

# Peninsula Specialist College

# NEWSLETTER



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## Principal Report

Welcome back to Term 3 at Peninsula Specialist College. May I particularly welcome those families who joined us at the start of this new term.

Shed 11 Drop – In Centre in Hastings is open for young people between the ages of 10 – 25 and is run by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services. Shed 11 is located at 11 Marine Parade, Hastings and will be open Monday's 3pm-5pm and Friday's 3pm-5pm during term time. All activities are free and a parent consent form is needed for entry into Shed 11. For more information please contact 5950 1666.

ASD workshop opportunities through Positive Partnerships. The initiatives have been developed and delivered by partnerships between Education and the Autism Community and are funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package. To see if there is a free workshop location near our school please visit the website [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) or contact the information line on 1300 881 971.

Very shortly a number of randomly selected families will be asked to participate in the 2013 Parent Opinion Survey. The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. Selected families will receive their surveys by the end of this week.

A big 'Thank You' to the South Eastern & Mornington Peninsula Masonic group for their donation of 2 additional Disability Beach Buggies.

Peter Adams, Derek Clark, Betty Clark, Bill Boothroyd, Anne Bothroyd and Bill Bothroyd recently visited the Peninsula Specialist College to present the new buggies to the staff and students. 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)



Have a safe weekend

Peter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3 Ends

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

### EMA 2013 (2nd Instalment)

Applications for the 2013 Education Maintenance Allowance 2nd Instalment are now being taken.

**If you received the first instalment of EMA at the start of the year you DO NOT have to reapply.**

If your child has enrolled at Peninsula Specialist College since the start of 2013 and you are eligible to receive the EMA you **MUST** fill in an application form available from the school office.

(If you applied for EMA at a previous school you must complete a new application form at Peninsula.)

#### Eligibility

To be eligible to receive the EMA, you must: be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and** be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent; and submit your application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of 3rd Term (**15 July 2013**) for the second instalment.

Any applications based on Centrelink payments that are not income tested (e.g. Carer Allowance, formerly Child Disability Allowance, Mobility Allowance and Remote Area Allowance) are not eligible unless the claimant, in their own name, complies with the second dot point above.

Please submit your application to your child's school by **2nd August 2013**.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

*Peninsula Specialist College are assisting The Southern Peninsula Food for All Inc.*

# Kick-in-a-Can!

Food for All is now in its twenty-second year during which time local schools and colleges have magnificently supported it. Their mission is to provide food to all those on the Southern Mornington Peninsula who need emergency food relief. Here is a list of suggested non-perishable food:

Long Life Milk - Canned Fruit – Canned Soup – Tinned Vegetables – Baked Beans & Spaghetti – Canned Beef & Vegetables — Tinned Creamed Rice – Vegemite – Pasta – Pasta Sauce – Sweet Biscuits

“Food for All” Collection

“The aim is that every food parcel should contain a balanced diet”

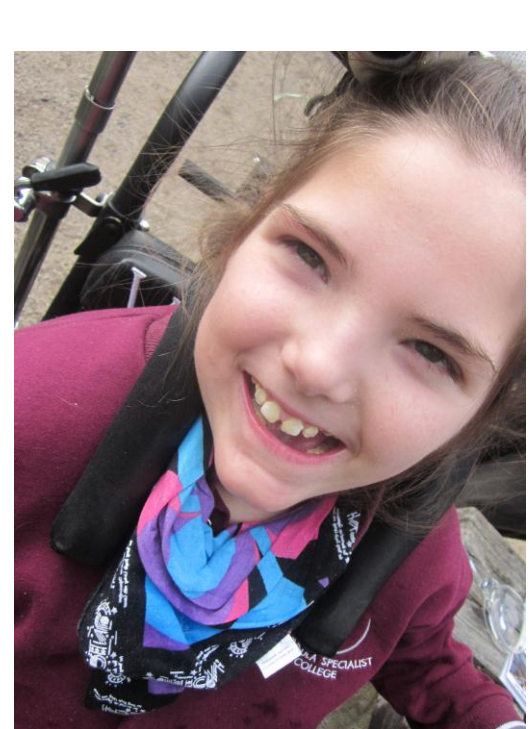
P.S.C will be collecting suitable food items for the next 4 weeks.

Please ‘Kick-in-a-Can’ to assist this worthy cause.

**Class 12**



A busy start to Term 3. We have started our swimming classes and we are also meeting with our new buddy class, Class 5. We are looking forward to getting to know all our new friends, and hope to do some things like make a movie, art and games. It's going to be fun! Happy 16<sup>th</sup> birthday Bianca. We are looking forward to having Alex back at school after he was in hospital for a little while. Good man Alex.



**CLASS 6**



I really enjoyed feeding the wallabies. You had to be very quiet to get near them.



The snake was really cool – but I was a little scared. Andrei



The snake ate a rat. The lady fed the snake a dead rat. Riley



The wallabies were great. You could feed them if you were quiet. Seth



I really liked the quoll, his fur was really spotty. Ruby



I liked the barking owl. His name was Frodo. He said "Woof, Woof!" James



  
**Moonlit Sanctuary**  
Wildlife Conservation Park

# CLASS 10

This term Class 10 are continuing our Sensory Science sessions and are learning about Space and our Solar System. We are exploring the planets in our galactic



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ART STUDIO



Junior Art Walks aim to increase observation skills. They are collecting sticks to make echidnas as part of this term's focus.



Class 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 are exploring the style of Claude Monet who was one of the leading artists of the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. He is famous for his paintings of light, water, flowers, trees and sky. Every year hundreds of thousands of people visit France to see Monet's paintings in Paris and his home in Giverny, a village where he lived for most of his life. Monet's rise to fame began in Paris. Monet and his artist friends wanted to break free of the traditional indoor studio painting and paint outdoors. This group of artists became known as the Impressionists. This style of painting influenced the rest of the world which gave the freshness of light and how it changes the colours we see every day. We are very lucky to have a large collection of Monet's painting visiting the National Gallery of Victoria (St. Kilda Road Melbourne) It is a fabulous exhibit well worth a visit with the family.



Textiles- **The finger knitting craze is going very well!** Thank you to everyone who enjoyed knitting over the holidays. Everyone including family friends and students are welcome to join in the Art competition for each class to finger knit as much as they can in the next three months. All lengths will be measured (combined ) for each class. Thank you to Sky's family and Jessica's family for generously donating wool for this project. If you have wool not being used at home the Art Studio will warmly accept any wool donations. The students have taken this project with wonderful enthusiasm. The lengths of finger knitting will be used as a community art project inspired by the excursions to Mc Clelland Sculpture park.

Happy Knitting. Many thanks, Fiona

# Home Economics

Mama Mia! Pasta Class.



In cooking I helped the juniors to make fresh pasta! Lynton. Brendan helps the junior classes every Friday!





## *Riding for the Disabled Victoria*

Horse Riding has kicked off with a gallop. All students are working really hard on their riding skills and the staff at RDA are fantastic. Best of all, it's great fun in a beautiful setting.

