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

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a terrific week so far with the sun shining which has lifted the mood of our students and they have been enjoying the better weather at play times as well as classes enjoying completing outside learning tasks.

### 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. The survey closes **Friday 30 August 2024. An email will be sent tomorrow with details on how to access the online link and the code.**

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

This term we will be conducting parent-teacher interviews on;  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 12pm – 7pm.**

**Amelia Burgess** – Room 2, will now hold her interviews on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 8:45am – 4:00pm. Room 2 families will receive additional email communication regarding this tomorrow.

Interviews will be 15 minutes and will be an opportunity for your child's classroom teacher to discuss your child's academic report and as well as set future learning goals for Semester 2. Students are expected to attend the interviews with their parent/carer in full school uniform for the interview only. Bookings are now open and can be booked via the Sentral Parent App or [Sentral Parent Portal](#).

**Please call Stacey 5443 5353 if you need assistance with Sentral access.**

Camp Australia OOSCH are providing a service from 8:00am – 6:00pm (see flyer page 8)

### Swimming Program

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.

The P&F are also seeking donations for the Father's Day Stall which will also be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Donations can be delivered to the office, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

All classes will attend the stall throughout the day. Our P&F are aware that there is also the swimming program running and will ensure all classes can attend.

Specimen Hill Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

### Green and Gold Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow we are turning Speci Green and Gold in support of the Australian Olympic Team competing in Paris. Students to wear green and gold if participating please. Free event.

### 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

| 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   | Esther H            |         |            |         |
| Prep – Room 2   | Athena G            |         |            |         |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 3  | Ryan L              |         |            |         |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 4  | -                   |         |            |         |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 5  | Room 5              |         |            |         |
| Grade 3/4 - Room 6  | Oscar S             |         |            |         |
| Grade 3/4 – Room 7  | Jeremiah J          |         |            |         |
| Grade 3/4 - Room 8  | -                   |         |            |         |
| Grade 3/4 - Room 9  | Chad P              |         |            |         |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 10   | Parrigna G          |         |            |         |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 11   | -                   |         |            |         |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 12   | -                   |         |            |         |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 13   | -                   |         |            |         |
| Physical Education  | Ruby B              |         |            |         |
| Art   | Emerald T - Room 8  |         |            |         |
| Music   | -                   |         |            |         |
| ICT   | Jade H              |         |            |         |
| Chinese   | -                   |         |            |         |
| Circus  | Logan L - Room 6    |         |            |         |
| Principal's Award   | Room 8              |         |            |         |

## School Saving Bonus Update

You may have seen the recent announcement of the School Saving Bonus, as part of the Victorian Budget 2024/25. We are sharing more information about how families will be able to access and use this support. This one-off support will include \$400 for each eligible student to help families cover the costs of school uniforms and activities in 2025.

It will be available to parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025. Cash will not be paid directly to individuals or families. Instead, families will receive the bonus as credits on their school accounts that will help meet the costs of your children's activities and uniforms.

There will be more information and guidance about the School Saving Bonus in Term 3, 2024, ahead of its implementation in 2025.

## School Football News

### Girls School Football Carnival

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July Jac Louttit and Oakley Turner took 18 girls to represent Speci in the girls school football carnival. Only 4 of the girls had played football before. The girls won 3 out of 4 games and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division. We walked away so proud of the girls' efforts and their amazing sportsmanship. The best result was that the school now had an additional 14 female footballers at our school!

### Boys School Football Carnival

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, Mr Francis (Coach) and Mr Polglase took 20 boys from Year 3-6 along to the Annual Boys School Football Carnival. Over the course of the day we played seven games. We were able to win three games and lost the other four, however two of those losses were decided by one point and two points respectively. The boys had a wonderful day in glorious sunshine. Two of the school values stood out in particular, with respect for teammates, opposition and the umpires being demonstrated strongly, while resilience was also required throughout the day, with the disappointment of decisions or skill errors testing the boys' ability to move on and think about the next opportunity. It was fabulous to provide so many students with an opportunity to experience a game of competitive football for the first time. We are hopeful that some of these students may take it up as a weekend sport in the coming years.

On the day we had 11 different goalkickers which demonstrated just how well the boys played as a team. The goal kicking list was:

Baiiden B 6

Chaise C 4

Ryder N-S 3

Logan K and Lance M 2

Aiden S, Coby H, Hunter M, Jye B, Charlie B and Xavier R 1

After each game Mr Francis and Mr Polglase considered the players who had represented the school well in that particular contest, taking into account skill, sportsmanship, teamwork and resilience. They awarded votes to the three top players. At the end of the day Mr Polglase tallied the votes and the following students were highlighted as the top five players on the day:

Ben W (11 votes)

Ryder N-S (10 votes)

Baiiden B and Chaise C (5 votes)

Hunter M (3 votes)

We would like to thank the players who participated on the day and congratulate them on the way they represented our school. They should all be very proud of their efforts. We would also like to thank Mr Francis for his great coaching on the day. Go Speci!

## TERM 3 DATES



### August

|  |                            |   |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August                                    | All Day                    | Dress in Green and Gold Out of Uniform Day- Free  |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August                                  | 12:00pm-7:00pm             | Parent Teacher Interviews – Students to attend in full school uniform. Attendance at interview only. Camp Australia 8:00am-6:00pm<br>Book online via Sentral App/Portal |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August                                 | All Day                    | Grade 5/6 Passions and Pathways Excursion<br>Permission via Sentral App/Portal – Grade 5/6 only   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August                                   | 11:45am-1:45pm             | Science Day: Students rotate through experiments in multi-age groups  |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August                                   | All Day                    | Pupil Free Day – Camp Australia 8:00am – 6:00pm   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August                                | 9:15am – 10:15am           | Book Week Parade – walk to Bethlehem Nursing Home<br>Local Excursion<br>AFL 9s – Selected participants  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August                                 | All Day                    | Divisional Volleyball<br>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<br>Permission via Sentral App/Portal all students   |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August                                   | All Day<br>3:15pm – 4:15pm | Father's Day Stall – ran by P&F<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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.





# Book Week

LOGO DESIGN  
COMPETITION

CREATE A NEW LOGO FOR THIS  
YEAR'S BOOK WEEK THEME  
"READING IS MAGIC"

Category 1:  
Original  
hand drawn  
design

Category 2:  
Original  
digital  
design



- DELIVER YOUR ENTRY TO THE BOX IN THE OFFICE OR AIRDROP YOUR DIGITAL DESIGN TO MRS KINSMAN BY FRIDAY 9TH OF AUGUST.
- MAKE SURE YOUR PIECE OF PAPER INCLUDES YOUR NAME AND ROOM NUMBER.
- STUDENTS WILL VOTE BETWEEN A SMALL GROUP OF FINALISTS TO DECIDE THE WINNER OF EACH CATEGORY.
- YOUR LOGO MUST INCLUDE THE PHRASE "READING IS MAGIC"

## PRIZE



THE WINNER OF EACH CATEGORY  
WILL RECEIVE A \$20 CANTEEN  
VOUCHER AND WILL HAVE THEIR  
LOGO INCLUDED ON THE BOOK WEEK



## 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

BENDIGO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



# VOLLEYBALL

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

4:30 - 6:00 PM

RED ENERGY ARENA, COURTS 4, 4A AND 5

\$40 PER PERSON

## 2024 DATES

SUNDAY JULY 21 - COME AND TRY

SUNDAY JULY 28 - WEEK 1

SUNDAY AUGUST 4 - WEEK 2

SUNDAY AUGUST 11 - WEEK 3

SUNDAY AUGUST 18 - WEEK 4

SUNDAY AUGUST 25 - WEEK 5

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1 - WEEK 6

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8 -

JUNIOR DRAGON CITY TOURNAMENT AND PRESENTATIONS



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Newsletter

# Pupil Free Day - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2024



**Date:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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)

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