

Peninsula Specialist College **NEWSLETTER**



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Principal Report

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services are running their School Holiday Activities again during the upcoming holidays. Activities include Pool Competition, Cartoonist, Go Karting & Laser Tag, Clay making, Movies & Popcorn, Tie Dying and a trip to the snow (Mt Baw Baw). All excursions cost a gold coin donation only and are for ages 10 – 16. Booking is essential and forms are available on www.mpys.com.au & www.facebook.com/mornpenyouth or call Youth Services on 5950 1666.



Thank you to Denise for organising a great Footy Day on Tuesday the 28th May. We had two players from the St. Kilda Saints in school for a fantastic footy clinic. Their young players Rhys Stanley and Tom Hickey were fabulous ambassadors for their club and their sport.

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 week

Peter



UPCOMING EVENTS

World Blood Donor Day

Friday 14th June

End of Term 2

Friday 28th June

Our school is participating in the Scouts Australia yearly raffle as part of our fundraising. For every \$2 ticket sold the school receives **\$1.50**. Not only is it a great way to make money for the school there are some fantastic prizes including a Toyota car, Camper trailer, Overseas airfares and much more. Only families expressing an interest in selling tickets will receive them. If you would like a book of tickets please fill in the form below and return it to the school A.S.A.P.



WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM IS BACK ON. Please support our school and start collecting the stickers, spread the word and ask your family and friends as well. The promotion is ending very soon! Please get all stickers and sheets to the school ASAP.

School Captains

Our school captains were finally announced to the whole school community last week. The students chosen for this illustrious honour are as follows.



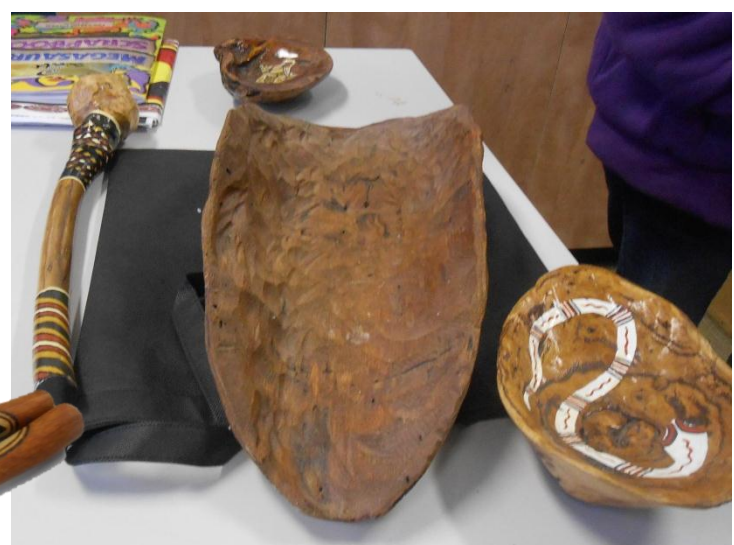
Corey Cairnes: Male Captain - Ashleigh Hamszak: Female Captain
Brendan Johnson: Vice-Captain - Jess Magookin: Vice-Captain
Dylan Blair: Sports Captain - Jess McCulloch: Sports Captain

All of these senior students consistently follow the school values and model these every day. Congratulations to all of these students on well-deserved recognition.

Vern Cribb

Aunty Marg's **Deadly Barrawans**

Thank you to Aunty Fay from the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages. We have chosen the name "The Deadly Barrawans" for our group, it means "The Awesome Magpies" in our local Boon Wurrung language.



Aunty Marg, once again came to visit Classes 7 & 8 this week to show us some indigenous tools. We learnt that a 'coolamon' is used to carry a baby and to gather berries.



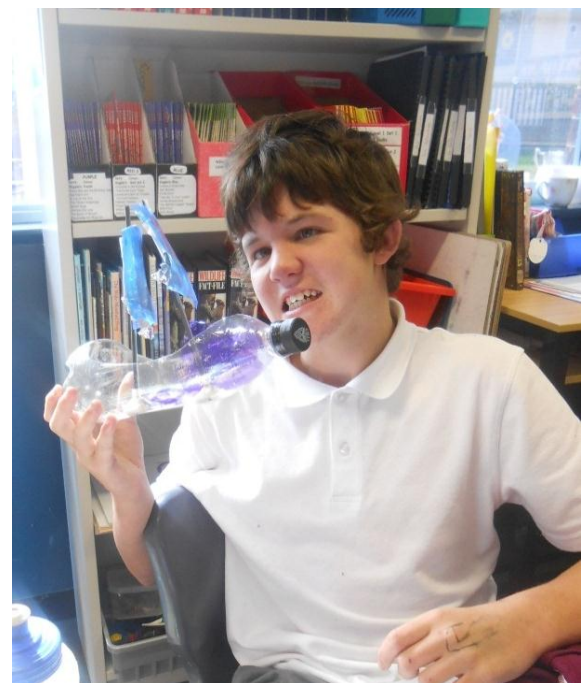
CLASS 10



It's been a busy month in class ten! We've enjoyed the biggest morning tea, where we all stuffed ourselves with delicious cakes, quiches and slices!

In the classroom we finished out model boats and we are looking forward to sailing them when we get some nice weather.

We even made our own balloons out of goo, but they didn't last very long.



CLASS 7 & 8 *Sorrento Historical Society*

On Monday we went on an excursion to the Sorrento Historical Society. We went by bus and stopped at Rye for morning tea. Bergliot, Tash and Val met us. They were dressed in old fashioned clothes. We looked through Watt's Cottage. Caoimhe liked the doll made out of a sock. Dylan loved the cottage and the fireplace where they did their cooking. Mitchell enjoyed hearing how the family lived in earlier times in the cottage. Jessica thought it would be crowded with so many children in one small bedroom. We saw many different, old items in the museum. Tash also showed us some indigenous tools. Val gave us each a muffin. We had lunch at Sorrento Park. What a great day! Recount by Class 7.



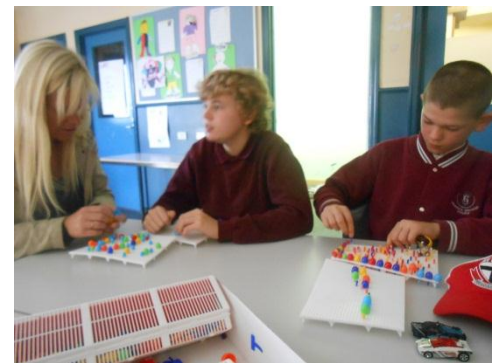
CLASS 9

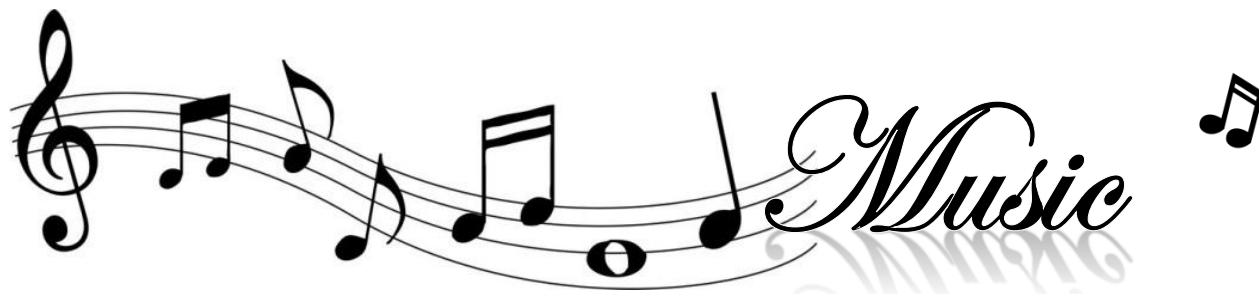


Class 9 went to the Briars to walk along the woodland track to look for Australian animals and birds.



Class 11 enjoys visiting class 9 on Fridays. We share activities with a friend and are learning to help each other with new ideas and projects.





Music



Fun with drumming in the Music room!



*We can
tap, bang
and beat
the drums.*

*What fun it
is
drumming!*



Work Education



Senior students help with fuel reduction, planting, staking and sleeving indigenous plants, removing weeds, and picking up rubbish.

The students also learn how to use equipment and tools safely and effectively, work in teams and follow the manager's instructions.

It is a great privilege to work in this magnificent coastal Crown land reserve and it is fantastic to watch the students develop a respectful attitude to flora and fauna.



CLASS 14

A busy last couple of weeks in Class 14. We really loved the Footy Clinic with players from the best club, St. Kilda. We also went to the Supermarket, made toast, did lots of Mat man activities, looked at circles and did some cool Art on mini beasts. The best thing though was Gidget coming back to school!



CLASS 3

Primary 3 enjoyed our Science incursion this week with Jackie from the Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne. Jackie talked to us about mini beasts and how they survive in the garden compost. We all had a feel of the compost then went in search of mini beasts. We found many different mini beasts and looked at them in our magnifying containers. We made sure we put them back in the compost where they live at the end of the session.

Thanks Jackie and Judy for organising the day.





ART STUDIO




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The juniors are working with a program called Mat Man. In art we are making matt man out of air dried clay. Our Art studio is sometimes in the small playground, inside the cubby house.



Below
CLASS 1, 2&3 celebrated the last day of Autumn having fun throwing leaves up into the air.



Some of Class 9 and 10 and 11 are creating heads out of air dry clay to make puppets and to explore this fun tactile material.



Dylan and Georgia in class 12 were given a pile of donated timber from Dromana Discount Timber and after our excursion to McClelland Sculpture Park and Montalto visit they were inspired to make a sculpture for our school. They came up with the idea of making coloured timber boat sheds to be connected to the fence at the top end of the playground. Bathing boxes appear to have been erected on inner metropolitan beaches from the mid19th century. These sculptures will be a colourful fun and creative addition to our playground and displaying an understanding of our recent heritage that we see at many of our Port Philip local beaches.



Class 5 & 6 enjoyed our excursion to Mc Clelland Sculpture Park, exploring water minibeasts in the local pond and making insects out of clay and found materials. Fun action packed day.



Physical Education



Thank you to Nancy Gardiner of Rosebud for her continuing support by donating new bikes to our school.

Mike from the Australian Special Olympics Coaching Team has been working with our middle years classes to improve their soccer skills.



Tom Hickey & Reece Stanley from the St. Kilda Football Club came to visit our school. They answered questions about being an AFL footy star and ran some drills. It was an exciting day!

