Hi everyone,

This last week has been a busy one for a number of students in our school. Six of our students; Eric, Simon, Will, Corey, Joel and Dylan successfully completed the ‘Super Ride’ which is a 30km ride from Blackwood to Trentham. Congratulations to these students particularly as the weather conditions made riding very difficult. Last Friday Classes 8 and 9 participated in the Science Fair in Mount Martha. Information and pictures can be found inside this newsletter.

Please be reminded that this Monday 16th November is a student free day. Teachers will be completing student assessments and reports on this day.

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
BIKE CAMP
BLACKWOOD SUPER RIDE

Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre Inc. runs a ‘Super Ride’ every year in its unique and picturesque setting. These events create cohesive camping & cycling communities by hosting a variety of Special Schools from across Victoria, and involving all students and staff in dynamic, inclusive, challenging and adventurous programs.
On Tuesday November 10, it was the running of the P.S.C/R.D.A. “Melbourne Cup”. The 6 jockeys who took part on the day were Joshua, Tyler, Emily, Kiana, Kaileb and Rose. The jockeys were all prepared and waiting for the horses. They were all lined up at the starting gate and were off to run toward the winning post.

After the presentation of the cups it was decided the boys would go out for lunch to celebrate after such a big day at the races. A huge thank you to all the volunteers as our students looked fantastic and had an amazing time.
Science Fair Friday 6th November 2015

Classes 8 and 9 and Loqlan from class 6 attended a Science Fair in Mount Martha last Friday. We had a Bee display with an observation bee hive and a smoker that gets the bees out of the hive. We also had honey tasting and lots of students also sipped lemonade like a bee sips nectar. There were lots of interesting things to see and do on the day.
Indonesian Masks
Music

This term the students have been learning about the sounds of instruments and the 4 instrument families of the orchestra; Brass, Woodwind, String and Percussion. Each class has enjoyed watching Toot, Whistle, Plonk and Boom by Disney on You Tube: https://youtu.be/8iVf0pPHvjc?list=PLgHFQrADhHWzvy9lfUGW3pW9UowCVGT5H

The students have explored instrument sounds and made their own homemade instruments—didgeridoos, pot drums, guitars, blowing bag pipes and straw whistles.
Those with a keen eye will have noticed an amazing transformation taking place within our school grounds over the past few months! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of some very committed staff and students, what was once a neglected and overgrown garden is now a beautiful haven for frogs and wildlife.

Our vision was to create an outdoor learning space that showcased achievable sustainability practices, beautified the school, provided for engaging learning activities and connected both students and staff to the natural environment.

Check out these fantastic pictures and I’m sure you will agree that this vision has been realised!