

Newsletter



Principal Report

What a fantastic School Concert. I believe everybody involved in the 2012 production can be extremely proud and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who made this tremendous occasion possible.

“Germ Stopper” is an initiative run by the DEECD and reminds all students and parents that in Australia, our flu season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August. At various times throughout the year including flu season, it is important to remind students of the importance of good hygiene at school and at home and to remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue, to throw used tissues in the rubbish and to wash their hands with soap and water. This will encourage good hygiene and help reduce the risk of spreading the flu.



DEECD requested for schools to include the following information regarding ‘Sexting’ in the school’s newsletter. ‘Sexting’ means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (e.g. by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences. For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a **criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years**. It doesn’t matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender’s register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.

If you require further support, please speak to your school principal or student wellbeing co-ordinator.

May I remind everybody that the date for students to return to school is Tuesday 9th October 2012. Monday 8th October is a designated professional development day for all staff at Peninsula Specialist 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

Have a safe holiday

Peter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 21 st September	Term 3 Ends
Saturday 22 nd September	Royal Melbourne Show begins
Sunday 7 th October	Daylight Savings Commences
Tuesday 9th October	Term 4 Commences

THANK YOU

Thank You to everyone who donated or supported the annual gourmet hamper raffle this year. It was a huge success raising some much needed funds. Thank You!

Born to Knit

Emily with her mum's fantastic knitting donation. Thank you Cheryl and all who were involved in Born to Knit in aid of the Save the Children Foundation.



Healthy Harold's Picnic



We all had a lovely picnic with Harold on Tuesday. Harold and Suzy from the Life Education Van provided sliced fruit and vegies for morning tea. We all had photos with Harold and had lots of fun. **"Good Choices, Great Life!"** is our theme for term 4 promoting good health.



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This year's concert was a huge occasion. Thank you to all the staff, students and volunteers who made the night a success. It really was a beautiful night!



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The Rainbow Values Snake mural was painted by the whole school community, including staff, and put on our playground fence. We have taken it down to be a part of the school concert, incorporating the colourful morph suits that reflect the rainbow colours that relate to our school values. We focused on Values across the school in first term and indigenous art second term. The dot painting gave all abilities the opportunity to experience this style of indigenous art. The music also incorporated the indigenous element with traditional Rhythm sticks and a traditional Indigenous choral piece. Together, this made an amalgamation of; colour, sound, and art to reflect the schools' diverse talent and ability.



Time to Shine!

Northcote Town Hall 30th August saw a fabulous 'Time to Shine' festival with the students of Peninsula Specialist College Music and Art departments combining for a spectacular performance of traditional indigenous music and artwork. The Rainbow Values Snake mural was used with colourful morph suits reflecting the rainbow snake and the combination of the values of the school. The music wove in and out of the performance art with traditional rhythm sticks and a captivating contemporary indigenous choral piece, performed by selected vocal students. A great festival experience was had by all. Channel Nine recorded this performance and it will be used as part of a 5 minute promotional film. This film will be made available to student performers hopefully by the end of term 4. Congratulations to everyone involved, special thanks to staff that supported the students at the event.



Class 5 News

Engine Speeds with Jane: In Class 5 we have been learning about our internal 'engine' and how we can affect the way our body feels. We have learned that we can use different strategies to set our own "Engine Speed". This week we experimented with sensory equipment such as the weighted vest, a vibrating cushion, a long slinky tunnel and lycra jumpsuits to see what made us feel mellow, calm or 'revved up!' Everyone is different so we all had different preferences for what made us feel calm. We have great fun learning about our "Engine Speeds!"



Physical Education



Cross Country 2012



2012 SSSSA

Mixed Netball Round Robin Premiers

Congratulations to:

Jessica McC

Jonnie L

Corey C

Alice

Caitlyn E

Jade A

Emma D

Eric M

