Our new classrooms have now officially been handed over to Peninsula Specialist College and we are in the process of furnishing the classrooms for 2013.

The new Peninsula Specialist College website is now up and running. Please check it out and maybe you would like to give us some feedback regarding the user friendliness of the site.

I would like to remind the Peninsula Specialist College community that as part of the EBA negotiations, the Australian Education Union has instituted a set of work bans. This is a normal part of industrial relations in Australia. As a result of these legally sanctioned industrial negotiations, members of the Australian Education Union across Victoria have instituted a work ban on writing comments of the December reports, affecting over 1600 government schools.

At Peninsula Specialist College this will mean that most classes will receive reports with the dots showing standards of achievement and also denoting progress, but without the teacher comment.

Can I remind and encourage you all to support the Peninsula Specialist College by purchasing tickets for our fantastic Christmas Raffle. You will have the chance to win some fantastic prizes for under your Christmas tree this year.

Peninsula Specialist College will break up for the holidays on Friday 21st December 2013. We will finish the day at 12.30pm and buses will run accordingly. Please make arrangements for the day.

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 great weekend

Peter
Harold’s Healthy Tips

**Be sun smart** We are lucky in Australia to have lots of lovely sunny weather, however it’s really important that we look after our skin and make sure we protect it when we are outside. Even on cloudy days the sun’s rays can be harmful- does your school have a “no hat, no play” rule? Healthy Harold loves this rule and always makes sure he has his hat on when playing outside. Sun cream and sunnies also help to keep our skin safe!!

**Limit screen time.** Limit screen time. What’s screen time? It’s the amount of time you spend watching TV or DVDs, playing video games or using the computer. The more time you spend on these sitting-down activities, the less time available for active stuff, like soccer, bike riding, netball, dancing and swimming. Try to spend no more than 1 hour a day on screen time, not counting computer use related to school.

**Be active.** One job you have as a kid — and it's a fun one — is that you get to figure out which activities you like best. Not everyone loves netball or soccer. Maybe your passion is karate, or athletics, or dancing. Ask your parents to help you do your favourite activities regularly. Find ways to be active every day. You might even write down a list of fun stuff to do, so you can refer to it when whoever looks after you says it's time to stop watching TV or playing computer games!

www.healthyharold.org.au

www.sunsmart.com.au
Class 12 Home Ec

Another very busy day in the kitchen with class 12. We made shortbread and everyone chipped in to make them extra yummy. Students used the Big Mac Switch to turn on the mixer to cream the butter and sugar for the recipe. Well done everyone!
Class 12 Gardening

Class 12 watered the garden and looked out for bugs and worms!
CLASS 7 GARDENING

Judy and Class 7 have been busy in the garden this week: Andrei and Tillie replacing soil; Daemon removing weeds; Mitchell potting vegetables; Dylan, Jordan & Leslie weeding the school entrance. Well done everyone!
National Gallery of Victoria Excursion

Arriving at the National Gallery and playing in the sculpture playground.

A mosaic display and Inge King – The Wave

Leonard French – Coloured glass ceiling and bronze sculpture.

Interactive sculptural installation and the Wave
Art Studio

Christmas Wrapping paper and stencils and printing. Finishing touches of graduation piece.

Spring display!
Let's go SURFING

DISABLED SURFING EVENTS

Saturday February 9 & March 2, 2013, 9am - 1pm
at Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club

Free BBQ lunch for all attending

VOLUNTEERS: Bring your own wetsuit if you have one, rash vest will be provided (we will have limited wetsuits available to borrow)

DISABLED SURFERS: Wetsuits and rash vests provided. $10 participant fee, carers free

How can you help at this Disabled Surfing Event?
... by becoming a volunteer

It is open to everyone, young and old, surfers and non surfers alike, we will need your help to volunteer both in the water and on the beach. Help us ‘put smiles dials’ as the Mornington Peninsula community unites to help any disabled person have a safe surf experience.

To register your interest in attending contact:
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