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

Thursday 21st February 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a very busy end of Term 1 coming up. Please see below for the events we have planned in an action-packed run to Easter Holidays.

No Assembly this Week

There will be **no** assembly tomorrow as we will be hosting the Colour Fun Run. Award winners have been published on the following pages and will be presented with their awards at recess eating time in front of the whole school tomorrow.

Colour Fun Run -TOMORROW

Thank you to all the students and families who have been tirelessly fundraising for this event, we have so far raised approximately \$8 000, but there is still time to raise more. The Colour Fun Run is tomorrow on our school oval from 2:15pm-3:15pm, we encourage families to come and watch, unfortunately, we cannot have you participate. The students have also been busy voting for a staff member to be slimed at the end of the colour fun run. The slimers will be chosen from the students who have raised the most in fundraising. I have a feeling I may need to pack a change of clothes and a towel. Students who do not have parental permission to participate will watch from the sidelines. Please provide consent on the Sentral App or by filling out the form that went home again today. A massive thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to provide this exciting event for our school.

End of Term Assembly

On Monday 25th March at 2:45pm we will hold our end of Term assembly on the basketball court. We will present our term awards of Fantastic Term and Most Improved. Parents and carers of award winners will be notified by their classroom teacher and invited to attend.

Athletics – Tuesday 26th March

On Tuesday 26th March from 9:30am onwards, we will hold our annual whole school athletics event at La Trobe University Athletics track in Flora Hill. Students will be transported to and from the event bus, consent form on Sentral App. A coffee van will be onsite for parents and carers to purchase a hot beverage. This event is a House Colours event where we encourage students to dress in their House Colour. Please ensure that your children's outfits are SunSmart (no singlets/tank tops). All students will require a broadbrimmed or bucket hat as well as sunscreen, a water bottle and lunch/snacks.

Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews

On Wednesday 27th March from 12pm-7pm we are conducting our parent, teacher, and student interviews. Please log into the Sentral App to book, there is still time and spaces available. These are important conversations where we can share current achievement levels, discuss adjustments and modifications, and help students set clear goals as well as share important information. Students are not required to attend school on this day but rather attend their interview with their parents/carers in their full school uniform and contribute to this learning conversation. Camp Australia is operating care on this day.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be on Thursday 28th March at 9:15am under the shade sails. The Parents and Friends will host the Easter Egg Hunt for each class throughout this day as well. We will hold a stall for second-hand uniforms as well, these are free for families to take if needed.

End-of-Term – Thursday 28th March 2:30pm Dismissal Term one ends on Thursday 28th March at 2:30pm.

Please arrange for your child/ren to be collected at this earlier time, Camp Australia will be operating from this time if you require care.

Specimen Hill Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards



2025 Prep Students

Foundation Enrolment Activities – open days, school tours

Tues 14th May 9:00-11:00am Open Day
School tours conducted by Student Leaders.

Foundation Information Evening Dates

Tues 14th May 5:30 - 6:30pm for prospective
Foundation students and families. Childcare
provided.

Foundation Orientation Program Dates

Tues 19th November One-on-one Interviews

Tues 26th November 9:15 - 10:45am

Tues 3rd December 9:15 - 10:45am

Tues 10th December 9:00 - 11:45am

During the last orientation session, 10th December, our 2025 Foundation students will be introduced to their classroom teacher, their classmates and Grade 6 buddies, setting them up for a great start in 2025. Information also sent to families throughout orientation via email.

Other Information

More details about our school and the programs that we offer are available on our website.

Our children's future in the very best hands

Smile Squad is coming back to Speci

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in May 2024.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one. The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 1 Week 8 – Awards will be presented to students tomorrow at recess eating time

Empathy

Excellence

Honesty

Resilience

Respect

Grade	Student of the Term
Prep/One – Room 1	Holly K
Prep – Room 2	Kobe R
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Whole Class
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Bill T
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Eli O
Grade 1/2 - Room 6	Levi C
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Owen M
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Bella D
Grade 5/6 - Room 9	
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Lance M
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Maddy R
Grade 5/6 - Room 12	Spencer T
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Eh Klo Kwe T
Physical Education	
Art	Logan B - Room 5
Music	
ICT	
Chinese	
Circus	
Principal's Award	Harry B - Room 1

TERM 1 DATES

2024



MARCH

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	9:15am	Easter Hat Parade – Under Shade Sails Easter Egg Hunt run by Parents & Friends
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

School Photos

ONLINE BOOKING

Your school has decided school photos will only be available to order online this year.

Choose your own **FREE** background



The benefits of being online...

- No need for envelopes to be returned to the school office
- No cash on school grounds or children's bags
- Easy order tracking and record keeping
- 18 different backgrounds to choose from - no additional cost

www.leadingimage.com.au

Specimen Hill Primary School

Access Key

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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY PHOTOS CAN BE ORDERED WITH THE SAME ACCESS KEY

To order your school photos:

- 1 Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
- 2 Click on Order Your School Photos
- 3 Enter your Access Key



Family photographs must be ordered before 4.30pm the night before photo day.
Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.





Term 2, 2024

Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

What's On: Term 2

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

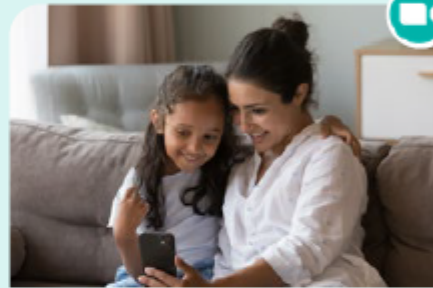
Multi-Session Programs

Tuning in to Teens | 6 Sessions, Mondays

For parents and carers with teens aged 12 and over

The teenage years are among the most challenging for parents to navigate. This program helps parents and carers to build strong relationships and ensure positive interactions with their teens - even in difficult times.

FREE | Mondays, 22 April - 27 May | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Online, via Zoom



Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

For parents and carers with kids aged under 12

Kids with emotional intelligence have better concentration, make friends more easily, and are better able to regulate emotions. In this program you'll learn to help your child understand and manage their feelings.

FREE | Tuesdays, 23 April - 28 May | 10:30am - 12:30pm
In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo



Single-Session Workshops

Knowing your Teen

For parents and carers with kids aged 10+

This workshop aims to provide information, improve understanding, and explore strategies that focus on the strengths and challenges of this stage of development. Look at the latest research around teenage brain development and discuss peer relationships and tips for building and maintaining a positive relationship with your teenager.

Thursday, 18 April | 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Bendigo Library
FREE | Registrations not necessary



Keep informed on our programs across regional Victoria at www.catholiccarevic.org.au
(03) 5438 1300 | 176 - 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550

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)

