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Our children's future in the very best of hands.

Thursday 7th March 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that we are more than halfway through Term 1 already. Our Prep students have settled in well and are now attending full weeks. We have an action packed three weeks remaining before we break from school holidays.

Labour Day Public Holiday

A reminder to all families that this coming Monday March 11, is the Labour Day Public Holiday. There is no school on this day.

School Council AGM 2024

I would like to congratulate the following school council members on their election to executive positions:

- President – David Craggs
- Vice President – Wayne Knight
- Secretary – Ash Eeles
- Assistant Secretary – Kelly Hinck
- Treasurer – Rob Cameron

Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews

Parent, teacher, student interviews bookings via Sentral Parent App and [Portal](#) are now open. Please phone the office to set up your Sentral access.

Interviews will be held for all grades between 12:00pm – 7:00pm on Wednesday 27th March. Children do not attend school on this day, but they are required to attend the interview with their parents or carer, in their school uniform. Students will be involved in the conversation about their learning and goal setting. Camp Australia is operating on this day.

Sentral Parent App Sign Up

Thank you to the parents and carers who have signed up to Sentral Parent Portal. Please phone the office if you are yet to do this. Sentral is our student management system that we use to communicate with our families and provide consent for activities and excursions.

Easter Raffle

Each year at Specimen Hill Primary School we run an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. We require families to assist in two ways:

- Firstly, we are asking all families to **please donate** an Easter egg or a chocolate Easter item. Last year we had over 20 prizes and we would love to beat that this year. Donations can be left at the front office from now on.
- Secondly, we are asking all families to attempt to **sell a book of 20 tickets**. Tickets and the money must be returned to the office no later than Friday 22nd March.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 26th March. This is always an exciting event for the students and families of Specimen Hill Primary School.

Raffle tickets will be sent home in the coming days. More are available at the office if required.

Easter Hat Parade

The annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28th March at 9:15am underneath the shade sails. All family's area welcome to attend. Judges will select winners from each grade for the best Easter Bonnet.

Specimen Hill Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

Colour Run

Our annual Colour Run will be held on Friday 22nd March from 2:15pm-3:15pm. Please see following pages for how to register to fundraise and set up a profile. All students will need permission to participate, you can complete this on the Sentral Parent App/Portal.

Leadership Ceremony

Tomorrow at assembly we will conduct our leadership ceremony. All parents of 2024 Junior School Councillors, House Captains and School Captain are invited to attend our whole school assembly tomorrow from 2:15pm -2:45pm on the basketball court.

NAPLAN

Preparation for NAPLAN is currently occurring in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. As students' progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students learn through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards over time. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities, and governments with information about how education programs work and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN begins next week please see our calendar for the test dates. If families have any questions about NAPLAN please contact your child's teacher.

Family Picnic

Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends Committee for organising our Family Picnic last Tuesday night. It was terrific to see such a great turn out of families enjoying time together and getting to know each other.

Head Lice

Head lice may be present amongst children in your child's class. These insects are a nuisance, and we need your help to control and/or eradicate them. Head lice crawl from head-to-head and may be passed on through shared objects such as hairbrushes and hats.

Anyone can host head lice. Cleanliness is not a factor in whether head lice are present or not.

What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings.
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts.
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck.
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (head lice bites).

Treatment

Please visit the Vic Health link for information on treatment and answers to frequently asked questions: [Head Lice Vic Health](#)

School Cross Country

Yesterday our whole school participated in the cross country. It was fabulous to see our students getting into their house spirit by dressing up in their house colours. Our students showed great determination and resilience on the day. Thank you to our PE Coordinator Mr Adam Tanner for the organisation and running of this event. Thank you also to the school community who showed up to cheer on our runners. Students who qualify to go through to the next stage will be notified.

Supervision Before School

Our school staff are out in the playground on yard duty at 8:40am in the morning and until 3:30pm in the afternoon.

Any students that are in the grounds unsupervised outside of these times are at risk. We ask that if your child does need to be on the school grounds outside of school hours that you, please book them into Before and After School Care to ensure their safety.

Thank you in advance for your consideration as we work together to keep our children safe.

SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 1 Week 2 – Awards presented at Friday Assembly 2:15pm

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Grade	Student of the Week
Prep/One – Room 1	Theo B
Prep – Room 2	Olivia M
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Katie M
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Scarlett V
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Alexis O
Grade 3/4 - Room 6	Cooper Norris
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Ryder P
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Derek B
Grade 3/4 - Room 9	Su Nyar H
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Peter W
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Moo Soe S
Grade 5/6 - Room 12	Chaise C
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Lincoln C
Physical Education	Coby H
Art	Tah Eh P’Naw - Room 5
Music	Ryan Lamb - Room 3
ICT	
Chinese	Law Eh Wah - Room 8
Circus	Izzy G-R - Room 11
Principal’s Award	Hser Eh Soe - Room 13

PE News

School Athletics Day - 26th March 2024

TERM 1 DATES 2024



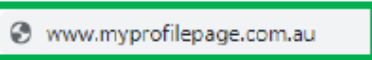
MARCH

Friday 8 th March	Whole Day	Divisional Volleyball – Selected Students
Monday 11 th March	Whole Day	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13 th March		NAPLAN Writing – Grade 3 and Grade 5
Thursday 14 th March		NAPLAN Reading – Grade 3 and Grade 5
Tuesday 19 th March		NAPLAN Language Conventions – Grade 3 and Grade 5
Wednesday 20 th March		NAPLAN Numeracy – Grade 3 and Grade 5
Wednesday 20 th March	2:15pm	Parents & Friends Committee Meeting - Staffroom
Friday 22 nd March	2:15-3:15pm	Colour Fun Run
Monday 25 th March	7:00pm	School Council - Staffroom
Tuesday 26 th March	Whole Day	School Athletics – La Trobe University Athletics Complex
Wednesday 27 th March	12:00pm-7:00pm	Parent Teacher Interviews – Students to attend Interview
Thursday 28 th March		Easter Egg Hunt run by Parents & Friends Easter Hat Parade 9:15am – Underneath Shade Sails
Thursday 28 th March	2:30pm	Last Day of Term 1 – Early Dismissal
Friday 29 th March – Sunday 14 th April	Whole Day	School Holidays
Monday 15 th April	9:00am	Term 2 Begins



HOW TO CREATE A MY PROFILE PAGE

1. Type <http://www.myprofilepage.com.au> into your internet URL search bar



Tip: Google Chrome is the preferred internet browser for the website.

2. Click **Register** to create a Parent log in

3. Create a Parent Log In

The parent/guardian sign up information to create a log into the website.

Parent/Guardian Registration

<input type="text" value="Parent's First Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Parent's Last Name"/>
<input type="text" value="Parent's Email Address"/>	<input type="text" value="Confirm Parent's Email Address"/>
<input type="text" value="Password"/>	<input type="text" value="Confirm Password"/>

I agree to the My Profile Page's Terms & Condition and Privacy Policy

I agree to GoFundraise Terms and Condition, Privacy Policy and Data Collection and Privacy

I would like to receive a monthly newsletter

REGISTER



4. Create a Profile Page

1. Enter First and Last Name

2. Search your Group!
You will need to **type 4-5 letters** of the group's Name for the group to pop up for selection.

3. Select Class

4. Click Next Step

Create a profile page for your child

<input type="text" value="Student First Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Student Last Name"/>
<input type="text" value="Search by School Name - Type Here"/>	

NEXT

5. Select your fundraising goal target!

This can be edited anytime throughout the fundraiser. [CLICK CREATE PAGE](#)



Congratulations!

Your Profile Page is now created for your group!
Check out your profile and make additional edits!

1. Create a Profile Avatar
2. Edit your fundraising story
3. Check out how you can earn bonus donations by clicking the coin chest
4. Share your page to friends and family! This is the only way to obtain donations for your group.
5. Self-Donate! This is submitting an online donation yourself to the profile

Can I create more profile pages?

YES! If you have more than 1 child, you can create additional profiles on the same parent log in.

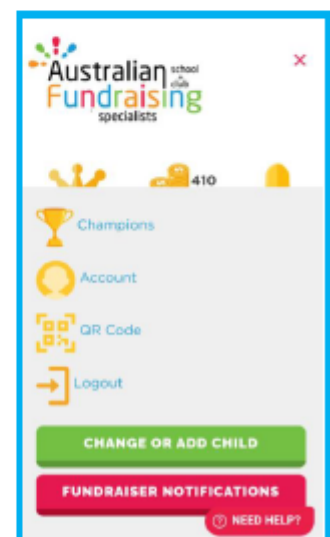
1. Simply click the 2 horizontal lines top right if using a mobile device.
2. Click the Change/Add Child Button
3. Complete the Create a Profile Page again

Need Help?

The team at Australian Fundraising can

help between Monday-Friday 8am-4pm aest.

Simply click the NEED HELP button and pop through a ticket for help.



HAPPY FUNDRAISING!

6TH APRIL BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER



Let's help raise funds for school!

The Parents and Friends Committee is holding a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for school at Kangaroo Flat Bunnings. We aim to raise enough funds to help build a new lost property structure in the yard. Please come along and purchase a sausage and drink! Onion optional!



Donations and volunteering welcome

Please contact Tamara 0488 684 739

Playgroup Meets Here!



A playgroup is a group of parents and caregivers who gather with their babies, toddlers and preschool children regularly for play and social interaction.

Our Playgroup Details

Playgroup Name: Spec Playgroup

Day & Time: Mondays 9-11am

Contact Details: 5443 5353 (Run by Chloe Hickey)

Description: Come & Play in the Multi Purpose Room
Lots of toys and a fun craft activity
Tea and Coffee provided but please bring a snack
No Fees & No Obligations
Bubble time at the end of every session



 playgroup.org.au  [@playgroupvicofficial](https://www.instagram.com/playgroupvicofficial)

 1800 171 882  [/playgroupvic](https://www.facebook.com/playgroupvic)



BOOMERS NETBALL CLUB

BOOMERANGS NETBALL CLUB ARE STILL CHASING A HANDFUL OF PLAYERS ACROSS 11U, 13U, 15U AND 18U TEAMS. TEAMS PLAY ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AND SATURDAYS AT THE GOLDEN CITY NETBALL COURTS.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GREAT BOOMER PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH RACH 0418 995 110 OR NAOMI 0408 056 560.

**TRAINING WILL START TUES. 12 MARCH, TIMES AS FOLLOW:
*11U & 13U 4.15PM-5PM
*15U 5PM-6PM
*18U 6PM-7PM**

