A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Selina Oliver, Jessica Mc Culloch (swimming) and Andrei Todorovic (Bocce), for an outstanding effort at the Special Olympics State Games for 2016!

**Principal Report**

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 2. It has been a busy start to the term with a number of Secondary class camps taking place this term.

The students had a fantastic time at Manyung Camp and at the Philip Island Adventure Camp. Another group of students is very excited to attend a camp at Queenscliff next week. Thank you very much to all the staff who organised and supervised all of these camps.

You will also find information regarding Junior School Holiday Activities organised by Karingal Inc. and information about the South Eastern Metro Skate Park League enclosed in this newsletter.

In the future the Peninsula Specialist College newsletter will be published twice a term in hard copy and on our website as a pdf document.

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
A five day fun-filled camping adventure during the school holidays for all young people, including those with a disability, aged between eight and sixteen years old. Registrations are now OPEN! Come join us at the awesome YMCA Angelsea Recreation Camp Book before July 10th and receive 10% off!!

**Date:** TUESDAY 20th September – SATURDAY 24th of September.

**Where:** YMCA Anglesea Recreation Camp  **Who:** Kids aged 8 – 16 (at the time of camp)

**Do you have a child with a disability?** They can come too! Please contact Leigh on (03) 8397 3108 or leigh.ware@ymca.org.au (not available Wednesdays) to discuss your child's opportunity to have a great camp experience.


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**ALL ABILITIES SESSION**

After only one season, Mount Martha Soccer Club (MMSC) is excited and proud to announce the formation of an All Abilities Soccer Team to our passionate, loyal and supportive community.

**The club is holding a ‘come and give it a go’ session from**

- 10am-12pm on the 15th May
- **BALCOMBE GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

To register your interest please email the club at: info@mmjsc.com.au

- Ages: 6 – 16  
- Skill level: All  
- Open Day: 15/5/2016

Our All Abilities team will be created to provide children of all ages living with physical and/or intellectual challenges with a safe, supportive and fun environment to play soccer and engage with the local community.

Nathan is the coach of our All Abilities team and is available to answer any questions you may have regarding suitability for yourself or your child. For more information: mmjsc.com.au/all-abilities-team/
In April the primary classes visited the Mount Martha Fire Brigade. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about fire safety while having lots of fun! We tried on the fireman’s jacket, squirted the hose, looked around the fire truck, climbed through the fire truck and crawled through the smoke tent. We learnt about safe and unsafe fires and practised some important safety actions such as ‘stop, drop and roll’ and ‘get down low and go, go, go’. Can your child tell you when they need to do these?

A very big thank you to all the volunteers at the Mount Martha Fire Brigade, we really appreciate the organisation and opportunity for our students to visit.
Our students continue to teach us how to use our equipment in different ways and what makes them feel calm.

Casey enjoys lying between two Crash Mats. When he is fully covered, he not only receives deep pressure but a lovely warmth with all the sounds becoming muffled and distant. You are transported to another world—like being at the bottom of the ocean!
‘Womin djeka’ meaning ‘Welcome’ in our local Boonwurrung language

Senior Koorie students Billy, Scott, James and Jeremy are learning about their culture and connection to community and land through designing our new podium. We look forward to learning from them in the near future about this great project. Jack has enjoyed learning about his connection to land and sharing his great knowledge of animals to his grade.

A big ‘shout out’ to Rose and mum Sam for teaching us their cultural dance in our newly formed Indigenous dance club. Thankyou to Matty for bringing along his beautiful didgeridoo and James for sharing his didgeridoo skills with the didge group.

We have begun our Boonwurrung language learning journey with Aunty Fay Stewart Muir. Thankyou to Jess, Bec and Aunty Marg for the beautiful animal canvases and cushions which will support our student’s language journey.

Our babies dolls are happy and warm in their new aboriginal blankets, thankyou so much to Casey’s Nan. Indigenous PECS are now available to use so thanks to the team who worked on these. Remember to check out the ‘Bunjil the Eagle’ school song on youtube or the school website and enjoy singing along.

http://youtu.be/X7mPNwu3PU0
We had so much fun on the flying fox, giant swing, making damper, riding and enjoying the Camp Manyung’s facilities. It was an awesome camp.

By Class 9