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

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews**

We were delighted with the success of our Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging in meaningful conversations with our teachers about student progress, goals, and achievements. These moments of collaboration play a vital role in supporting each child's learning journey. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for taking the time to attend and for your continued partnership in your child's education. A special thank you also to our dedicated staff for the care and preparation they put into each meeting and being flexible with work hours.

### **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](mailto:specimen.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au) as soon as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Swimming Program Survey**

Our Swimming Program begins on September 1st and finishes on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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>



## TERM 3 DATES



### August

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	All Day	Division Football – Kennington PS
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	All Day	Passions and Pathways Grade 5/6 students
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	11:45am-1:45pm	Science Spectacular Activities
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	All Day	Passions and Pathways Roadshow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	9:10am	Book Week Parade – see article
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Classes have scheduled times	Bike Education Incursion, Grades 3-6 students

### September

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Classes have scheduled times	Swimming and Water Safety Program – Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Division Basketball – selected students
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	3:15-4pm	Father's Day Sausage Sizzle
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm	School Council Meeting
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	All Day	Division Athletics – qualified students
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	TBC	Eaglehawk Secondary College Gr 6 Transition– Big Day Out
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	2:00pm	End of Term Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	2:30pm Finish	End of Term 3

### October

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	9am	Term 4 Begins
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## PE News – Adam Tanner

### District Athletics Results

This event was held on the 5th August with approximately 40 students attending to participate in Track and Field events. All students participated with strong efforts, great sportsmanship and skill. There were some stand out results from the day and I have listed students below who have also qualified for the Division Athletics event which is scheduled to be held in the last week of this term on Monday 15th September. Further information for these students will be sent home soon.

#### Results

Lance M - 1st place 800m & Triple Jump. 2nd place 100m 12/13 Boys

Sophia Mc - 1st place Shot Put. 2nd place Discus 11 Girls

Ava E - 2nd place Long Jump 11 Girls

Coby H - 1st place Triple Jump 11 Boys

Levi C - 2nd place Long Jump 11 Boys

Jye B - 2nd place 100m 11 Boys

Isabella L - 2nd place Discus 10 Girls

Cooper N - 2nd place Triple Jump 10 Boys

Relay runner's 1st place 11 Boys - Jye B, Levi C, Hunter M, Coby H

Results from the 8/9-Year-old age groups have not been received yet but these students do not move on to the next event.

Congratulations to all competitors!

## Division Netball Tournament

The boys' and girls' netball teams competed at the Divisional event on the 6th August with both teams displaying their strong teamwork and abilities throughout the day. The girls teams enjoyed some success and were helped by a past student Ivy M throughout the day. All players worked well together and showed improvement throughout each match. The boys team played exceptional together, finding tough competition from all teams, especially Holy-Rosary Heathcote who they defeated in a close match 10-8. The boys went on to win all their games and therefore won their section. Congratulations to both teams on their efforts and achievements for the day.



## Parents and Friends News

**SPECI  
FATHER'S  
DAY BBQ**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT  
2025**

**3:15PM – 4PM**

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
\$2 CANS OF DRINK  
COFFEE VAN TBC  
EFT AVAILABLE**

## Book Week – 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*



**The parade route will be as follows:**

Students will walk down Hasker Street, along Inglewood Street, and continue onto Specimen Hill Road until they reach Bethlehem Home for the Aged (Mercy Health). After a quick visit and parade for the residents, students will return via Specimen Hill Road, turning right into Chum Street, then left into Henderson Street, and finally back to school through the back oval.



# BOOK WEEK PARADE

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2025 9:10 AM**

Join us as we celebrate Book Week, a fun-filled week honouring our favourite authors, stories, and the joy of reading!

Students will enjoy a range of activities throughout the week that promote a love of books and the importance of reading. To wrap things up, we'll hold our Book Week Parade on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August.

Students will be invited to dress as their favourite book characters and take part in a community walk from Specimen Hill Primary School to Bethlehem Home for the Aged. Parents are invited to join us under the shade sails at 9:10 am, or find a spot along the parade route to cheer students on.

There'll be awards for best dressed, so get ready to bring those beloved book characters to life, we can't wait to see the creativity shine!

BOOK AN  
*Adventure*



## STUDENT AWARDS

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Awards presented at Friday morning circles in class

Grade	Student of the Week
Prep/One – Room 1	Seb T
Prep/One – Room 2	Theo B
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Olivia M
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Sam P
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Chloe S
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Liya C
Grade 3/4 - Room 9	Archie T
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Harvey G
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Connor W
Grade 4/5 - Room 12	Tyson C
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Chase C
Physical Education	Boys Netball Team
Art	Taylah B - Room 7
Chinese	Matilda O - Room 7
Principal's Award	Harvey G - Room 10



# 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.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.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.

Visit our blog

Your  
OSHC.

[www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

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



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Australia





presents

# ASK AN ASTRONAUT

with Katherine Bennell-Pegg

Register free for this exclusive online event, giving your child the chance to speak to an astronaut - live!



Free

Click or scan to

**Register  
now**

**Tuesday, 12 August**  
**7:00pm AEST**

[campaustralia.com.au/ask-an-astronaut](http://campaustralia.com.au/ask-an-astronaut)



# 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

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# SCHOOL CAN'T

**WHEN:**

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
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





# Bendigo Walking Group for Carers

Lake Weeroona

Meet at:

Peppergreen Farm Car Park  
40 Thunder Street,  
North Bendigo

EVERY THURSDAY  
(during school term)

TIME: 9:30am-11am



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**JUNIOR FUTSAL**

## AGE GROUPS

7 AND UNDER

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**MONDAY  
COMPETITION  
LEAGUE**

**WEDNESDAY  
BEGINNERS  
LEAGUE**

**WHERE: 1-3 WATERSON CRT GOLDEN SQUARE**

**WHEN: 6/10/2025 TILL 2/4/2026**

**COST: \$75 PER TEAM PER GAME**

**INSURANCE: \$50 PER TEAM**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 26/9/2025**



**SUMMER**

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# **JUNIOR NETBALL**

**AGE  
GROUPS**

**11 AND UNDER**

**13 AND UNDER**

**15 AND UNDER**

**17 AND UNDER**

**THURSDAY  
NIGHT  
COMPETITION  
LEAGUE**

**WHERE: 1-3 WATERSON CRT GOLDEN SQUARE**

**WHEN: 6/10/2025 TILL 2/4/2026**

**COST: \$105 PER TEAM PER GAME**

**INSURANCE: \$70 PER TEAM**

**REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 26/9/2025**

