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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are in August already, the term is disappearing very quickly. We have some exciting events in the coming weeks. Please check the Term Calendar on page 5 to stay up to date.

### PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school.

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 behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages.

Please call the office if you would like more information.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is important that the school has your current details such as address, phone numbers and especially your occupation as this information is utilised to determine additional equity funding, for the school. This funding is based on parental occupation, parental education and the level of concentration of disadvantage in a school.

Students with the highest level of need are targeted with the most funding to ensure schools have the resources to support them. We utilise this funding to put intervention programs in for reading and mathematics and to employ our speech pathologist, Molly.

In the coming weeks we will be sending home a copy of your current details that the school has on file, we are still determining the best way to send this information home as we understand it is highly sensitive information. If you wish you can come in and collect it from the front office. Once you receive your information please check through and update any changed details and hand back in at the front office. These changes will be updated on our school management system.

### Prep 2024 Enrolments

We are still accepting enrolments for 2024. Please call or pop into the office to collect and enrolment pack.

# SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 3 Week 4– Awards presented at following Monday Assembly

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Grade	Student of the Week	Values Award - Respect
Prep/One – Room 1	Jasmine K	Riley C
Prep – Room 2	Nik V	Evie B
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Ashton T	Chloe S
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Harvie Q-S	Mason W
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Orlando M	Archie T
Grade 1/2 - Room 6	Poppy B	Damon M
Grade 3/4 - Room 4a	Coby H	Logan L
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Moo Soe	TBC
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Tearkani D	Jack S
Grade 5/6 - Room 9	Lance M	Sophia M
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Riley W	Issy C
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Jackson W	Blaize M
Grade 5/6 - Room 12	TBC	TBC
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Ruby P	Lincoln C
Physical Education	Tyler R	
Art	Senior- Logan L - Room 4a	
Coding	Lexie TF	
Music	TBC	
Chinese	Lela D – Room 12	
Circus	Tearkani D	
Principal's Award	Isabella L – Room 4	

**TUESDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup>  
AUGUST**



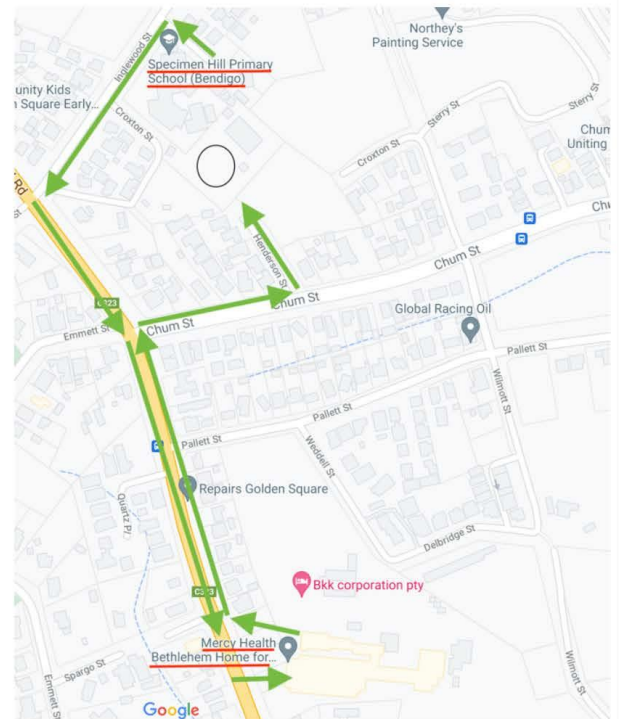
## **SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

**Students are encouraged to come dressed as a character from their favourite book**

This year we will once again hold a Book Week Parade around our neighbourhood. Last year was a raging success and we plan to make 2023 a bigger and better year!

We will parade our wonderful costumes down Hasker Street and along Inglewood Street to Specimen Hill Road. We will then walk down Specimen Hill Road until we reach Mercy Health – Bethlehem Home for the Aged. We will parade for the residents and then we will head back up Specimen Hill Road. We will turn right into Chum Street and left into Henderson Street and will return to school via the oval gate.



Parent/Carers are invited to park their cars along the parade route (see map) and enjoy watching the spectacular costumes. Please do not enter Bethlehem Home for the Aged. This part of the parade is for residents only.

The walk will be approximately 1.5 kilometres in total, so please ensure you child is wearing suitable clothing to allow for this.

**Classes will be leaving at the following times:**

Room 1, 2	9:15am
Room 3, 4, 5, 6	9:20am
Room 4A, 7, 8, 9	9:25am
Room 10, 11, 12, 13	9:30am

## Swimming Forms

Swimming will be in Week 6 of this term. The permission form can either be completed online via Sentral or filled in and returned to the office.

## District Athletics

District Athletics was held on Tuesday 1st August and was a wonderful event. Great sportsmanship was shown by all Speci students who gave their best efforts during all events! Thanks to the families and friends who were fortunate enough to be able to attend and support our students.

Information regarding the next level (Divisional 11th Sept) for students who won events will be handed out over the next few weeks.

Go Speci!!!

## District Athletics Results

### 10 Boys

High Jump - 2nd place - Lance M  
Long Jump - 3rd place - Quinton T  
Triple Jump - 2nd place - Lance M  
200m - 2nd place - Lance M  
800m - 1st place - Coby H

### 10 Girls

High Jump - 1st place - Ruby C  
Shot Put - 3rd place - Lexie TF  
100m - 3rd place - Ruby C

### 11 Boys

High Jump - 2nd place - Ben W  
Long Jump - 2nd place - Riley B  
Triple Jump - 1st place - Ben W  
Relay - 2nd place - Ben W, Peter W, Ryder NS & Baiiden B

### 12/13 Boys

High Jump - 2nd place - Ashdon B  
Triple Jump - 3rd place - Ashdon B  
Shot Put - 2nd place - Simon M  
Discus - 1st place - Simon M  
100m - 1st place - Tyler R  
200m - 1st place - Tyler R  
800m - 1st place - Tyler R  
Relay - 3rd place - Tyler R, Eh Kell Ler S, Ashdon B, Ethan M

## Parents and Friends News

### Father's Day Donations

Our parents and friends club are seeking gift donations for the upcoming Father's Day stall. Donations are being collected at the front office.

### Meetings/Catch ups

Coffee and cake catch up is every 2nd Fri of the month. Meetings 4th Fri of the month. Both are at 2.30 in the staff room.

## TERM 3 DATES



### August

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>		Grade 5/6 Passion and Pathways- Bendigo airport
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Whole school Science Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	WHOLE WEEK	Whole school swimming program
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	After school	Bookfair starts- runs for 2 weeks
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	Book week parade – see flyer
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	ALL DAY	Divisional basketball
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	ALL DAY	Grade 3/4 Scienceworks excursion

## Weekly Additional Activities 2023

### MONDAY

9:00am to 11:00am	<b>Playgroup</b> Multipurpose Room – ran by Coordinator Chloe Hickey
2:45pm to 3:15pm	<b>Whole School Assembly</b> Basketball Court Weather Permitting or Multipurpose Room

### WEDNESDAY

8:35am to 8:55am	<b>Breakfast Club</b> Served from Canteen – Students eat in under cover area
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### THURSDAY

3:30pm – 4:30pm	<b>EAL Homework Club</b> Library with Mrs Manley, Paw Doh and many wonderful volunteers
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