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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all families who attended the parent-teacher conversations last week. We had a fabulous take up of this valuable opportunity and which provided an opportunity to share students progress and develop future learning goals.

### **2025 Prep Enrolment Reminder**

We are still accepting Prep enrolments for 2025. If you wish to enrol your child at Specimen Hill Primary School for Prep in 2025, please contact the office at 5443 5353 with your details.

### **Book Week**

The theme this year is "Reading is Magic." This annual event, organized by the Children's Book Council of Australia, aims to connect children with books through various fun and engaging activities. [See flyer on Page 4 for Book Week Parade details.](#)

### **Plans for 2025**

As in all school communities, some families relocate at the end of the year. It is very helpful for our planning and much appreciated at this early stage, if you could advise the office if you know you will not be returning to Specimen Hill Primary School in 2025. Workforce planning for the year ahead has already begun. Prep enrolments and information about families leaving help us plan for the overall organisation of the school in the new year.

### **Pupil Free Day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

A curriculum day is scheduled for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August, Students are not required at school Camp Australia Available 8:00am – 6:00pm.

### **Swimming Program Reminder**

The swimming program will be held from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. All students will receive 5 swimming lessons at Gurri Wanyarra. The heated water made for a much more positive experience for our students last year. Permission for this is via our [Sentral Parent App/Portal](#). We also require families to provide additional information so that students can be placed into appropriate swimming groups for their skillset. Please provide this information by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August. [Click here to complete the form](#), please **complete a separate form for each child.**

### **Father's Day BBQ and Stall Donations**

This year our Parents and Friends Committee are trialling a Father's Day BBQ afternoon tea. Fathers and special males in our students' lives are invited to join us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August for a free BBQ afternoon tea from 3:15pm-4:15pm. We are hoping with an afternoon event that we will be able to have more fathers attend.

### **Online Parent Opinion Survey**

**Your feedback is important to us.** The Parent/Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. [An email was sent on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August which includes how to access the online link and the code. Survey closes Friday 30 August 2024.](#)

## SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Awards will be presented to students during Friday assembly at 2:15pm

**Empathy**

**Excellence**

**Honesty**

**Resilience**

**Respect**

Grade	Student of the Week
Prep/One – Room 1	Theo B
Prep – Room 2	Bronte F
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Max M
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Katelyn S
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Taylah B
Grade 3/4 - Room 6	Logan L
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Caitlin M-S
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Oscar C
Grade 3/4 - Room 9	Jaxon J
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Owen K
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Brayden W
Grade 5/6 - Room 12	Siannah S
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Tane N
Physical Education	Anastasia B - Rm 10
Art	-
Music	Iziah M - Rm 4
ICT	Brayden W - Rm 9
Chinese	-
Circus	-
Principal's Award	Malakai B

## TERM 3 DATES



### August

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	11:45am-1:45pm	Science Day: Students rotate through experiments in multi-age groups
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day – Camp Australia 8:00am – 6:00pm</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9:15am – 10:15am	Book Week Parade – walk to Bethlehem Nursing Home Local Excursion AFL 9s – Selected participants
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	All Day	Divisional Volleyball Permission via Sentral App/Portal selected participants
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Session times	School Swimming Program – Gurri Wanyarra Centre Permission via Sentral App/Portal all students
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	All Day 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Father’s Day Stall – ran by P&F Father’s Day Afternoon BBQ – ran by P&F

### September

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	Cookie Dough Collection – Library – ran by P&F
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Divisional Basketball Permission via Sentral App/Portal selected participants
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	7:00pm	School Council Meeting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion Permission via Sentral App/Portal – Preps only
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	Passions and Pathways Expo
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Divisional Athletics Permission via Sentral App/Portal selected participants
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am – 11:30am	Eaglehawk Secondary College Big Day Out for their 2025 Year 7 students.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	2:45 – 3:15pm	End of Term Assembly – Classes Fantastic term and Most Improved Awards Presented
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm finish	End of Term 3 – 2:30pm dismissal



**SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**READING IS MAGIC**

## **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

### **Wednesday 21st August**

This year's Book Week theme is 'Reading is Magic'. Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Students will be parading their costumes on a community walk from Specimen Hill Primary School to Bethlehem Home for the Aged.

Parents are invited to join us at 9am under the shade sails, before students commence their walk to Mercy Health Bethlehem Home for the Aged.



Students will be walking down Hasker St and along Inglewood St to Specimen Hill Rd. Students will then walk down Specimen Hill Rd until we reach Bethlehem Home for the Aged (Mercy Health). We will parade for the residents then head back up Specimen Hill Rd. We will turn right into Chum St and left into Henderson St, returning to school via the back oval.





## 0-11 YEARS PARENT EDUCATION SESSIONS

The Loddon Children's Health & Wellbeing Local will be offering weekly education session related to mental health and wellbeing for parents of children 0-11.

**Sessions are open to any family with children 0-11.**

### Why join in?

- Meet and mix with other parents.
- Talk to mental health staff about your child.
- Raise parenting issues.
- Ask any practical questions you have about parenting at the moment.
- Gain support for yourself as a parent.

**Where:** Loddon Children's Health and Wellbeing Local  
Bendigo Community Health Services  
19 Helm St Kangaroo Flat

**When:** Two sessions are running each Thursday, from 10-11.30am, **this session is run on line**, and 1pm – 2.30pm is run **face to face**. Topics are listed below:

**If you have any questions, please contact** Annette Clemments or Daniel Ellwood on 1800 433 977. Booking is encouraged using the QR code below.

### Dates and topics:

July 25 <sup>th</sup> 10am ADHD What is it and how do I help?	1pm Autism what is it and how do I help?
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> 10am Understanding anxiety & ways to support	1pm Sleep issues sharing what we know
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup> 10am Parent mental health	1pm Sharing your best ideas
Aug 15 <sup>th</sup> 10am Anger in kids	1pm Managing big feelings
Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> 10am Autism What is it and how do we help?	1pm ADHD What is it and how do I help?
Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> 10am Supporting self-esteem	1pm Building social skills



So we know who to expect, and so you can receive the zoom link prior to the 10am sessions, please book in using the QR code.

Join Zoom Meeting 10am each Thursday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84867976569> Meeting ID: 848 6797 6569



In partnership with Bendigo Health, Bendigo and District Aboriginal Cooperative, Niemda Aboriginal Corporation, Echuca Regional Health, North Central LLEN and Maryborough District Health.

The Children's Health and Wellbeing Local is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and the Australian Government through the Head to Health Kids initiative

**OFFICIAL**

Your OSHC.

Tailored before and after school experiences that children love.

Newsletter

# Pupil Free Day - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of August 2024



**Date:** Monday 19th August 2024



**Time:** 8:00am till 6:00pm

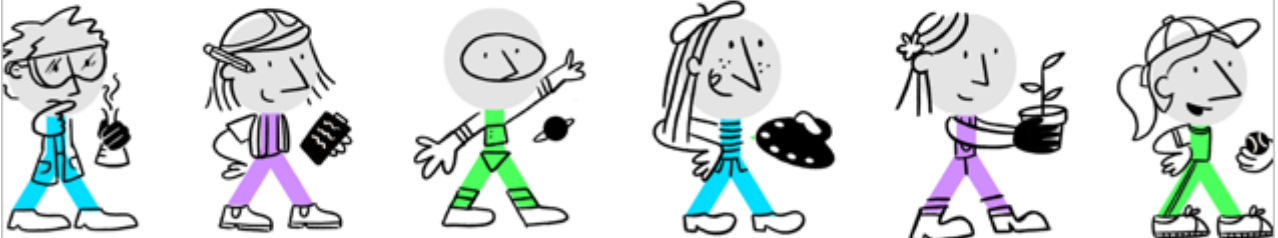


**Fees:** Early - \$64.67  
Late/ On the day - \$67.17



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

Don't forget to bring your morning tea, lunch, drink bottles, hats, 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)



Your  
OSHC.

# First Day Free in Term Three!

Don't miss out! Come and try our Before  
and After School Care absolutely free!



New Family Offer!

Join in the fun at our OSHC program, the first session is FREE!\*  
Register an account, make a booking and we will remove the charge.

## What can I expect in Your OSHC?

- Activities designed for your child
- Delicious snacks & food
- Art & Craft
- Sports & Games
- Life Skills
- Construction
- Imaginative Play
- Confidence Boosting
- Plus, time back for you to finish work, study or even going to the gym.



**You can even use  
your free session  
on Big Art Fridays!**

Every Friday, Your OSHC turns into a bustling art studio where your child will connect with friends and express their creativity all afternoon!

On Fridays, we pARTy!

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

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\*Terms and Conditions: Valid for Before or After School Care. This offer is available for a limited time only; to receive their free session/s, valid customers must register with Camp Australia before the end of Term 3, 2024. This offer is only valid for Before or After School Care sessions during Term 3, 2024. This offer is only eligible for new customers that have not attended a Camp Australia session before. Due to licensing capacities, there are limited spaces available each day, so we recommend our customers to always book in advance. To avoid exceeding capacity, some days may not be selectable. For more information visit your school's page at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)