Principal Report

The Senior Students from Peninsula Specialist College will hold a special celebration next week. The students have invited a group of special guests to attend a special lunch to celebrate their support for our hospitality and work education program. The motto for the day will be ‘Celebrating Your Support, Our Success’ and our students, under the guidance of Genevieve McCarthy, put together a mouth watering menu for our guests.

The college is exploring the possibility of introducing some student banking facilities to interested students. We are presently in conversation with the Bendigo Bank to explore the possibilities and suitability.

By the time you read this newsletter a large group of our secondary students will have returned from a 3 day city adventure. I am certain the students will have had a fantastic time and my thanks go to the staff that planned this camp and spent the 3 days with our students.

In the past weeks Peninsula Specialist College welcomed several visiting groups and all commented very complimentary on the calm and friendly atmosphere around the college. The visitors were particularly impressed with the willingness and eagerness amongst our student population to learn and participate in learning activities. These positive impressions not just reflect the work at PSC but also the effort and support all parents and guardians give to our students.

The newsletters are also available via our Peninsula Specialist College website. Please go to the website and have a look at www.peninsulaspecialist.vic.edu.au

Have a safe weekend

Peter
Occupational Therapy

This year we have purchased some new and exciting equipment for the Therapy Room.

Alex is on the Platform Swing. He is balancing in 2 point kneeling on an unstable surface and can take his hands off the ropes momentarily and clap his hands! Fantastic Alex!

The Buoy Swing is a fantastic piece of equipment to provide lots of proprioception / traction to upper limbs. It works the core muscles as you position your feet onto the ball while it is gently swinging.

Lachlan is an expert at the Buoy Swing!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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It was the perfect day to set sail when Class 12 went to the Marina in Safety Beach. The gang had a sail boat each to launch whilst Gidget was ready to catch any stray vessels. The tired sailors stopped for lunch in Dromana with enough time to explore the playground.
Primary 3, 4 and Specific Needs attended the Royal Botanic Gardens in Cranbourne last week. Students experienced; tasting lemon myrtle tea, throwing a boomerang and building an aboriginal shelter (wilam house). We all had a fantastic time and the rain didn’t dampen our enthusiasm. A big thanks to Judy Wilks for organising the excursion and Mick from the Gardens who shared his wealth of knowledge, passion for the Gardens and Indigenous studies. We look forward to future visits to the Gardens and continuing our studies of the Indigenous culture at school.
Early this week Denise hosted information sessions about her time living and working with Yolngu people in North-East Arnhem Land, at Galiwin’ku in the Northern Territory. Children enjoyed playing ‘yidaki,’ handling the beautiful woven baskets and shell necklaces. Students saw a video about school life in Galiwin’ku and even learnt a song in ‘Yolngu Matha.’ (language of the Yolngu people) Thank you Denise.
Class 7

In Class 7 we have been working in our vegetable garden and completing activities classifying living and non-living things. As a group we explored our surrounding wetlands and collected many living and non-living things. We had fun back in the room categorising things such as sticks, leaves, flowers and refuse.

Class 8

In Science we have been learning about living and non-living things. The class sorted lists and pictures of living and non-living things and glued them onto two pages.
Home Economics
Our Littlest Master Chefs
This week Class 12 made sailing boats as part of the transport program.

Alex Victoria Chloe Chyanne Bianca

Rainbow Values Snake Mural. Head is now completed. Rest of the body to paint. Well Done Everyone!

Jewelry Design Bark Painting. Eric & Hannah