Hi everyone,

It is great to see all the students enjoying our new sensory garden area. This beautiful area further enhances the facilities that are available to your children at our school. If you have a chance please feel free to pop in and have a look, it is certainly a hit with our students.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who participated in the Student Support Group (SSG) meetings in recent weeks, a written Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be with you before the end of term 1. Should you have any remaining questions or thoughts regarding your child’s IEP, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher for clarification.

A quick reminder that **Monday is a public holiday** and therefore school will be closed.

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)

I wish everyone a safe weekend.

Peter
**Class 14** has been working with Aunty Marg on our class artwork. We have been doing our hand prints on the canvas and we have painted dots for our hands on our class canvas. We had so much fun working with Aunty Marg and we’ve been creating different hands for everyone in class. On behalf of class 14, we would like to say a big thank you to Aunty Marg for letting us visit her Indigenous room and helping us make our class 14 canvas.

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**YOU CAN CLOSE THE GAP**

We all deserve the chance to be healthy; and you can help make this happen. You’re invited to show your support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health equality by joining my event (see details above).

More than 100,000 people are expected to take part in National Close the Gap Day on Thursday 17 March 2016. Find out what’s been achieved over the last 10 years. But more importantly, find out how you can help close the health gap by 2030.

Join me. Together we can Close the Gap.

[oxfam.org.au/closethegapday](oxfam.org.au/closethegapday)

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**Labour Day Public Holiday:** Monday 14th March

**National Close the Gap Day:** Thursday 17th March

**Last Day of Term 1:** Thursday 24th March

**Good Friday Public Holiday:** Friday 25th March

**Red Hill Show:** Easter Saturday 26th March
Yulendj Laang ‘Making Connections’

‘Womin djeka’ meaning ‘Welcome’, in our local Boonwurrung language.

Great work going on across the school in the Koorie studies program and a big thankyou to Beau and Ben for the beautiful Turtle painting they have donated to the school.
Occupational Therapy

Students are experimenting with movement activities in the classroom to see what happens to their Engine Speed.

When you are Cool Calm Blue, it is easier to be part of the group. It is easier to wait your turn.

Below: Noah is doing a Chair Push Up to help him to stay Cool Calm Blue.

Above: Jaymee learned that she liked jelly when she sucked through a straw.

Below Right: Brighid finds reducing the sounds and watching a lava lamp helps her to feel calmer.

Michael enjoys challenging his balance!
Class 10 Gardening

Digging in new topsoil and chook manure. Our egg plants have thrived. Our pumpkin vines keep spreading.
Class 9 & 10 ● ● ● ● Dogs for Life
Dear Staff, Students, Parents/Guardians, family & friends-

Please help in supporting our students by dropping down to the Rosebud Plaza and voting for their amazing artworks in the Rose-Budding Art Competition entitled ‘Life in Rosebud’

The top selected artworks will soon be appearing on display in the Plaza & voting will be open to the public for six weeks.

Artworks that are not selected for the competition will also be hung in local galleries & cafes so keep an eye out!

Congratulations to all of our incredible young artists and thankyou for all of your hardwork & dedication!

Best of Luck!
Music Performances at Assembly

Well done Kayla on your performance of Katy Perry’s Firework song. You sang and played the acoustic guitar with confidence, ease and enthusiasm. Fantastic effort, we are very proud of you.

Drumming Performance Well done to the boys that performed their own drumming style this week. Great effort and confidence!
In Music classes we have been learning about instruments of the Orchestra. In the past weeks we have had a go playing a violin. A violin has 4 strings and you play it using a bow.

‘Wow, this sounds really cool’ Andrew - ‘It is hard to play’ Callum

‘I like to play the violin’ Zoe - ‘I will try, it is hard to hold’ James

‘It is small and makes high sounds’ Emma

‘It is a string instrument and it is small’ Bailey
Every Friday in Term 1, Class 13 have had the opportunity to work closely with Sam Blair, helping to create and build the Dromana Community Garden. The students have worked very hard and are beginning to see the garden evolve and change as a result of their great work. At the end of their hard work, they enjoy a well-earned refreshment at the Blackthorn Café in Dromana.

What the students have to say:

I like watering the mulch. – Bianca and Jamie.

I like filling the wheelbarrow with mulch and emptying it out. – Emma and Tom

I like trying something different – Callum

I love soaking the newspaper and putting it on the grass. – Zoe

I like going to the café afterwards. – James

I love watching the progress, not only of the garden, but the students as well. Watching the students working together in teams and developing greater collaborative and communication skills has been awesome. – Chris (Cl 13 Teacher)
Games on the Green

The Naranga School sent their best sportsman to our school for games on the green. We had an awesome time and look forward to visiting their school very soon!
There is so much to discover in our new Garden. Everyone has their favourite area and is enjoying exploring the space together.
FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS LIVING IN THE SOUTH

Find out more about opportunities for people with a disability

- Respite options
- Recreation and arts info
- A large variety of stalls
- Guest speakers: autism, caring for yourself, NDIS

Tuesday 19th April
10am - 2pm

Pakenham Hall
Cnr John Street & Henry Street, Pakenham

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