Hi everybody,

The Peninsula Specialist College Council welcomes its new members. The members of the College Council for 2014 are:

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National Guidelines for the safe restraint of children travelling in motor vehicles

The *National Guidelines for the Safe Restraint of Children Travelling in Motor Vehicles* have been developed by Neuroscience Research Australia (NeuRA) and Kidsafe – The Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia.

Children of different sizes and ages need different types of restraints. The guidelines recommend that children use a booster seat until they are too tall for the booster seat or can achieve good seatbelt fit as assessed by the 5 Step Test.

A good adult seatbelt fit is generally not achieved before children are approximately 145-150 cm tall or 10-12 years of age. The Child Restraint Guidelines also recommend that children under 12 years of age are safest in the rear seat.

The Guidelines include an easy 5 Step Test to assist parents to assess whether a child is ready to use an adult seatbelt. VicRoads recommends parents use the 5 Step Test to ensure their children’s safety at all times.

- Can the child sit with their back against the vehicle seat back?
- Do the child’s knees bend in front of the edge of the seat?
- Does the sash belt sit across the middle of the shoulder?
- Is the lap belt sitting low across the hips touching the thighs?
- Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?


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**Art Room Request**

If parents and students could collect any **RESEALABLE** containers (e.g. Clear Take Away Containers) it would be greatly appreciated.

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**Events**

**March**

**TOMORROW**

Red Hill Show

Thursday 27th

Hip Hop Display

**April**

Friday 4th April

Last Day Term 1

Monday 21st

Easter Monday

Tuesday 22nd

First Day Term 2

Friday 25th

ANZAC Day

Public Holiday
Congratulations to Jessica McCulloch, one of our very talented Secondary Students. Jessica received notification from Special Olympics Victoria that she is part of the Victorian Basketball Team for the 2014 National Games. This is a tremendous achievement that Jessica is very proud of.

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

‘Yulendj Laang’, Making Connections
Our students had fun learning about the aboriginal culture whilst designing these beautiful fence panels which will be displayed at the Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association Incorporated in Hastings.

‘Yulendj Laang’ volunteers
We are working on our own ‘Yulendj Laang’ – Learning Stone – site and would welcome volunteers who may be able to assist with landscaping, tree removal and possibly excavation. Please contact Deb at school on 59872649
The students in Class 1 are very busy this term! Pancake Day with Class 2 was a highlight!
Senior students have been creating and recording their own musical masterpieces using the iPad App Garage Band. Using virtual instruments they can play nearly any instrument, now that’s amazing.

Use sound effects such as reverb and voice changing tools such as chipmunk and alien sounds.

Create and loop music tracks.

Record multi-layer tracks to compose a piece of unique music.
Class 3

*Orange* you glad you came to school? Our Maths focus this week was the colour orange!
The team continues to assist Shoreham Foreshore Reserve and manager Peter to get rid of weeds ‘the bad guys’ to help indigenous plants ‘the good guys’ make it a better place.
Here is a selection of photos the class have entered into the Red Hill Show. We have some great snappers!! Don’t forget: Red Hill Show Tomorrow 22\textsuperscript{nd} March!