Principal Report

Hi everybody,

Wednesday the 13\textsuperscript{th} November 2013 was a very productive day for all staff at Peninsula Specialist College. Whilst the majority of staff were engaged in report writing throughout the day, a group of staff members took the opportunity to visit the ABACUS centre in Hastings to gain a better understanding of services provided for students with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the local area.

Congratulations to one of our very fit students. Farah K participated in the 2013 Around the Bay cycling event. An early start saw her leave on a tandem with her dad at 5.45AM in Melbourne. Farah and her dad arrived at Queenscliff at 9.34AM with no break she cycled 110km. They took the crossing at 10AM and cycled again at 11AM from Sorrento. There was a head wind all the way back to Melbourne with an average speed of 25km/h. Well done both.

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
Last week senior students, Jessica, Randall, Eric, Dylan and Georgia went on Bike Camp to Blackwood Forest. It was awesome! We did the Blackwood Super-ride which is 45km up and down hills. It was really challenging, fun, sweaty and you felt great when you finished. It was great fun to sleep in tents and have a campfire. There was even a disco on the last night. A big thank you, to Denise and Brendan for taking us on this camp.

Jessica M
The Work Ed team showed class 10 members how to identify and remove weeds from the primary dune at Shoreham foreshore Reserve. It was a great morning and wonderful to see the students working together so cooperatively.
Recently Peninsula Specialist College hosted an information meeting about the Learning Stone Project, a DEECD initiative already widely spread in the Gippsland area. John Murray, a Koorie Education Support Officer, presented to a very enthusiastic group of community representatives, including staff, students and school council members of Peninsula Specialist College.

The Learning Stone site provides a living local resource to assist and provide a better cultural understanding and a great place to start for teachers in their delivery of indigenous content.

There are numerous benefits and opportunities associated with Learning Stones from strengthening local indigenous and non-indigenous community partnerships, capacity building of students and community members to developing a supportive mechanism that assists both the primary transition to secondary college, and the leadership and skill development of secondary students, to lead primary students in their cultural journey sharing their experience and perceptions. *The Learning Stone will help promote and celebrate aboriginality in all its forms. - from educating school community and validating Koorie people both past and present, and their journey in the school setting, by helping young Koorie people to embrace and become involved in community.*

Please have a look at the Learning Stone website for more information

For Parents, Carers, Children,

- How to get involved with your children's education

Guest Speaker
Sandra Brogden

Sandra is a Noongar woman from the south west of Western Australia. Through her father she also has strong family connections in the Kimberley region. She is currently the Director of Projects with National Curriculum Services and shares the national coordination of What Works

Further Enquiries: Ph Somer 5975 2445 or Carol@fmpllen.com.au
www.fmpllen.com.au

This project is funded through FMPLLEN Pace Project fund by the Australian Government Department of Education
We went to Dromana Remembrance Day. We were quiet for 2 minutes. There were lots of kids there. People put wreaths on the memorial. I put a poppy there to remember the people who died and those who survived. James A

My class went to the War Memorial at Dromana this morning. In a way it made me feel sad for those who lost their lives but happy that we are in peaceful times. James B

We went to the Remembrance Day ceremony at Dromana. We watched people put wreaths on the stone. I saw Farah. I put a poppy on the stone. Caoimhé
Science Week has started at Peninsula! We have a talented bunch of budding scientists here at PSC with students conducting a whole range of experiments including: balloon rockets, coke fountains, volcanoes, hoop gliders, electro magnets, lava lamps and putty making!