Hi everybody,

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2015.

I would like to welcome all those students and families who are back with us for 2015 and I would like to extend my welcome to all of our new students and their families. We are all looking forward to a great year in 2015.

The BAM ALLstars – all abilities dance crew is now offering classes in Frankston for students from the age of 7 years old. Enrolments are now open for 2015 and further information is available on www.bamdanceclass.com.au or ring Lisa on 0425 721 848.

EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED. If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone. It is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you. All telephone warnings come from the official number 0444 444 444.

The School Council has 3 parent category vacancies and 1 DET employee vacancy for 2015, nomination forms will be available from the school office and need to be returned to school by 4pm on Friday the 20 February 2015.

Parking spaces during drop off and pick up times are very limited. We provide 3 visitor/parent parking spaces near the bus cage and a large parking area is available just opposite the school car park entry. Please utilise those designated parking areas and avoid parking in ‘green’ areas. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

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

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Upcoming Events

March
Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 9th March

Learning Stones Opening
Wednesday 18th 10am
Class 3 are having a fantastic start to the school year! With new students and Maths colour days, we are very excited! Well done everyone!
Our Learning Stone journey continues with the area up and running thanks to the great team spirit and volunteers who worked on its completion over the holiday. A special ‘Thank You’ to Pat (Charlotte’s grandad) for his great work and support for the project.

The opening ceremony for the Learning Stone area will take place **Wednesday the 18th March 2015 at 10am** and all are welcome to attend.
Class 5 have had a great start to their swimming programme at Pelican Park this term. Everyone is becoming more confident in the water and having loads of fun too! A special welcome to Alex and Sihaam our new students.

www.watersafety.vic.gov.au - The information on this website will help you learn how to be safe at the beach, at the river, by the pool and while boating and fishing.
Senior Students have been completing activities, promoting our School Values.

Our student values are:
- Respecting Others
- Talk Nicely To Others
- Be A Good Learner
- Co-operate With Others

Students did an excellent job of creating their own poster about our Values. There was great discussion with everyone contributing great ideas and fantastic work produced. Well Done everyone!
In Class 13 we have been learning all about stick insects and their life cycle. Chris has brought in his own collection of stick insects for us to observe in class. We learnt that they start life as tiny little eggs that look a bit like seeds. Stick insects are able to protect themselves from predators by using camouflage. They look just like sticks so they are able to hide easily on trees and bushes!
RDA is in the process of moving from the previous property in Bittern to a new property in Moorooduc. This is going very well but is taking longer than expected. The horses are settling in well in their new homes with Rosco, Silver and their friends all enjoying a much deserved carrot treat and they can’t wait for us to come and have a ride again. The new property is called Amandiri and Jenny and her team are very excited for RDA to start again.

Due to the additional building works that have taken a longer period of time than expected we will officially start up RDA in term 2. There will be an expression of interest form that will be sent home to families in the near future. We understand that many families would like their child to participate in RDA. As places are limited it is important to fill in the expressions of interest when they are sent out as quickly as possible.

Any questions please contact Vern Cribb, Assistant Principal at school.
Giddyup!

For more information about RDA please visit rda.v.asn.au or ridingdevelopsabilitiespeninsula.com.au
For more updates on the progress of the move visit their facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/Riding-Develops-Abilities-Peninsula