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

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **REFERENDUM VOTING PLACE**

Just like at a federal election, the AEC will open thousands of polling places around the country. Polling places will be open between 8am and 6pm, local time on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Specimen Hill Primary School will be a polling place tomorrow.

### **HEADLICE**

Headlice has been reported to us by several parents of students in junior grades this week. We ask you to please take the time to check your child's hair for eggs and live lice and treat if required. Please find more information about head lice and how to treat [here](#).

### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October the whole school staff will participate in the last Berry Street Professional Development session. Camp Australia will run on this day, please see flyer on page 5.

### **HATS ON HEADS**

It was fantastic to see almost all our students wearing hats this week whilst out at play and PE. Hats are available for purchase for \$12 at the office or on QKR App.

### **SAFE GAMING ONLINE**

Online games can be lots of fun for your child while helping them learn and make friends. But there can be risks, like seeing violent content, being bullied, or being contacted by strangers. Thankfully, there are things you can do to help your child stay safe when they are playing games online. Click [here](#) for a fact sheet on how to keep your child safe while gaming online.

### **ENROLMENTS & CLASS PLACEMENTS 2024**

If you have a child in **Foundation through to Grade 5** who is planning to leave Specimen Hill Primary School at the end of 2023 could you kindly email the office at [specimen.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:specimen.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

If there are any considerations for the placement of your child for 2024, that you would like to discuss, please send an email with all relevant information to me by Thursday, October 19, 2023 [jacinta.louttit@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jacinta.louttit@education.vic.gov.au)

Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers as all our teachers at Specimen Hill Primary School do a wonderful job.

# SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 2 – Awards presented at following Monday Assembly

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Grade	Student of the Week	Values Award
Prep/One – Room 1		
Prep – Room 2	Alexis O	Remi M
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Emerald T	Evie S.W
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Billy L	Matilda O
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Cordelia G	Clara H
Grade 1/2 - Room 6	Damon M	Whole class
Grade 3/4 - Room 4a	Olivia W	Levi C
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Brayden W	Harry C
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Zane S	Aiden M
Grade 5/6 - Room 9	Anastasia B	Janae E
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Issy C	Ruby C
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Owen K	Kaide H
Grade 5/6 - Room 12		
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Caitlyn E	Riley H
Physical Education	Tyler R Simon M Lance M	
Art	Junior- Kai Rm 4 Senior -Kyran Rm 13 & Blayden Rm 10	
Coding	Alizah K La Eh 'Paw	
Music	Chloe S- Rm 3	
Chinese	Isabella B- Rm 6	
Circus	Harvey G- Rm 7	
Principal's Award	Xavier – Room 4a	

# Parents and Friends News

## Tea Towel Fundraiser

There are a few spare tea towels left over. First in best dressed. Available at the front office for \$15.

\*This is an example of what the tea towel will look like below. Orders are still being taken.





## Region Athletics Results

Simon M and Tyler R both participated at the Region Athletics Carnival this week on Monday. Simon finished 10th in the U12/13 Boys Discus with a throw of 17.98m. Tyler came first in his U12/13 Boys 100m heat and finished 4th overall with a lightning-fast time of 14.06 seconds (improving his time from the Division event of 14.84s).

Congratulations to both students on a fantastic effort to compete at such a high level. Both boys competed with great sportsmanship and showed strong Speci Spirit! Well done on your efforts.

## Running Club Term 4

Every time a student can complete 100 laps of the school oval, they will receive a brand-new basketball. Please note it may be cancelled due to extreme heat or wet weather. Parent supervision is required for Thursday's after-school session.

**Tuesdays 8:00am - 8:30am**

**Thursdays 3:15pm - 3:45pm**



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OSHC.

Tailored before and after school  
experiences that children love.

Newsletter

# Pupil Free Day



**Date:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2023



**Time:** 6:30am till 6:00pm



**Fees:** \$60.50



**Location:** Specimen Hill Primary School - OSHC Room

Don't forget to bring your  
morning tea, Lunch, your drink  
bottles and ensure you are  
wearing SunSmart clothing!



## Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Register now

## Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 85% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Register free and book now at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

by  Camp  
Australia



Specimen Hill Primary School

Maths

Olympics

Join us for a night of fun Maths games and activities!

During the evening we will demonstrate how we run our Maths program at Speci and show you just how fun maths can be!

Every family that attends will receive a Maths show bag, entry to lucky door prizes and pizza at the completion of the information session.

**Date:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 5.30pm - 7:00pm

**Location:** Multi Purpose Room



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I ♥ Maths



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## TERM 4 DATES



### October

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Prep	Pevan and Sarah Concert - Shepperton
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Berry Street Training</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School	<b>Family Maths Olympics 5:30pm – 7:30pm</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Grade 3 -6	Jets Gym
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School Council	School Council Meeting 7pm

### November

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Bendigo Cup Holiday</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Grade 3 -6	Jets Gym
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Participating Students	Smile Squad Dental Clinic
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November to Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Grade 5/6	Grade 5/6 Camp
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	2024 Preps	2024 Prep Transition 9am -10am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November		Elmore Pie Order Collection
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School	Grade Prep –2 Disco 4pm – 5pm Gr 3-6 Disco 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	2024 Preps	2024 Prep Transition 9am -10am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	2024 Preps	2024 Prep Transition 9am -10am

### DECEMBER

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council	School Council Meeting and Dinner
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2024 Preps and Year 6	State-wide Transition Day 2024 Preps 9:00am – 11:45am Year 6 students at Secondary School All Day
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	School Dance Concert – Red Energy Arena
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Grade 6	Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Semester 2 Reports Sent Home
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Fund Day at the Golden Square Pool – Free BBQ Lunch
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	End of Term 4 – 1:45 pm Dismissal

# Weekly Additional Activities 2023

## MONDAY

9:00am to 11:00am

**Playgroup- No playgroup 15<sup>th</sup> Oct- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
Multipurpose Room – run by Coordinator Chloe Hickey

2:45pm to 3:15pm

**Whole School Assembly**  
Basketball Court Weather Permitting or Multipurpose Room

## TUESDAY

8:00am to 8:35am

**Running Club**

## WEDNESDAY

8:35am to 8:55am

**Breakfast Club**  
Served from the Canteen – Students eat in undercover area

## THURSDAY

3:30pm to 4:30pm

**EAL Homework Club**  
Library with Mrs Manley, Paw Doh, and many wonderful volunteers

3:15pm to 3:45pm

**Running Club**





# LITTLE ATHLETICS

FUN · FAMILY · FITNESS

## SEASON STARTS

Friday October 6th

Ages 5 years - 16 years

### FREE TRIAL

Oct. 14th & 21st

Register now:  
[lavic.com.au/centres/bendigo](http://lavic.com.au/centres/bendigo)

Learn the fundamentals of  
Running · Jumping · Throwing

### ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

**Bendigo Regional Athletics Complex**  
Cnr Cook St. & Retreat Rd. Flora Hill

Questions or information email [bendigo@lavic.com.au](mailto:bendigo@lavic.com.au)

Registration fee \$135



# PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for 8 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**EPSOM HUNTLY REC RESERVE**

**TUESDAYS 4:15PM FOR 5 WEEKS**

**COMMENCING 17TH OCTOBER**



**PLAY**

***Superkick***





# JOIN THE FUN!

**NAB AFL AUSKICK IN TERM 4!**

**Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve**

**Tuesday's 4:15pm - 5:15pm for 4 weeks**

**Commencing 17th October**

**The perfect introduction to Auskick!**

**REGISTER  
NOW**

