

Newsletter



Principal Report

'UV Below Three – Safe to Get Some Vitamin D'. As schools and early childhood services across Victoria prepare for the onset of the autumn and winter months, SunSmart is encouraging everyone to get some sun exposure during the week to help with vitamin D levels. Although ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun is the main cause of skin cancer, it is also the best natural source of vitamin D; essential for strong bones, muscles and overall health. Sun protection is required when UV Index levels reach three and above. In Victoria, average UV levels fall below three between May and August, making it a great time to get outside for some sun to help with vitamin D levels. For further information contact SunSmart on 03 9635 5148 or see: www.sunsmart.com.au/resources/sunsmart-app



More Support for Students with Disabilities National Partnership. Under the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments' *More Support for Students with Disabilities* (MSSD) National Partnership, over \$37 million will be spent on a range of key strategies to provide greater support to Victorian schools over 2012 and 2013. These strategies will strengthen the capacity of all Victorian government schools to provide effective support\

for students with disabilities. For further information about the range of strategies see: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/healthwellbeing/wellbeing/mssd.htm>

I would like to kindly remind parents and carers that the school day at PSC starts at 9am. We do understand that some parents might have commitments early in the day, but please be aware that PSC does not allow for supervision of students dropped off before the start of the school day unless prior arrangements have been made with available staff. Thank you for your understanding.

The Department for Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has recently agreed to provide 2 further classrooms for Peninsula Specialist College to accommodate the growing number of students wishing to enrol at PSC. I will keep you informed regarding the progress of all relevant works to be undertaken.



On Wednesday the 16th May our hospitality trained students invited selected guests to a 'Thank You' lunch at Peninsula Specialist College to acknowledge the support for our school based programs from a variety of outside agencies, companies and friends of the college. The college council and all guests were 'blown away' by the standard of the lunch, the service and presentation on the day. A special 'Thank You' to Genevieve McCarthy for making such an outstanding event possible.

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 weekend

Peter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 27th May	Reconciliation Week Begins
Monday 11th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 29th June	Red Nose Day
Friday 29th June	End of Term 2

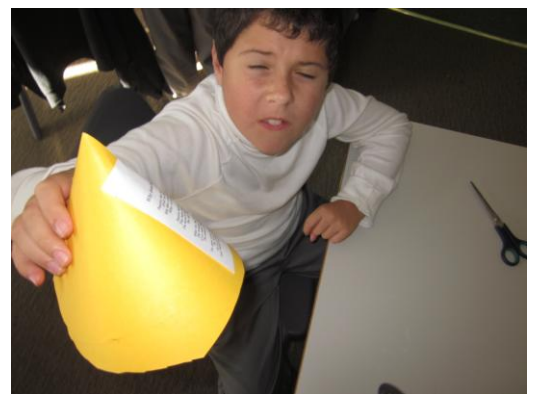
Class 8 - Music

Class 8 have been rocking out with Elizabeth in Music this term. Bass, Guitar and drums are favourites.



Class 7 - Science

Class 7 have continued their weekly science session. This week we looked at different seeds and talked about how they change. We made popcorn and found out that the popcorn seed kernel has a shell that keeps the moisture in. When the corn kernel was heated in the frying pan in oil, the moisture turns to steam, and the steam expands and the corn kernel pops. WOW Popcorn! YUM YUM!



Celebratory Lunch

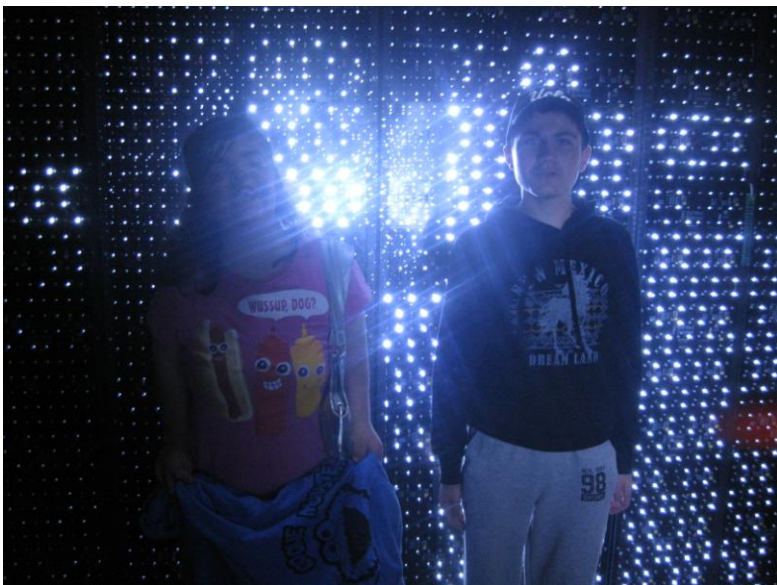
Last Wednesday the senior students hosted a very special lunch to thank those people and organizations that support our school and fantastic programs. The event was called 'Celebrating Your Support, Our Success' and the 40 guests came from Bendigo Bank (sponsors of our semi commercial kitchen), National Australia Bank who made our partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne possible, manager and committee members from Shoreham Foreshore Reserve, Principals from Dromana College, Rye primary and Balnarring Primary , teachers from Chisholm Institute and Pelican Pantry and of course Jeanette Horsley Director of Rye Youth Foundation who provided the \$3000 to organize and run the event. Congratulations to our wonderful students who provided great service, warm hospitality and a spectacular three course lunch! The feedback has been amazing!



Celebratory Lunch



Senior Urban Camp



Wednesday 9th May:
We took the river cruise to Scienceworks. It was excellent because it was fun to try all the activities. The Eureka Sky Deck was cool because it was at night.

Senior Urban Camp



Old Melbourne Gaol

Thursday 10th May: The zoo was good because it was interesting seeing all the different animals. We went to Melbourne Aquarium and I saw penguins. They looked like little men in suits.

Friday 11th May: Queen Victoria Market



Art Studio

Right: Lulu and mum Toni wearing the love heart necklace Lulu made for Mothers Day.

Below: Tactile experiment Rainbow Value Snake Mural.



Above: Ashleigh completing a water colour artwork.
Left: Milly Chalk drawing on the basketball court.
Right: Class 12 making Box Cars



Above Left: Elliot making a sand snake sculpture. **Above Right:** Billy enjoying shaving foam