

# Peninsula Specialist College **NEWSLETTER**



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## *Principal Report*

MOIRA is coordinating the Disability, Respite & Recreation Expo 2013 for parents and carers living in the South Division. You can find out more about opportunities for people with a disability e.g. respite options, recreation & arts info, a large variety of stalls. It will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at the Dandenong Market between 10am – 2pm. This is a free event and further information is available on 8552 2222 or [respiteexpo@moira.org.au](mailto:respiteexpo@moira.org.au) .



Andrew Laidlaw from Laidlaw & Laidlaw Design visited the school last week to discuss the development of a multi- sensory and all abilities play and learning area at Peninsula Specialist College. Judy and Genevieve are working with staff and other organisations to secure further funding to realise this fantastic area for our students. I will keep you updated on the development of this very exciting project.

Shed 11 Drop In Centre in Hastings is open for young people between the ages of 10 – 25 years old. It is run by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services and is located at 11 Marine Parade, Hastings (opposite the skate park). For terms 3 & 4 Shed 11 will be open Mondays 3-5pm and Fridays 3-5pm.

This will be the last newsletter for this term and I would like to remind all parents and carers that **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013** is a student free day. All students return to school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013**.

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 break**

Peter



## UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Term 2

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Term 3 Commences

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July



## 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.

## *Notice to Parents*

Parents please note that the Sorrento-Rosebud bus (the big bus at the front of the drop off / pick up queue) needs to reverse after it has loaded/unloaded in the morning/afternoons. **Therefore pedestrians need to wait until the bus has turned around completely before walking to their car.**

Also please make sure your car is not impeding the buses and only parked in the designated areas, or wait until the buses have left to collect your child. This is to protect everyone's safety and to model road sense to waiting students. We appreciate your cooperation in this most important of matters.

Vern Cribb  
Assistant Principal



# Aunty Marg's Deadly Barrawans

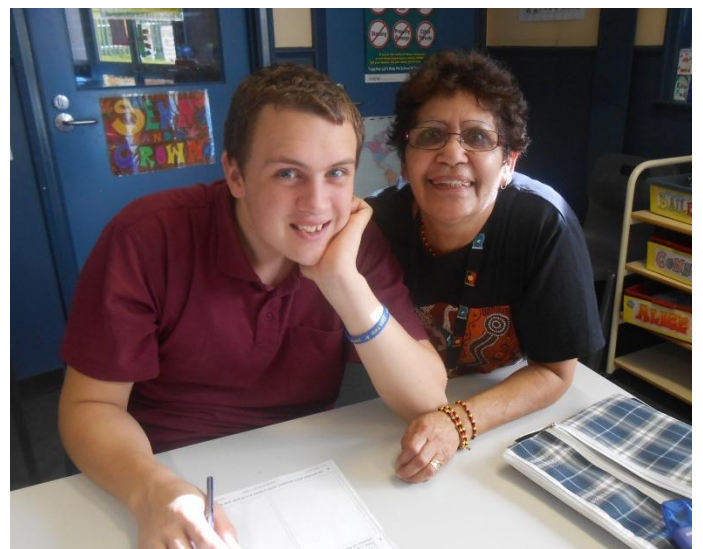


Thank you to Aunty Marg for sharing her story with us during the Koorie Coffee morning. Thank you also to Aunty Fay, from the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages, and to all guests who attended.



# CLASS 10

This week Class 10 had Aunty Marg come to visit our classroom. Aunty Marg told us about where she came from and showed us lots of beautiful black and white photographs of her family.



# Occupational Therapy

The Therapy Room has just got a new piece of equipment called the Squeeze Machine which gives your body nice deep pressure like a hug! It is affectionately being called 'The Wringer"! Lots of students and staff have gone through the Wringer this week!

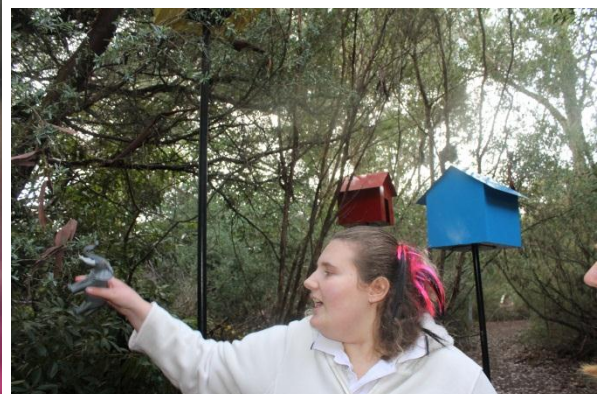


TADVic (technical Aids for the disabled) has almost finished making our school a Mechanical Horse. It is plugged into mains power and can go at different speeds. This is a fun way to develop core muscles and balance. Squeeze the horse's ear and he talks!

# CLASS 14



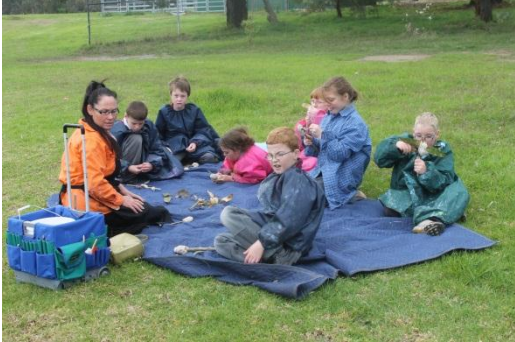
It has been a busy 2 weeks doing lots of different activities. We had a great day at McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park. Big thanks to Fiona for organising that activity. We had a great time looking and feeling the different sculptures. It was really cool. Best of all, there was no rain.





# ART STUDIO

Class 4&5&6 Minibeasts made out of sticks and gumnuts with air dry clay next door at College Dromana.



**The finger knitting craze has begun!**

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. It's fun, and with the holidays coming soon enjoy a relaxing winter warmer.

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.

Inspired by the art work called 'the Himo theory' by sculptor Chaco Kato at the McClelland Sculpture Park, seen this year by classes 3 to 14. We will use the finger knitting for a community art work to be discussed by all the classes.

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Have fun knitting over the holidays!



*The Himo Theory* – Chaco Kato

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# SPRINGTIME FAIR

Yes, it is that time of year again, when we are preparing for the Springtime Fair.

This fair is run every second year to allow the children to use their numeracy and literacy skills in a practical, fun situation. Each class is responsible for a stall – the organisation of, setting up and running of on the day. We have a variety of produce, games and sensory activities in store for all the children. All the stalls offer cheap goods at **10¢, 20¢, 50¢** and **\$1**. Please start saving your coins for our big day!

## PLANT STORE

Does anyone have any plants and/or cuttings you would be able to donate? Please send into Kathy in Class 1 or contact the general office



## RAFFLE

We are asking for any donations for our raffle. We usually have around 30 prizes on offer – some for children some for adults. If you or a local business, is able to assist in donating anything new, please contact the general office or send in to Kathy in Class 1



# IN TERM 2, A LOT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN CLASS 5!



Brigid's insect biscuit has a head, thorax and an abdomen, as well as 6 legs, 2 eyes and 2 antennae.



Stevo made an insect biscuit too – it looked great and tasted delicious as well!

Shakiya, enjoying swimming lessons at Pelican Park Swimming Pool.



Jarrold showing his confidence - he learnt how to jump into the deep end of the pool!



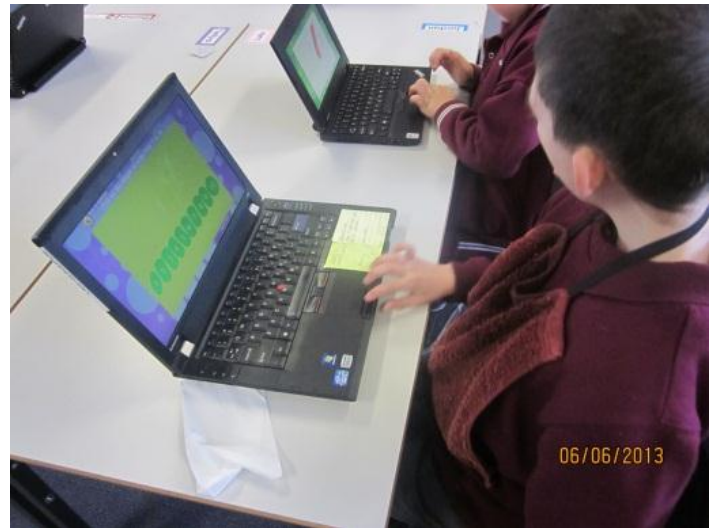
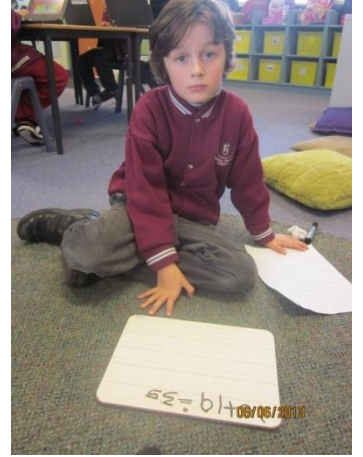
Jock, Lloyd and Jarrold showing off their ribbons from the Athletics Carnival!



Reilly had a very successful day at the Athletics Carnival!

# CLASS 3

Primary 3 have enjoyed using the mini notebooks for our maths sessions. Students are working hard on counting and addition skills. Well done everyone!



# CLASS 12

Class 12 has been motoring along these past few weeks and can't believe the end of the term is nearly upon us! We have been looking at different scientists and how they have shaped the way we think. Students have continued to work on their public speaking skills as well as phone etiquette. Jessica turned out to be superwoman during our predictive maths sessions and was able to stand on 1 leg for 32 mins and 5 secs (and she only predicted a time of 3 mins 30!) We have also started up our buddies program with class 4, teaching fitness and board games.



# BOYS CLUB

During the past 6 weeks the senior boys have been meeting for an hour to learn the finer points of hygiene in our quest to become clean, healthy and fit men for the future! These have been fantastic sessions where we have gone over in detail how to get yourself ready for school or to go out. We have talked about showering, toileting, washing your hair and body, cleaning your hands, face and teeth, how to get the latest funky hairdo's and for those that are ready, learned how to shave! Students learned and laughed as we tackled all these hygiene issues and each student got to take home their very own hygiene kit to get them started.

Brendan, Paul and Ed

