Hi everybody,

Pearson Clinical and Talent Assessment are conducting a research project across Australia and New Zealand on skills related to intelligence, learning, and achievement. Your child may be eligible to participate.

What is involved?
Each child will be asked to complete an assessment which will involve performing different activities, such as answering questions, viewing pictures, repeating numbers, matching symbols and writing short sentences.
- All questions and tasks are age appropriate for your child.
- Some children will be invited to complete another assessment at a later time.
- Participation takes between 30-150 minutes (not including breaks).
- Participation involves testing participant skills and ability.
- Participants will receive a book pack for their participation valued up to $100.

If your child is selected to participate the assessment would take place at school with a Psychologist from the Student Support Services team.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES BY THE TEAM AT PEARSON CLINICAL AND TALENT ASSESSMENT.

For more information and to allow your child to participate please see consent form (available from school office). If you have any questions you can speak to Dr Nicki Knott on 9811 2528.

The Mornington Peninsula Youth Services offer the ‘January School Holiday Program’. Excursions include swimming with the dolphins, a trip to Gumbuya Park and a beach day. Both of the Youth Centres (Shed 11, Hastings & Y-Lounge, Rosebud) are open every day of the holidays between 10am – 5pm, with free activities every day. There will be free BBQs as well as great activities at both Youth Centres. For more info and booking please check out www.mpys.com.au or call 5950 1666. Applications are open between 24/11/14 – 10/12/14.

Recently you will have received financial statements from the school, please take the opportunity to review the information. Do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need further information or would like to make a payment.

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
Our class worked together to make chocolate spiders
The Work Ed team has been doing a great job looking after school grounds and preparing the ground for our Learning Stones site. Congratulations to Eric on a great job as assistant project manager, consulting with Mr. Koop and Ian about work schedules, preparation of equipment and allocation of tasks. These guys have what it takes! Great work ethics, safe use of equipment and awareness of others, grit and determination! Keep up the great work!
We’ve been trying to beat our personal best on the obstacle course as part of our Community Access and Healthy Living term topic. Well done everyone!
Class 7 has been very busy - focusing on their maths, reading and writing! They have also enjoyed learning about the human body and participating in science activities. We have had a visit from Aunty Marg, with the students painting stones and threading beads.
Our Play Pods have been a great way to enhance our social skills, practice sharing and getting along.
Students from class 7 & 8 went to St Macartan’s School where they taught other students to make ‘Bug Hotels’ and newspaper pot plants. **Below Right:** Sheckles the scarecrow had a terrific day visiting the Mornington Community Garden Open Day last month.