



Principal Report

Hi everybody,

Please be reminded that the Friday the 20th December 2013 is the last day of our 2013 school year. We will be finishing school at 12.30pm on that day and transport services will run accordingly.

School Procedures for the Bushfire Season:

The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised.

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.



Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days’ notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly by email or letter sent home with your child with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- Out-of-school care will be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan –

Events

December

Graduation
Tuesday 10th

Orientation Day

Tuesday 10th

Junior
Christmas
Carols

1:00PM

Tuesday 17th



Last Day
Term 4

Friday 20th

12:30 FINISH

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on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for the threat of fire we have updated our emergency management plan; reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website, and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency plans.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.
- You can access more information about school closures on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/emergencies.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Riding Develops Abilities (RDA) invites everyone to join their End Of Year Games Day on Saturday the 30th November 2013 at the Merricks Station Ground from 10.30am to 3.30pm. There will be games for riders to take part in, craft activities, sausage sizzle, award of the year, making cakes for horses and a fancy dress parade. Please RSVP by the 27th November 2013 to Heather Norris on 0449 129 344 or by e-mail to Norris.heather@gmail.com .

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 great weekend

Peter



Class 14

Busy time in Class 14,
cooking, gardening,
painting, and doing lots
of work. The sunshine is
here. Hooray!



RDA



RDA - Our last session for Year 2013. We had a great time riding the horses in our jockey silks. We had a party and made a presentation to Jenny and her band of fantastic volunteers. A super way to finish.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO BE A PART OF THIS PROGRAM NEXT YEAR, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER BEL OR PAUL AT THE SCHOOL.



Occupational Therapy



The school is very pleased with the efforts and ingenuity of the Peninsula branch of TADVic (Technical Aid for Disabled) in making a Mechanical Horse which provides similar input to muscles and joints. Lachlan is not holding onto the reins and is using his core muscles to balance on the moving horse! Lucas is very relaxed—the rhythmic movement of the horse is calming. The saddle helps position the hips forward and assists a nice straight back. Panina loves the horse and sits beautifully on it! Lachlan thinks the horse needs a feed while Casey is having a ride!



Southern Peninsula Fresh Food Programme

Fresh food provided by SecondBite is available to the community free every Monday at 11:30am. This high quality surplus fresh food is donated by farmers, wholesalers, markets, supermarkets, caterers and events

For more information:

Southern Peninsula Community Support and Information Centre
(03) 5986 1285

MONDAY 11:30AM AT THE YOUTH AND BAND HALL ON THE ROSEBUD FORESHORE NEXT TO THE SOUND SHELL (ALSO THE HOME OF VINNIE'S KITCHEN)



Don't Forget to Bring a Bag!
Come on Time as the Food Goes Very Quickly!

Class 9



camp quality.



laughter is the best medicine.



For the last 25 years our puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa have been travelling around Australia visiting schools. They explain cancer in a way that's easy to understand, delivering the message in a fun way. They help children to accept the differences they see, and show them how to welcome their friend back to school after receiving treatment for cancer. Returning to school is often a frightening time for children living with cancer. Everything has changed for them. And with the side-effects of treatment, children like Sophie return to school looking very different. A lack of understanding can lead to bullying and isolation.

Because a long running sponsor is unable to continue their support, we need your help - we need to raise \$170,494 to ensure we can continue to visit primary schools around Australia in Term 1 of 2014. Please Help!

Go to: www.mycampquality.org.au and click on [How You Can Help](#)



ART



Macka from Toorak College is an aspiring art teacher who has been a great helper this week!

Easy Marker Painting



Face Painting



ART



This is our work based on Chaco Kato's Himo Theory. Bamboo and finger knitting from the whole school was used.



Painting



ART



Puppet Making



Aunty Marg





We have enjoyed learning about Aboriginal Culture through our class sessions with Aunty Marg.

