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

Friday 21st August 2025

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. We sent you an invitation via email to complete the survey. If you cannot find the email, please reach out and we can resend this invitation to you.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will remain open online until Friday 19 September 2025.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The department will use the results from the survey for research purposes and to improve outcomes for students.

The survey is being conducted **online** and only takes **20 minutes** to complete.

If you require assistance in completing the survey, please reach out to the school if you require assistance in another language.

Active Schools Initiative

At Specimen Hill Primary School, we are proud to be part of the **Active Schools initiative**, supporting our students to move more, sit less, and enjoy the benefits of a healthy, active lifestyle. Being an Active School means we are committed to building movement and activity into the daily life of our students. From classroom brain breaks to structured physical education and participation in sporting events, we know that physical activity plays a vital role in both **student wellbeing and academic success**.

Research shows that when children are active, they are more focused, more engaged in learning, and feel happier and healthier. At Speci, we want every child to develop the confidence and enjoyment of being active, whether through sport, fitness, or simply through play.

This year, our students have enjoyed opportunities such as:

- Participation in divisional events such as football and volleyball
- Classroom-based movement breaks to support focus and learning.
- A strong Physical Education program designed to build skills and confidence.

We look forward to continuing to expand the ways our school promotes physical activity and to further embed the values of an **Active School community**.



Together, we are helping our students develop positive habits for a lifetime of health, learning, and wellbeing.

Specimen Hill Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

Swimming Program Survey



Our Swimming Program begins on September 1st and finishes on September 5th, all lessons are conducted at Gurri Wanyarra by their swimming instructors. To ensure that your child is placed into an accurate grouping based on their swimming ability can you please complete the swimming skills survey by **FRIDAY 22nd AUGUST**.

Please scan the code or use the link to complete the survey. <https://forms.office.com/r/ts55bLvSfM>

Planning Ahead for 2026 – Help Us Stay Prepared

If you are considering leaving Specimen Hill Primary School at any time in the next six months, we kindly ask that you let the school office know as early as possible. Your plans don't need to be final but having a heads-up is incredibly helpful.

Early information about potential changes helps us plan accurately for our 2026 classes, staffing, and budgeting. We want to ensure that all students are placed in balanced, well-supported learning environments — not in classes that are too large or too small.

If you think you may be moving, please email the school at: specimen.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au as soon as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

TERM 3 DATES



August

Friday 22 nd August	9:10am	Book Week Parade – see article below
Wednesday 27 th August to Friday 29 th August	Classes have scheduled times	Bike Education Incursion, Grades 3-6 students

September

Monday 1 st September to Friday 5 th September	Classes have scheduled times	Swimming and Water Safety Program – Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre
Friday 5 th September	All Day	Division Basketball – selected students
Monday 8 th September	7pm	School Council Meeting
Monday 15 th September	All Day	Division Athletics – qualified students
Wednesday 17 th September	TBC	Eaglehawk Secondary College Gr 6 Transition– Big Day Out
Friday 19 th September	2:00pm	End of Term Assembly
Friday 19 th September	2:30pm Finish	End of Term 3

October

Monday 6 th October	9am	Term 4 Begins
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Sporting News

Division Volleyball Tournament

Today our boys' and girls' volleyball teams competed at the Divisional Volleyball competition at Red Energy Arena. The girls' team enjoyed great success winning the competition for the second year in a row and progressing to the next competition which will be held in Swan Hill. Well done to Olivia M, Isabell G-R, Abby B, Queenie B, Savannah B, Sophia M, Ava E. Thank you to the coaches Adam Tanner and Alex Plathe.

Book Week Parade Tomorrow – Bridey Welton

Hello fellow storybook lovers!

It's that magical time of year again when Book Week leaps off the page and into real life! This year's theme is "*Book an Adventure*", so get ready to turn the page on Term 3, Week 5 and dive into some epic literary escapades. In true Speci style, we'll be holding our much-loved Book Week Parade, on the morning of Friday, August 22 at 9:10am.

As part of our adventure, we're also visiting Bethlehem Aged Care once again. Our mini literary legends have always been warmly welcomed there, we've been told our visits bring real joy to the residents, and we're excited to turn another chapter in that heartwarming story.

Two students from each classroom will be crowned *Best Dressed*, with a certificate to mark the occasion and a photo to remember it by. So please encourage your children to think outside the book cover, we're looking for everything from wizards to wild things!

Warmest regards,
Ms Welton



SPECI STUDENT AWARDS				
Empathy	Excellence	Honesty	Resilience	Respect
Awards presented at Friday morning circles in class				
Grade	Student of the Week			
Prep/One – Room 1	Alaiyah O			
Prep/One – Room 2	Brodie G			
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Iziah M			
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Ryan L			
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Will B			
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Declan. K			
Grade 3/4 - Room 9	Felicity P			
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Lance M			
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Sophia M			
Grade 4/5 - Room 12	Ruby R			
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Ryder P			
Physical Education	Jaliah C			
Art	Addison C - Room 12			
Chinese	Lando M - Room 9			
	Nate S - Room 7			
Principal's Award	Girls Volleyball Team and Coaches Olivia M, Isabell G-R, Abby B, Queenie B, Savannah B, Sophia M, Ava E, Adam T and Alex P			





FATHER'S DAY STALL

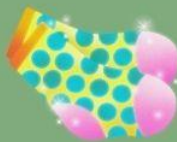


Friday 5th September 2025
during school time

GIFTS PRICED \$2-\$5

Max 2 gifts - \$10 per student

Cash or QKR



Speci Jolly Sock Drive



THANKYOU



**Raised
\$550**





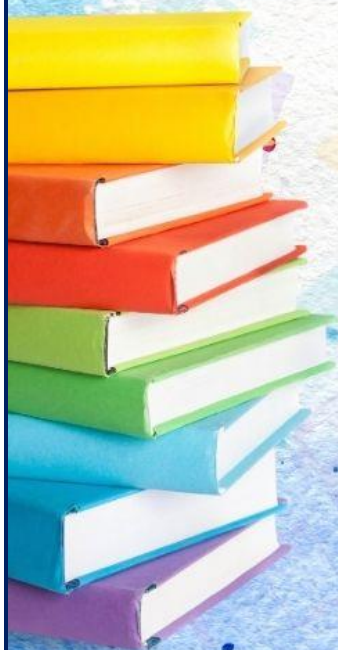
You are invited to the Speci
BOOK FAIR



August
Thurs 21st
Tues 26th
Thurs 28th

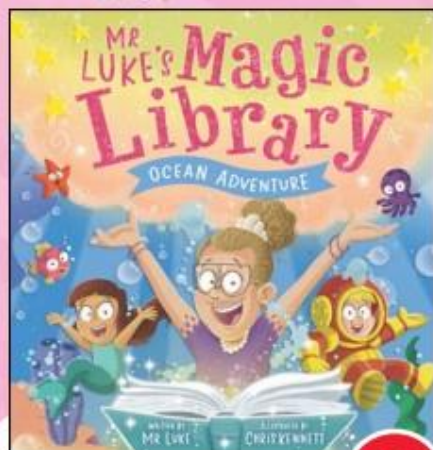
3.30-4pm in the library

QKR preferred payment



You're invited to our

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair



OCEAN ADVENTURE
Mr Luke's class opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!
100144570 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10



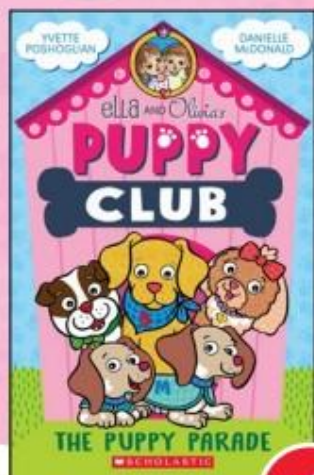
TWO CRANKY BEARS
Can two cranky bears learn to share?
100144522 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10



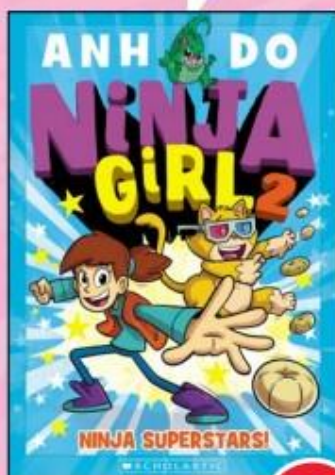
WOMBAT
A funny look into the life of a wombat.
100141320 | PB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

SPECIAL VALUE \$6



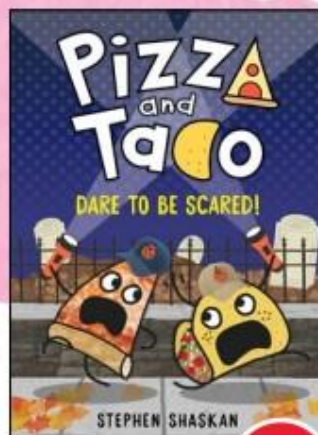
THE PUPPY PARADE
A new series all about Ella and Olivia's puppy, Bob.
100144370 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 5+

\$6



NINJA SUPERSTARS!
Can Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten save the town from evil lizards?
100145003 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

\$10



DARE TO BE SCARED!
Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!
100145054 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 6+

\$10



SLEEPOVER BFFS: BIG DREAMS
These BFFs make a business out of planning sleepover parties for people!
100145640 | PB NOVEL | AGES 9+

\$10



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC



SCHOLASTIC REWARDS

Date _____ Time _____
Place _____

Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- 1 List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

- 2 Make a secure payment online by going to scholastic.com.au/payment or scanning the barcode below.*



* Please note a surcharge of 1% on all card payments.

Book Fair Payment

- 3 Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
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First Name: _____	
Surname: _____	
School: _____	
Suburb/State: _____	
Daytime Tel: _____	

THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT.
THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS



Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.



SECRET KEEPER
Nell and Eden have been best friends forever, but will a new girl and a secret come between them?
100144371 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+

\$12



DANGER ROAD
Two brothers try to solve a cold case murder mystery in their small town.
100145280 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+

\$13



BESTIES CANDY DIARY
Packed with activities for you and your BFF. Includes 2 gummi bear BFF necklaces.
100141770 | ACTIVITY BOOK | AGES 8+

\$18

Newsletter

Date: Week 2 & 3, Term 3 2025



A message from your Service Leader and Educators at Camp Australia Specimen Hill Primary School OSHC:

This week at OSHC, the children and young people have been immersed in a world of creativity through our new arts and crafts experiences. It has been wonderful to observe the enthusiasm and focus as they designed and created their own key tags and earrings using shrink paper. These activities not only encouraged imaginative thinking and fine motor skill development, but also allowed each child to express their individuality in a fun and engaging way. The pride they took in their creations was evident, with many excited to share their finished pieces with peers and educators. It's been a joy to see their confidence and creativity flourish through hands-on artistic play.



Celebrating OSHC Educators Day – July 30th

On July 30th, we celebrated **OSHC Educators Day**, recognising the incredible work and dedication of our wonderful OSHC team. The children showed their appreciation by creating beautiful self-portraits, which sparked lovely conversations about the special connections they share with their educators.

In the afternoon, the celebration continued with a mini party filled with fun and laughter! The children enjoyed classic games like **musical chairs**, **bobs and statues**, and **four corners**. It was a joyful way to honour the amazing people who help make our OSHC a safe, fun, and nurturing place to grow and learn.

Thank you to our fantastic educators – your passion and care make a big difference every day!



Curious about what's ahead? Here's a sneak peek at our upcoming themed weeks:

- **Week 4:** Science Week – get ready for some exciting experiments and discoveries!
- **Week 5:** Book Week – time to dive into stories and celebrate our favourite characters.
- **Week 6:** To be announced – stay tuned!
- **Week 7:** Sports Week – bring your energy and team spirit!
- **Week 8:** Dance Week – let's move, groove, and express ourselves through dance.
- **Week 9:** To be confirmed – we're cooking up something fun!

There's lots to look forward to, and we can't wait to enjoy these themed weeks with all of you!

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustalia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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OSHC.**

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ROCKETEERS

Free webinar
for families

How to be a connected parent

with

Lael Stone

Parenting speaker, educator and author



Tuesday 2nd September
7:30pm AEST

Click or scan to register



by  Camp
Australia

What's On in Term 3



Find out
more



Big Art Fridays

On Fridays, we **pARTy**

Every Friday

Big Art Comp

August 1 - 29

We're creating a storybook... and you could have your story published!

Special thanks to **AUSTRALIAN LITERACY & NUMERACY FOUNDATION**

National Science Week

August 11 - 15

Featuring out of this world science & LEGO® activities!

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Book Week

August 18 - 22

Book an adventure!

After School Care

Fun Activities
Social Interaction
Yummy Snacks

Every school day in Term 3!

Free webinar for families

September 2

How to be a connected parent
with Lael Stone

Your OSHC.

Before
and After
School Care

by **Camp Australia**

campaustrialia.com.au/back-to-school-term-3



SCHOOL CAN'T

WHEN:

SATURDAY 30TH
AUGUST 2025

TIME:

11AM-12PM

Followed by a
Light Lunch

WHERE:

ECHUCA
NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE
The Annex
39 Landsborough St

IS YOUR CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON STRUGGLING WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?

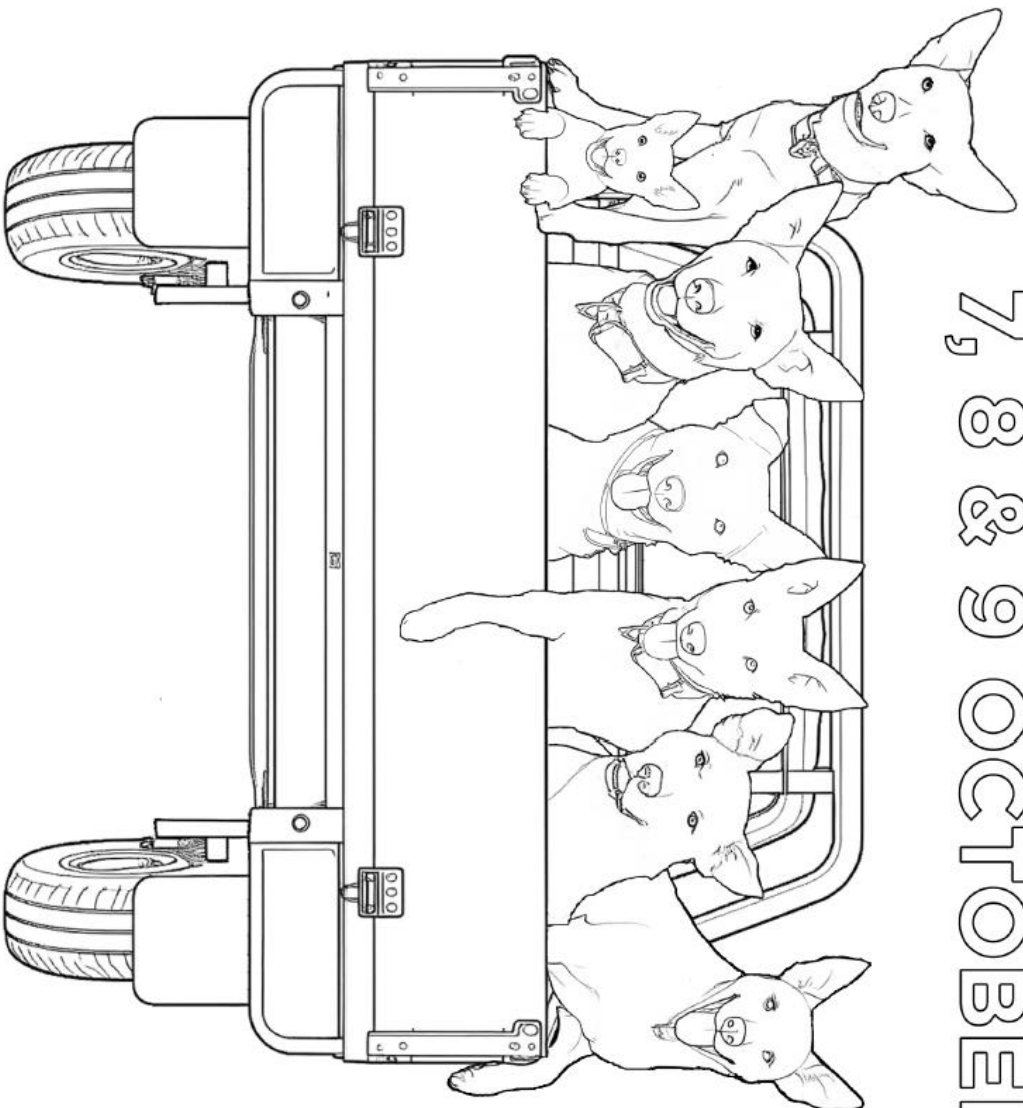
Come along to this event and hear Tiffany Westphal, Director, School Can't Australia, talk about the experience of school can't.

Learn about tools, support, and resources to help you feel empowered and confident to advocate for your child.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE



2025 ELMORE FIELD DAYS 7, 8 & 9 OCTOBER



Categories

4 years & under 5-8 years
9-11 years 12-14 years

Name:

Age:

Phone Number/Email:

PRIZE: \$25 Smiggle Voucher
per age category.
Entries close 30th
September 2025.

To enter, email entry to
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