

Peninsula Specialist College **NEWSLETTER**



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Principal Report

Hi everybody,

Thank you to those families who participated in the 2013 Parent Opinion Survey and returned their questionnaires.

Monash University, with the support of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), is conducting a large-scale survey of parents of children with a disability followed by the training of a variety of professionals to deliver various levels of the Stepping Stone Triple P (SSTP) parenting program specifically developed for parents of children with a disability. The first phase of this research involves inviting parents of children with a disability aged 2 – 10 years to respond to the “**My Say**” survey. To have your say and to find out more about the program, please visit www.mysay.org.au

A big ‘Thank You’ to everybody who made the Special School Concert last week such a success. All of our primary students were outstanding and the hard work paid off on the day. Fantastic!!



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 good weekend

Peter



UPCOMING EVENTS

Springtime Fair

Tuesday 17th September

End of Term

Friday 20th September

Physiotherapy

We have a new treadmill in the school. Thank you to Flinders Lions Club for their generous donation towards it.

Students will be able to use the treadmill for:

- Getting fit
- Losing weight
- Sensory regulation
- Specialised walking exercises
- Therapy
- Fun!

Tawhiri was the first student to have a go.

He now uses it every morning. Well done Tawhiri.



Kick in a Can

We have had a great response to our call for cans! The Southern Peninsula Food for All Organisation still need our help, so keep Kicking in those Cans!

THANK YOU! 1 WEEK TO GO!



Springtime Fair **WANTED!**

We are looking for donations of:

Clean Second Hand Toys, Plants and Cuttings

Raffle Prizes Boys, Girls and Adults

**Does anyone have any new style marquees or bunting
(Coloured Flags) we can borrow for the fair?**

**Please leave a message for Kathy in Class 1 at the office if you
can help at all. Thank You!**



CLASS 7



Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Conservation Park

We had a fantastic excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary on Monday. It was great weather- no rain in sight. We attended an educational talk and were able to handle a blue tongue, a stumpy tail, a jungle python snake and could feed baby sugar gliders. We had to be quiet in the bush to be able to feed the wallabies. Everyone loved it when Justin had the big snake around his arm and neck, it looked so cool.



James B found out that emus have holes instead of ears and they are the largest bird in Australia.



Dylan discovered that Tasmanian Devils eat meat and if they eat a kangaroo they strip the fur and eat it, then eat the meat and last of all eat all of the bones.

Caoimhe loved feeding the baby Sugar Gliders sugar syrup on her finger.



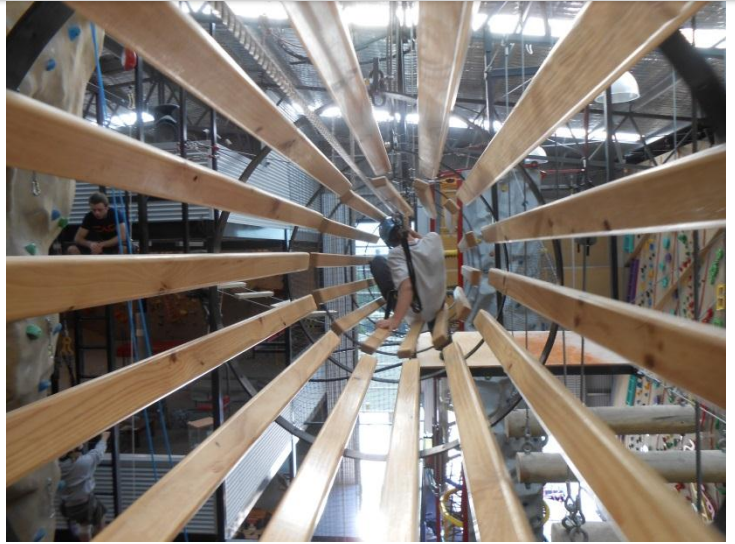
Jess discovered that wombats come out at night.



James A thought there was a dog in the park but it was actually a Barking Owl.

CLASS 10

Class 12 ended term 2 and started term 3 reaching great heights. In the last week of term we headed down to Bayside Rock where students overcame their fears and scaled great heights on the climbing wall, high ropes course and through the cave.



First day back we got straight into the world's greatest game, footy! We headed to an all abilities footy clinic where we honed our kicking and handballing skills, had a sausage sizzle and finished it off with a game. What a great day out.



We are busy working on a Space unit at the moment learning about the different objects in our universe. Next week we are off on a bushwalk, the action never stops in class 12!



Music & Lyrics



On the last week of term classes 3 and 4 performed songs from their unit of work assembly, playing along to the beat using percussion instruments. We can tap, bang, shake, scrape and sing! You can watch the original animated song clip and sing along on YouTube too, but here are some pictures of our students singing and playing along! Class 4 performed the song 'Icky Icky Insects' by sillybusvideo on Youtube.



Exercise by Jess and Randall, Class 12

Exercise is the best
We don't need any rest
Shooting goals for the team
We are fast and we are lean!

Healthy Eating by Corey, Class 12

Apples, oranges, bananas
No Maccas!
Chicken, veggies and fish
No chips!
Water to drink
No coke!
That's how you stay healthy and clean

Germ Busters, class 10

By Eric, Billy, Bailey C, Bailey H and Brendan

Verse

Every day we get up
Brush our teeth twice a day
Brush our hair anyway
Scrub our face by the way
We don't want germs in our way

Chorus

Go away germs
Go away mess
We want to look our best!

Healthy Habits, class 9

By Tillie & Lynton (drum kit), Leslie (bass guitar) and Luka (bongo drum)

I get up in the morning
I brush my teeth
I step outside and get fresh air
I get ready to jump on my treddie
Off to the skate park I do dare
I skate on my scooter without a care
Don't forget to be aware!

Rap- Dirty Germs Go Away, Class 10

By Alice (vocal rapper), Selina (drum) and Bianca (xylophone) singing chorus with Therese and Luke continuously overlapping dirty germs go away, dirty germs go away!

Verse

Hey, hey everyday
You need to wash your hair
Brush your teeth
Clean your body,
Spray your pits,
Don't forget any bits!



Chorus

Dirty germs, go away
Run away every day
Nasty germs,
Boo hoo to you
Never come back again!

Repeat Verse and Chorus

CLASS 9

Class 9 had a ball at the Briars Visitors Centre a while ago. We had hands on experience with some weird insects. This week Class 9 went to the Briars and walked along the Balcombe Estuary Nature Trail and the Woodland Track.



CLASS 1

What a week in primary 1 it has been! In between practicing for the concert we've been super busy! Indigenous studies, painting and communicating in the community during community access have been highlights.





ART STUDIO



Musical festival preparation - A Big thank you to everyone who helped make the kite props for the finale song – LET'S GO FLY A KITE -they look fabulous!



National Gallery of Victoria- Australia is located at the rear of Federation Square. This Gallery has all of the Australian artists and the Australian collection. This is a free Gallery although some special exhibitions like the Australian impressionism currently running do have a charge but there is always free sections to explore. Flinders street station is opposite Federation square enabling easy access. A big thank you to Aunty Marg for joining Classes 11 and 12 on their excursion. She helped discuss symbols in some of the paintings during our visit.



Aunty Marg's Deadly Barrawans



We are pleased to announce that Aunty Marg was presented the Aboriginal Elders Award of the year and the Working with Youth Award at the recent NAIDOC Dinner Dance for the Mornington Peninsula Shire. Congratulations from all the staff and students at P.S.C!



CLASS 5 INTEGRATION



This term, Class 5 have been visiting Red Hill Consolidated Primary School of a Thursday afternoon. We visit with Janie Roth's Class, 4R. The students of 4R make our class feel very welcome. We have been on a 'scavenger hunt' to explore the school grounds, we have participated in folk dancing, listened to stories, played card games and made a paper 'friendship chain'. We have also played outside with our new friends at lunchtime.



Special Schools Music Festival

Congratulations to all the primary students who represented Peninsula Specialist College at the Music Festival last Wednesday. Our students did us very proud with their amazing performance on stage and their behaviour at the Moorabbin Town Hall. Thank you to all the staff that assisted on the day to make it such a success.



Special Schools Music Festival

Well done to Ruby and Jock for receiving our trophy and speaking so confidently to the audience after our performance.

