Hi everyone,

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already attended the Student Support Group meetings over recent weeks. Please make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you have not already done so. Thank you for your support.

Following the call for nominations for the Peninsula Specialist College Council I declare elected Judy Anderson, Jo Terzini and Clemens Unger in the Parent Member Category and Leonie Patton in the DET Employee Category. Congratulations to all those elected.

A big ‘Thank You’ to St. Kilda Football Club, particularly to Shane, Blake, Jason and Rachel, for conducting a training session for all of our students. Our kids had great fun and our many Saints supporters had some very challenging questions for the players.

**Go The Saints!**

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I wish everyone a safe weekend.

Peter
'Womin djeka' meaning 'Welcome', in our local Boonwurrung language.

Thankyou to Alex for sharing his fantastic feather collection with us and we learnt together that the crow is called 'waang' in our local Boonwurrung language. Waang, in our local aboriginal culture, looks after the waterways. Waang and Bundjil can be seen represented in wooden carvings in our 'Yulendj Laang' area.

Brody is a keen member of the boy’s didge club and kindly showed us this didgeridoo.

Thankyou to James for sharing the deadly emu egg carving he did at Willum Warrain. 'Deadly' meaning 'Awesome'!!

Dust off your dance shoes girls too as a girls Indigenous Dance Club will be starting in term 2 if not before!
Students experiment with ways to calm themselves. The cuddle swing (made of lycra) is very popular. It provides deep pressure and vestibular (movement input).

The vibrodisc gives intense vibration input.

When students make a noise, their voice sounds staccato and their chest gets a deep pulsating feeling.

We have 2 treadmills for burning off excess energy. This larger treadmill can be inclined so that Heavy Work can be obtained at walking pace.
The Therapy Balls are very versatile.

Students are finding “Ball Push” can be calming and fun.

Sitting and bouncing on a ball is calming.

Brandon and Casey are playing “Cannon Ball’. Another student throws a Therapy Ball at their feet and they engage their core muscles in order to push the ball away.
Class 5

Class 5 have commenced swimming lessons this term at Pelican Park Aquatic Centre in Hastings.

Students are having lots of fun learning about; safe entry/exits, stroke development, getting objects from under the water and floating. Well done everyone!
Classes 11, 12, 14 & 15 went on an Art excursion to Rosebud to take photos & collect inspiration for the ‘Life in Rosebud’ art competition which is being held by the Seawinds Community Hub and Rosebud Plaza. We had a great day exploring the Plaza, surrounding shops, parks, beaches and the Rosebud Pier.
Playing instruments in Music
Exploring sounds in Music class
During service students serve the ‘customers’ and describe the different elements of the dish.

Middle, senior and junior students are practicing their skills in the kitchen.

Cooking in the Kitchen

Our Strengthened Pathways program is giving senior students the opportunity and experience to prepare, cook and serve lunches to appreciative staff.
It has been a busy start to the year for Class 15. The class has settled in well and has been making great progress in working as a team and supporting each other to overcome any challenges they face.

Last week the class completed their induction into the Certificate 2 in Parks and Gardens. They have started working and were a great help in getting the maple trees planted in our new garden. You will recognise when our class is working in this program by their bright yellow high-vis uniforms!

We look forward to seeing all the great work the class does this year.

Jo and Ryan