



24 November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Week 8 of the term. A busy one and yesterday, we welcomed our 2022 Prep students on site for their second transition session. It is always lovely to see children eager to start their school journey. Class formation is underway and hopefully, will be completed early in December. I will no longer be accepting requests from parents re their child's class placement. All students will have the opportunity to identify a number of friends that they would like to be in a class with, and we will endeavour to have them placed with at least one of their friends.

Swimming

The weather is causing some issues with this program. The forecast for tomorrow is not great and Friday is cold. At the moment, we are planning to go ahead with the program tomorrow if possible. We will make a decision early in the morning when we have checked the weather and post the decision on Facebook and email families.

There will be **no swimming on Friday**. There are alternate dates in December (if we do postpone), we will let you know closer to the date.

Burnside 5/6 Camp

It finally happened! It was so great to have this long-planned event actually go ahead. Staff reported that student behaviour was very good, and everyone had a great time. So fantastic to see this camp go ahead and to be able to have it during these times when it could have been derailed by COVID.

I hope your child/children enjoyed the camp and for our graduating students, it is a great way to finish their primary schooling. Hopefully leaving a wonderful memory for them to carry into secondary school.

A big thank you to our staff who attended camp; Ms L, Ms Totta, Mr Francis, Mr Weymouth, Mr McCloud and Mr Pysing. Also, thanks to Mr Francis and Mr Weymouth for their organisation of the event. At this busy time of the year, it adds an extra layer.

Movember Fundraiser

As you may have noticed, we have a large number of male staff here at Speci. Thanks to all of those families and students who supported the fundraiser for men's health today. This is led by our male staff Mr Broadbent and Mr Hartney.

Dance Concert

This is planned for Tuesday the 7 December starting at 6:30 pm. It will be held at the Bendigo Stadium. To attend, adults will need to be vaccinated and show proof when entering the stadium. All students over 12 years and 2 months will be required to be fully vaccinated. Our capacity for outside events is 500 people and with staff, students and families it would not be feasible to hold onsite. Although it will be a free event, it is likely that it will be a ticketed event for contact tracing purposes. **Booking details to be advised.**

Terms and conditions for the stadium can be accessed through the following link.

<https://bendigostadium.com.au/conditions-of-entry/#:~:text=By%20entering%20the%20Bendigo%20Stadium,is%20displaying%20COVID%2D19%20symptoms.>

Home Reading

Please keep this going until the end of the year. Nothing is more important than regular practise of reading skills. This will assist in minimising the impact of an interrupted year of learning.

Reports

These are being finalised and will be sent home in the last week of school.

Moving on from Speci in 2022?

If your child is in Years Prep - 5 and will **not** be attending Speci next year, would you please let the school know. It assists greatly when organising classes.

Family Finances

Payment of outstanding school fees, excursion events, by the end of year would be greatly appreciated.

Term Dates 2022

Teachers will commence on Friday 28 January.

ALL students – Prep – Gr6 will commence on Monday 31 January. Term One ends - 8 April.

It truly is great to have our students back onsite and in their classrooms.

Kind regards

Wendy Jackson
Principal



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TRAVELLING SAFELY?**

**FREE CHILD CAR RESTRAINT
FITTINGS & SAFETY CHECKS**



**Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre
invites local parents and carers to
book in for a free child car restraint
fitting or safety check!**

WHERE 52-54 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

WHEN Thursday 9 December 2021 between 10.00am and 2.00pm

HOW Bookings are essential. Parents and carers (including grandparents!) can book in a free child car restraint fitting or check by registering through <https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/venues>

Please use location drop down box and choose your venue.

Please note, if you need to have more than 1 child car restraint fitted/checked, you will need to book multiple appointments.

WHY 70% of child car restraints are incorrectly installed or used, posing a serious safety risk to children travelling in those restraints. For peace of mind, have a professional fitter check your restraints so you know your child is safe. For more information about the program, please visit kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/free-child-car-restraint-checking-program

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