Principal Report

Hi everyone,

Thank you very much for all the parents and carers who have returned the Parent Opinion Survey for 2016. No further returns can now be accepted.

Please be reminded of two important dates this term, **Friday 19th August 2016** is a student free day and **Thursday 8th September 2016** for our School Concert. The concert will be held at the New Peninsula Community Centre, 370 Craigie Road, Mount Martha and tickets for the concert will be $20.00 for a family ticket (including parents/carers and siblings) and $5.00 for additional family members or family friends. Tickets will be available from the school office.

Our bi-annual school concert is a fantastic showcase for our talented students and we are looking forward to seeing you all there on the night.

We will be publishing our Child Safe Policy on our website shortly. It is a DET requirement and confirms our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety, wellbeing and empowerment of the students at our college.

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

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**Curriculum Day**
**Friday 19th August**

**School Concert**
**Thursday 8th September**

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PENINSULA SPECIALIST COLLEGE PRESENTS

WE ARE THE WORLD
2016 SCHOOL CONCERT

Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} September

7:00 PM

New Peninsula Community Centre
370 Craigie Road, Mount Martha

Family Tickets $20.00
(including parents/carers and siblings)

$5.00 for additional family members or family friends.

Tickets will be available from the school office.
KICK-IN-A-CAN!

Food for All is an organisation which was formed in 1991 to meet the need for emergency food on the Southern Peninsula. Food For All has packed and distributed 48,000 food parcels. Also over the past fourteen years Food For All has packed and distributed over 7,500 Christmas Hampers and given toys to the children of the families receiving hampers.

Donations of non-perishable foods can be brought to school to be collected by Class 11 during term 3. Cans of Soup, Spaghetti, Baked Beans and Canned Fruit are particularly welcome. Other suggested items include: Long Life Milk, Tinned Vegetables, Creamed Rice, Vegemite, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Sweet Biscuits and other canned goods. Thank you for your generous support!

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

William has been playing didgeridoo for over 20 years. He first started to learn the instrument in Mount Isa, far north western Queensland and engaged with community from an early age. He has worked with traditional dance groups and fusion/rock jazz bands, orchestras, string quartets and mixed ensembles and has been touring internationally since the age of 15 years old. His first performance with a professional orchestra was as a soloist at 17 years old.

Aunty Delmae Barton was born in Emerald central Queensland. She is a descendant of the Bidjara tribe on her mother’s side and has had a long life journey of performance and a vast array of collaborative projects in regional Australia, national arts centres in our capital cities as well as representing Australia on the international stage from Canada to UK, Italy, France and China.

The Australian Youth Orchestra, together with William Barton and Delmae Barton facilitated music workshops for a group of our students under the guidance of Colin Cornish.

Language Learning

Our Koorie students enjoy their continuous Boonwurrung language learning with Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir and we are very pleased to incorporate Boonwurrung language in our programs.

NAIDOC Celebrations

Our students joined in this year’s NAIDOC week by celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and culture through many activities, including activities for a group of our indigenous and non-indigenous students facilitated by AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) mentors and displays around the school.
Films and computer games classified **M** (Mature) contain content of a moderate impact and are recommended for teenagers aged 15 years and over. M classified films and computer games may include content such as depictions of violence, supernatural or horror elements that may be unsuitable for children under 15.

**MA 15+** classified material contains strong content and is **legally restricted** to persons 15 years and over. Children under the age of 15 may not legally watch, buy or hire MA 15+ classified material unless they are in the company of a parent or adult guardian.

**R 18+** films are restricted to adults. A person may also be asked for proof of their age before purchasing, hiring or viewing an R18+ film at the video store or cinema.

**Unwanted contact** is any type of online communication that you find unpleasant or confronting. This could be messages from someone you met online who starts asking personal questions or sends you photos that are upsetting or that you don’t like. The contact can come from online and/or offline friends or people you don’t know.

Unwanted contact can include:

- being asked inappropriate or personal questions by someone you don’t know
- being sent offensive, confronting or obscene content
- being asked to send intimate pictures or do things online that make you feel uncomfortable.

**HOW DO I DEAL WITH IT?**

- Don’t respond and immediately leave the site or chat session.
- Report it to an adult that you trust or to the police if there is a threat to your safety.
- Report and block the contact or remove them from your friends list.
- Change your profile settings so that your personal details are kept private.
- Don't open messages from people you don’t know.
- Keep the evidence. This can be useful in tracking the person posting unsuitable material.
- Contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and/or telephone provider, or the website administrator. There are actions that they can take to help you.

**WHERE DO I GO FOR HELP?**

Australian Federal Police (AFP) Online Child Protection unit

You, as well as adults acting on your behalf, can report abuse or illegal activity online to the AFP’s Online Child Protection Unit by using their online child sex exploitation form or by clicking on the Report Abuse button on the ThinkUKnow or Virtual global taskforce website.

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**For more info and tips for parents please visit esafety.gov.au**
Lloyd Unger, along with other talented local cyclists, competed in the recent Victorian Schools Cycling Championships hosted by Dromana Secondary College. Lloyd finished 6th in the 3 Laps Short Course event and represented his school. Well Done!

In Science the Secondary students have been collecting their fingerprints, examining fibres and hairs under microscopes. We have also successfully worked out what the mystery powders were. Great forensic science work is happening in the Secondary department!