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

**Friday 20th October 2023**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school weeks are flying past, and staff are organising end of term celebrations, grade 5/6 camp, a student disco, graduation, school dance concert and many more events. Term 4 will be a fun filled term with the strong emphasis on educational outcomes along with the celebrations of the term.

### **BERRY STREET PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October our whole staff completed the final module of the Berry Street Education Model which is an approach to trauma-informed teaching. Our staff, who have completed all 4 modules are now recognised as trauma informed teachers. The model combines approaches to welfare, wellbeing, and academic learning to help struggling students develop the skills and relationships that enable them to be ready to learn and be able to self-regulate.

Richard Dougall, Hayden Polglase and I are attending a master class next week to assist us to plan and lead the implementation of the Berry Street Education model at a whole school level.

### **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Join with us to celebrate the amazing jobs teachers do every day. Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 27 October 2023. Let's celebrate Australia's teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our students. It would also be a very nice gesture if the students gave the teachers a note or message to celebrate this day.



### **TRANSITION 2023**

We have begun work on class structures, for next year, it is imperative that we know of any changes to our student enrolments. If you know of someone in our community considering enrolling for 2024, encourage them to let us know or to make an appointment as soon as possible.

### **ALLOCATION OF 2024 CLASSES**

When developing individual classes each year, teachers consider several factors including academic ability, social competencies, gender, students who work well together, those who may not work well together and friendship groupings.

Whilst the students are consulted about appropriate learning partners, these are only some of the criteria considered because building new relationships is also part of our education process and an important skill for students to develop. The placement of students is a complex process where teachers put great thought into their planning. They discuss, reflect, and review their decisions over a period of time. Please note that students will be introduced to their 2024 teacher at the whole school transition day on Tuesday 12th December.

Specimen Hill Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

# SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 3 – Awards presented at following Monday Assembly

**Empathy**

**Excellence**

**Honesty**

**Resilience**

**Respect**

Grade	Student of the Week	Values Award
Prep/One – Room 1	Ryan C	Gay K’Paw M
Prep – Room 2	Georgie Y	Flynn C
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Addison C	Ashton T
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Cooper Norris	Frankie Sleeman
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Joshua H	Felicity P
Grade 1/2 - Room 6	Chase S	Charlie S-D
Grade 3/4 - Room 4a	Logan L	Shelbi R
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Moo Soe	Henry T
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Imogen B	Ella W
Grade 5/6 - Room 9	Sophia M	Baya M
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Chase M	Peter W
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Daisy	Lily M
Grade 5/6 - Room 12		
Grade 5/6 - Room 13		
Physical Education	Amelia S	
Art	Penelope M	
Coding		
Music	Marty W	
Chinese		
Circus	Penelope M	
Principal’s Award	Jake L - Room 4a	

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# DISCO PARTY

**PREP - GRADE 2: 4-5PM**

**GRADES 3 - 6: 5.30-6.30PM**

***\$10 PER TICKET***

**EACH TICKET INCLUDES**

**ENTRY, WRIST BAND, SNACK AND DRINK**

**LETS BOOGIE ON THE BASKETBALL COURT**

**PARENTS TO SIGN STUDENTS IN AT TAMBOUR HGTS  
GATE (SCHOOL OVAL) AND SIGN OUT ON PICK UP**

**PAYMENT CAN BE MADE VIA QKR, CASH OR AT THE OFFICE.**

**PREPAY ONLY. NO CASH AT THE GATE. TICKET SALES CLOSE 10TH NOV.**



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# 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

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**

