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

Friday 14th July 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first edition of our newsletter for Term 3! I hope all families had the chance to rest and relax and enjoy some time with family and friends. The start of the term has commenced extremely smoothly with the students quickly settling back into our school routines.

As we commence a new semester, parent teacher interviews on Thursday were a great opportunity to reflect on the growth in all our students and have important conversations and set future learning goals.

STAFFING UPDATE

I would like to take the opportunity to inform the school community that Karen Emerson, better known as Mrs E to most students has retired this week. Karen has worked at Speci. for 23 years and in that time has supported many students with additional needs. She will be dearly missed by all. The staff farewelled Karen at a function on Wednesday afternoon and Education Support Staff and myself had lunch with her on Thursday.

We welcomed Belinda Gillie Kemmer to our teaching staff this week. Belinda is replacing Sophie Roberts in Room 11 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until then end of the year, while Sophie is on maternity leave.

SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL LINK

We are moving to one online parent platform in August. We have made the decision to discontinue our SeeSaw license, this assisted us in through remote learning. The high cost and limited usage by families could not be justified moving forward.

As we get towards all our families accessing Sentral we will open new modules and capabilities, with the plan to have all permission forms and communication delivered through Sentral. Stacey and Kaye are happy to assist parents and carers who are having issues downloading and connecting their children to the Sentral App. Feel free to drop anytime in school hours and they will be happy to help.

<https://shps1316.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>

STAFF TOILET PROJECT

On Monday building will commence in the administration office area to install new staff toilets (we currently have only 2). The project's duration should be approximately 7 weeks. During this time there will be considerable disruption and noise in the office area, and we will not have access to any of our current staff toilets. To combat this staff will utilise the senior female toilets and all female students will use the junior toilets.

Specimen Hill Primary School is committed to the Child Safe Standards

PLANS FOR 2024

As in all school communities, some families relocate at the end of the year. It is very helpful for our planning and much appreciated at this early stage, if you could advise the office if you know you will not be returning to Specimen Hill Primary School in 2024.

Workforce planning for the year ahead commences in Term 3. Prep enrolments and information about families leaving Specimen Hill Primary School helps us plan for the overall organisation of the school in the new year.

HAVE YOU ENROLLED YOUR CHILD FOR 2024?

2024 enrolments are now open, and I urge all current families with children starting Prep next year to complete their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Enrolment forms to be in by 28th July.

This information will help guide staffing and class sizes for 2024 and will assist us to ensure that Prep packs and resources are ready and available for transition later in the year. If you know of other families with children starting Prep in 2024, please encourage them to enroll by 28th July.

PE NEWS

Swimming Forms

This week, Swimming Notes were sent home to families. Swimming will be in Week 5 of this term. The permission form can either be completed online via Sentral or filled in and returned to the office. A reminder that families will need to fill in the **Swimming Survey** via the attached QR code or link in order for the pool to place your child into the correct swimming group for the week. This survey must be completed by the 2nd of August. It should take no longer than 5 minutes to fill in. The QR code is here for your usage, please scan and complete. Link is <https://bit.ly/3p7XNs7>



District Athletics Rescheduled

Students attending District Athletics will have notes come home this week outlining the new date for this event. Previously handed-in permission forms for this event will still apply. Please see the office for a new form if any details have changed. The new date is Tuesday 1st August.

CENSUS

The department of education requires parents to advise schools about any change in their employment (for school funding purposes). If you have changed employment circumstances, such as gaining employment or am now unemployed, can you please email the school

specimen.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Could you please indicate your family name, change of employment and what your new occupation is. Also, if you are unaware of what you previously recorded on your child's enrolment form, please email the school and we will advise you.

ART

The following students will have their illustrations on display at Lansell Plaza, out the front of K-Mart and will be on presentation in the centre from Sat 24th June to Sunday 16th July. The community has been asked to vote for their favourite illustration for each page. Last year the campaign received over 5,600 votes in centre and reached more than 90,000 people on our digital platforms.

The favourite designs chosen by the community will then be created into a book.
The Centre will then host a presentation ceremony to announce and award the winners.

| Page 1 | Page 2 | Page 3 |
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| Lexie. T.F | Padance. H | Keeley. C |
| Abby. B | Caitlyn. E | Mackenzie. Y |
| Kara. L | Blake. M | Eh Paw Wah. M |
| Hsar. H | Janae. E | Moo Soe. S |
| Haemahly. L | Flynn. O | Chase. M |
| Daisy. K | Ana. B | Lily. M |

STUDENT PODCAST



The 12th episode of the Speci Hill Student Podcast is up on Spotify and Apple Podcast.

Either search "Speci Hill Student Podcast" or use the links below.

You can also follow the podcast on Apple Podcast and Spotify so easier to find each week.

Agenda:

- What is happening at Speci
- Star of the Week Awards
- Value Awards
- Teacher Profile – Mrs. Manley

[Spotify Link](#)



[Apple Link](#)



SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 3 Week 1– Awards presented at following Monday Assembly

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| Grade | Student of the Week | Values Award - Respect |
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| Prep/One – Room 1 | Jay R | Toby G |
| Prep – Room 2 | | |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 3 | Evelyn C | Addison C |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 4 | | |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 5 | Oliver F | Felicity P |
| Grade 1/2 - Room 6 | Ruby B | Seb B |
| Grade 3/4 - Room 4a | Cody H | Coby H |
| Grade 3/4 – Room 7 | | |
| Grade 3/4 - Room 8 | Samantha P | Tearkani D |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 9 | Quentin S | Hsar H |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 10 | Jordan G | Archer A |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 11 | Lily H | Daisy K |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 12 | | |
| Grade 5/6 - Room 13 | | |
| Physical Education | | |
| Art | | |
| Coding | | |
| Music | | |
| Chinese | | |
| Circus | | |
| Principal's Award | Brayden W – Room | |

TERM 3 DATES



July

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| Tuesday 18 th | | Grade 5/6 Passions and Pathways- Latrobe University |
| Tuesday 25 th | ALL DAY | Netball tournament |
| Wednesday 26 th | ALL DAY | Boys football tournament |
| Friday 28 th | ALL DAY | Pupil free day- Berry Street training Camp Australia will be providing care on this day |
| Monday 31 st | ALL DAY | 100 Days of prep |

August

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| Thursday 10 th | | Grade 5/6 Passion and Pathways- Bendigo airport |
| Monday 14 th -18 th | | Whole school swimming program - Gurri Wanyarra Centre |
| Tuesday 22 nd | 9am | Book week parade |
| Thursday 31 st | ALL DAY | Divisional basketball |
| Thursday 31 st | ALL DAY | Grade 3/4 Scienceworks excursion |

Weekly Additional Activities 2023

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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| 8:35am to 8:55am | Breakfast Club Served from Canteen – Students eat in under cover area |
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THURSDAY

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| 3:30pm – 4:30pm | EAL Homework Club Library with Mrs Manley, Paw Doh and many wonderful volunteers |
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*Looking for a new after school activity?
Why not try out our newest program?*

STEM Club!



*Discovery's after-school STEM club
4-5pm on Wednesdays in Term 3, 2023
Join us for hands-on experiments and
fun!*



