Hi everyone,

We are nearly at the end of our planning period for 2016 and will inform you about your child’s class very soon. There is a real buzz around the school with a clear upward enrolment trend over the last few years and 2016 is no exception.

Our classroom numbers will therefore increase and we are looking forward to establishing more new classrooms/buildings early in 2016.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services will run the MPYS School Holiday Program in January 2016. A program and contact details are included in this newsletter.

Friday 18th December 2015 will be our last day of school for 2016 and the school will close for students at **12.30pm** on the day. Arrangement for bus transport at that time will be made and please make arrangements for the day if you pick your child up from school. Students will return to school on **Thursday 28th January 2016**.

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](http://www.peninsulaspecialist.vic.edu.au)

Have a safe weekend

Peter

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**Primary Christmas Carols**

**Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th December @ 1:00 pm**

Invitations will be sent home soon so guests can nominate which date they would like to attend
Bunjil The Eagle is our song to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People and our connection to the Boon Wurrung land.

The Bunjil The Eagle DVD/CD is available from the school office free of charge (1 per family), just let your child’s teacher know or contact the office directly if you would like one.

AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience)

www.aimementoring.com

"I am a very proud Yorta Yorta man and only celebrated knowing my clan heritage this year. I want to learn as much as I can about my Aboriginal heritage and share it with my friends and family. I am happy I am Aboriginal because I can teach the culture that I have learned on my journey.

It made me feel really proud performing this song and it made me feel part of the land. I enjoyed sharing my culture and being the first person to play the didgeridoo in the studio. I also said the Acknowledgement of Country in the sound booth which made me feel really proud.

Some of the musicians at the studio [when writing and recording Bunjil the Eagle] did not know a lot about my culture as they were not taught in school, so I feel proud to have been able to have my flags, friends and brother Scott to celebrate with me and share our stories with them. I hope others will like our song and share it as I enjoy learning about my culture too.

In the song the line "Join us in this journey to happiness and calm" was how this song makes me feel when I sing it and share my culture. It was actually an answer I gave when asked "How does learning your culture make you feel?" by a visitor to school."

14 year old AIME Mentee at Peninsula Specialist College, James Wilson.
Students were challenged to perform a difficult fine motor activity (putting a small ball on a moving toy caterpillar with annoying background music) with and without their Engine Toolbox strategies such as a weighted lap blankets, and Noise Deadening headphones.
Class 7 recognising ways that they can regulate their engine speed. Well done everyone!
PSC now has a brand new ELECTRIC DRUM KIT!

Classes have enjoyed hearing their own drum beats through the headphones and playing along to pre-recorded rhythms.
Great work girls on keeping our school tidy and saving the environment!!
Come along to the disco!  GOLD COIN DONATION

Sing! Dance! Have Fun!

In support of the Leukaemia Foundation

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**MPYS School Holiday Program January 2016**

**Tuesday January 5**
- Tshirt Tie Dye @ The Corner

**Wednesday January 6**
- Luna Park

**Wednesday January 20**
- Tshirt Tie Dye @ The Corner

**Thursday January 7**
- Tattoo Art & Tshirt Tie Dye @ Shed 11

**Thursday January 21**
- Tshirt Tie Dye @ YLounge

**Friday January 8**
- Movie day @ Shed 11 and The Corner

**Friday January 22**
- BBQ @ Shed 11 and The Corner

**Tuesday January 12**
- Combined Council Activity @ Phillip Island (beach day)

**Thursday January 14**
- Outdoor Laser Tag + BBQ lunch @ The Corner

**Drop In Monday - Friday @ Shed 11, YLounge & The Corner**
- 10am - 5pm (closed for lunch between 1pm and 1.30pm)
- Open to young people aged 10-17 years old

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Excursions are open to young people aged 10-17 years old
- Online bookings are essential - see our website m pys.com.au
- Bookings open 9am, Monday November 30
- Bookings close 5pm, Friday December 11
- Gold Coin donation required for all excursions

Youth Centre Locations
- Shed 11 Youth Centre - 11 Marine Parade, Hastings
- YLounge Youth Centre - 1 Nepean Plaza, Rosebud
- The Corner Youth Centre - 91 Wilsons Road, Mornington

Consent forms required for all activities (including Drop In)! See m pys.com.au for consent forms

Need more info? Call us on 5950 1666, or send us a message on Facebook - facebook.com/mornpenyouth

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