Thankyou,
Judy, Natalie, Craig and Wendy

Grade 5/6
Grade 6 Class of 2009 shirt orders are finalized and shirts should arrive within four weeks. Our 1-1 Netbook Program will be underway shortly and a reminder that an Information Session regarding this program will be held 7:00 pm. Tuesday 24th February at the school. You will already have received some literature about the Netbooks.

The Gym Fitness Program is underway and children are learning life skills about maintaining fitness. Thankyou for information contributions about your children during the interview times on Wednesday.

Thank you
5/6 News Team

PE NEWS
Thank you to the Banset family for donating lots of sports equipment to our school.

Netball
The school is looking for people to express an interest in coaching the school netball teams throughout the Winter Competition in 2009. Last year the school had 5 teams participating in the GCNA competition. If you are keen on coaching a team on Saturday mornings please contact Corey Warne at school.

LIBRARY NEWS
The Library will be available for children to borrow books. All children require a Library bag to protect books. Please encourage your child to return books regularly. Library bags are available for $2 from Mrs Young. Any overdue books from last year will be gratefully received.

Thankyou
Sandy

BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders and money need to be returned to school by Monday 23rd February.

GARDEN GROUPS - DONATIONS
The Grade 3/4 Garden Groups are looking for donations of—2nd hand timber, straw, cow/sheep/horse manure, wire mesh, reinforced mesh.

WORKING BEE
Our first Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 14th March. We look forward to your help with a variety of jobs even if only for an hour or two.

UNIFORM NEWS
Size 6 and 8 polo shirts are available now as well as navy gabardine trousers. Uniform shop hours are: Monday to Wednesday 8.45am - 12.30pm

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder that our lost property is collected and left in the Multi Purpose room.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS - Eftpos
Eftpos is available at the school office. A charge of 1.46% will be added for any credit transactions.

SCHOOL WEB SITE
You can access school newsletters, permission notes, calendar of events and other information on our web site at http://www.shps1316.vic.edu.au.

FOR SALE
Cubby House (wooden) 6ft. X 6ft. with 2ft veranda. Does need some TLC. Price: $350. Please ring Tracy on 5444 4164.

DISCOVERY CENTRE
Join the...CRIME SCENE DISCOVERY CHALLENGE
Learn about various aspects of forensics -
Date: February 28th
Time: 10am—4pm
Place: Discovery Science & Technology Centre, 7 Railway Place, Bendigo. 
Price: Child $12.50, Members $5.00, Adults $9.50 Conc. $8
Visit www.discovery.asn.au for more information.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAIDEN GULLY LJUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Day for Under 10, 12, 13.5 and 15’s will be held on Sunday 15th Feb. from 10.30am until 12noon in the clubrooms at the Maiden Gully Reserve, Beckhams Rd.
Under 10 fees are $60 and all other grades $105. A $10 discount will apply for more than 1 child.
Any inquiries or if you are unable to attend, contact Peter Mitchell on 0407846500.

EAGLEHAWK SOCCER CLUB
Registration day to be held Thursday 19th February from 4.30-6pm @ Truscott Reserve.
Visit www.eaglehawksoccerclub.com.au or ring Mark Doherty on 0429 949 631 for more information.

GOLDEN SQUARE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration day Sunday 22nd Feb. @ 11-1pm at Wade Street Clubrooms. For more information contact Linda Pedder on 0400 576 814

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FREE CARPET CLEANING
Lyn Letts has kindly offered the use of her carpet shampooer for those who have dirty (smoke damaged) carpets after the fires last Saturday. Contact Lyn on 5443 0025

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen Lunches - starting date to be advised - will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Menu and prices will be sent home as soon as they are finalised.

Volunteers are required to run our canteen successfully. Please fill out and return to the school office the attached yellow sheet if you are able to assist in any way.

Tricia Ryan (Canteen Manager)

UNIFORM SHOP
Hours: Monday and Tuesday mornings 8.45am to 12 noon and all day Wednesday.
Sale Items: Girls pleated shorts sizes 4 to 10 for $8; Windcheater w/- side split sizes 8 to 14 for $14. Girls pleated gabardine trousers sizes 6 to 16 for $10.
Uniform Order Forms are available from the office.
Grade 6 shirts: Order forms have been handed out. Please have these returned to the school as soon as possible with money paid by 16th February.

PLAYGROUP
Playgroup has started in is on every Tuesday in the Multi Purpose room from 9am to 11am. Cost is $1 per child. Bring a healthy snack for your child and a hat.
Tea/Coffee provided for parents and carers. Playgroup is open to any children under school age.
Any queries please phone/see Kaye in the school office
Danielle

SCHOOL BANKING
Forms for opening up a school bank account are available from the school office. Bring bank books and money to school on Tuesdays.

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