Hi everybody,

Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services run a Living with Autism Spectrum Resource Support Group. Parents & Carers support each other exploring new skills & wisdom and you have the opportunity to discover and share new skills. The next meeting is on Monday 23rd June 2014 and every 4th Monday of the month at Wallaroo Community Centre, 6 Wallaroo Place, Hastings. Please contact Jo on 03 5970 7009 for further details.

I would also like to invite you to an information meeting with the Centre for Services & Therapy Dogs Australia. They will introduce the role of service dogs for people with Autism on Thursday 12th June at 10.30 – 12.00 at Peninsula Specialist College. I would be grateful if you could contact the office on 59872649 to let us know should you wish to attend this meeting.

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

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**Community Helpers by Class 6**

On Thursday’s we go to the Rosebud plaza each week to buy afternoon tea as part of our maths program. We are learning all about money. Last week we met Fay from the Salvation Army and she told us all about how they help people. **I was so proud of Sebastian, Charlotte, Kaileb and Lulu when they opened their wallets and began to donate their afternoon tea money all by themselves.** As a teacher I have never been prouder of my students. Well Done for having a great community spirit!

😊 Lisa and Karen

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**MOTHER’S DAY**

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY** to all our wonderful mums, we hope you had a very special day and enjoyed the lovely gifts the students bought from the Mother’s Day stall and the gifts/cards they made in the classroom and in the cooking and art programs.

**A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all our wonderful mums who helped with the Mother’s Day stall this year – Bec Howe, Jo Bourke, Belinda Stevenson, Julie Watson, Justine Spears and Kirstin Liiv.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

A very special thank you to Bec Howe who made some beautiful gifts and donated gifts for the stall.

Thank you!
Tempo Tricycles will be displaying their range of all abilities tricycles and cycles on June 10th @ 10:00am at Peninsula Specialist College. All interested parents and carers are welcome. [www.tempotricycle.com](http://www.tempotricycle.com) or email [sales@tempotricycle.com](mailto:sales@tempotricycle.com) for any other information.

Class 1

Here are some lovely photos of Class One having fun in the garden. We have been very busy watering plants and helping Judy to plant vegetables and flowers. We love using our magnifying glasses to see bugs & worms and to identify different plants and flowers. Our students enjoy helping to place the compost and smelling the herbs. Class One watches the weather with interest as we love the good weather which allows us to have fun in the sensory garden. Well Done!
Class 9 and 10 went on an excursion to Bunnings to enhance their sustainability integrated topic. Students identified ways to save energy, water and power. They located items in Bunnings and checked out their corresponding prices, to remind them to think about sustainability in their homes.
We have been learning about “Community helpers”. We have had visits from a vet, nurse, bin company and police. The children have enjoyed role playing the professions!!

We have been learning about the letter T, and celebrated by cooking a T-cake and then ate it at a “T party”
This week senior students had their orientation session at Sages Cottage in Baxter. Rob showed us around the property and told us all about the history of the buildings...including a couple of residents of the ghostly variety! Students worked in the garden to rake up the leaves and put them in the compost bins. Of course there was time for a few cuddles with the farm’s guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens and goats.

Well done to Emma, Luke, Corey, Jesse, Jess, Dylan, Zack, Blake, Billy and Jess!
We have been sanding the Totem poles with Ian ready for painting on the flags.

We enjoyed our initial rock smoking ceremony as part of our Learning Stone journey. A big ‘Thank You’ to Aunty Fay for her fabulous ceremony and to Aunty Marg for sharing her cultural knowledge. We thank Gen and the ‘catering’ crew for a lovely afternoon tea.

We had fun growing and tasting bush tucker ‘finger limes’ with Gen, yummy.