

Peninsula Specialist College **NEWSLETTER**



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Principal's Report

All Victorians urged to become a *Bully Stopper*

On 15 March 2013, the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, the Victorian Government launched a major bullying prevention campaign: *Bully Stoppers: Make a Stand, Lend a Hand*.

The campaign is based on a series of resource available online that empowers students, parents, teachers and principals to 'make a stand, lend a hand' and stop bullying.

Bully Stoppers supports parents, teachers and principals in working together to make sure schools are safe and supportive places, where bullying is taken seriously and not ignored. Learn more by visiting www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers.

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services is offering a variety of School Holiday Activities including Ten Pin Bowling, Luna Park visit, Ice-skating, Melbourne Aquatic Centre. All activities are open to young people aged 10 to 16, no exceptions. Cost for all activities is a gold coin donation. Free bus pick up & drop off available from certain locations. For more information visit www.mpys.com.au or phone 5950 1666.

Saver Plus is delivered by the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and could help your family manage school expenses. To be eligible you must:

- ✚ Be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
- ✚ Have a current health care card or pension card
- ✚ Have some income from paid employment

To find out more contact Kelly Clem, Saver Plus worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8781 5937 or e-mail kcllem@bsl.org.au

"Out of Bounds?" is a nine week group program to help to reclaim calm and respect in your family. The group offers parents the opportunity to develop strategies for managing their child's behaviour and a supportive environment in which they can share their experiences. It will run at the Hastings Community Health Centre in May & June. Booking and a discussion with facilitator is required and essential. Please call 5971 9100 for further information.

I would like to remind the school community that Monday 15th April 2013 is a student free day at Peninsula Specialist College.

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 12 take a hike: *See inside*

UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Term 1

Thursday 28th March

Good Friday

Friday 29th March

Easter Monday

Monday 1st April

Term 2 Commences

Tuesday 16th April

Term 1 in CLASS 5



Jock and Jarrod add salt to their flour to make play-dough



Brigid and Jarrod adding cream of tartar to their flour and salt when making play-dough.



Lloyd and Stevo following a procedure to make pancakes.



Reilly enjoying the finished pancakes!



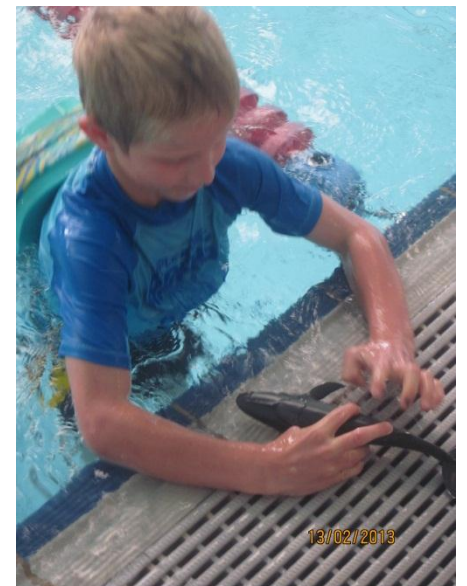
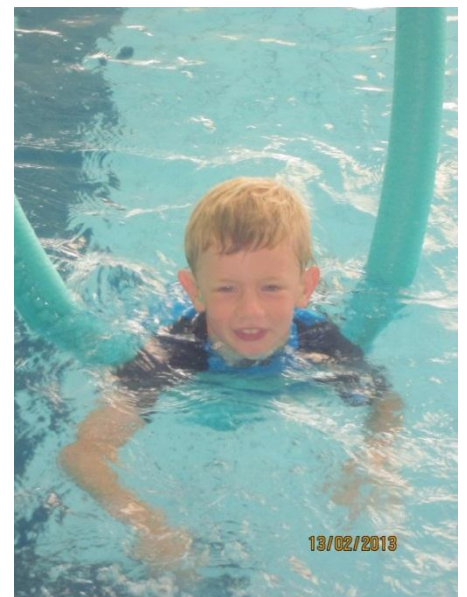
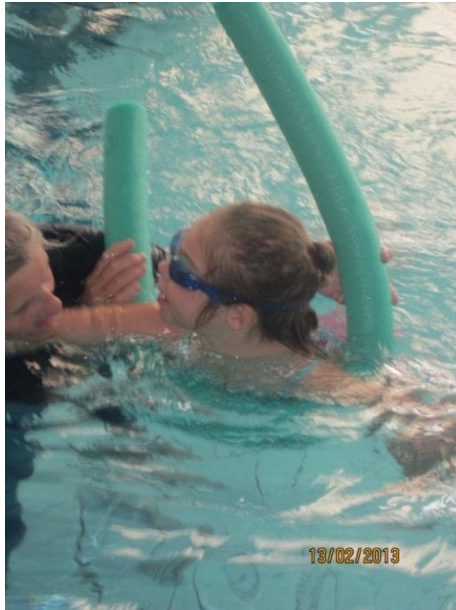
Left: Jacinta enjoying the garden!

Right: Ethan watering the garden.



CLASS 3

This term Primary 3 are attending weekly swimming lessons at Pelican Park Aquatic Centre in Hastings. The students are developing valuable water safety skills, stroke development, floating skills and having lots of fun. Well done everyone!



ART STUDIO



Making our sand box



Seniors casting plaster bunnies and students painting them with bright water colours



Sensory water, foam creations and Making faces out of shaving foam



Oops!



Chalk art




Red Hill Show masks ready to go!



The rainbow fish was sharing

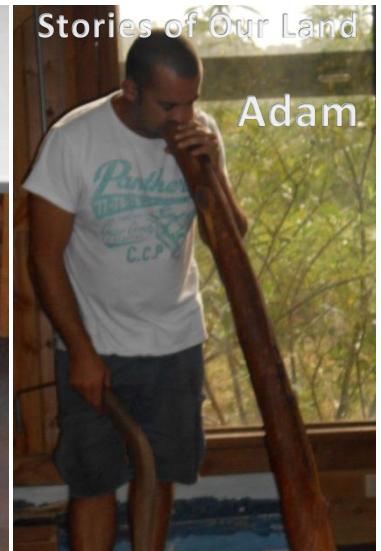
Have a fun holiday and remember **McClelland Gallery** and Sculpture Park in McClelland drive Langwarrin is free to visit and a great place for a picnic and see our fabulous masks at the **Red Hill Show** on **Saturday 30th March**. Keep on creating! Fi & Fi

Connecting our children to their environment and creating a sustainable future.



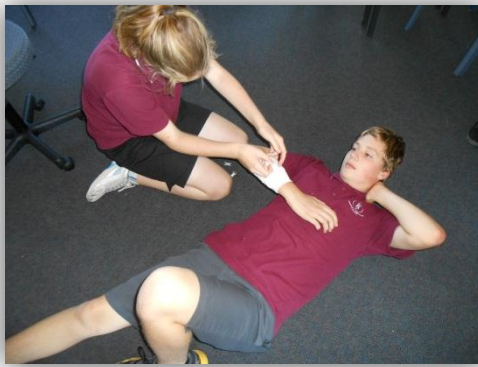
Mornington Peninsula Schools ENVIRONMENT WEEK CLASS 7 & 8

Class 7 and 8 had a fantastic day at the Briars Environmental Day in Mt Martha. We attended an Indigenous program in the morning where we learnt about local aboriginal culture. We found out that a long time ago before disposable nappies, they used paper bark with moss inside as a nappy for their babies. Their clothes were made out of kangaroo and possum fur to keep them warm. Dan showed us how to make tools out of rocks. It was a great morning. In the afternoon we went to a variety of local community displays and activities making seed bombs, potting plants, seeing water conservation in action and tasting different fruits. It was a fun day.



CLASS 12

I don't think that we could possibly fit in any more activities/work into class 12 during the past few weeks. We have been busy learning first aid for snake bites, major bleeds and an unconscious person. Learning how to tie knots then hang from them in a harness. We learnt how to prepare for a bushwalk or trip in the mountains and how to build an emergency shelter in the bush. All of which culminated in a 7km hike up down and around Arthur's Seat. Throw in some public speaking skills and the fun never stops!

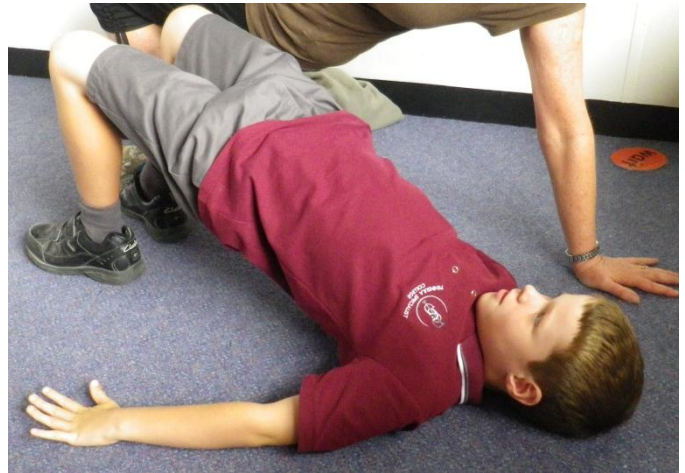


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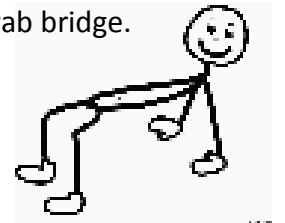
Class 13 has started the Engine Program. They are experimenting with different activities to change their engine speeds.



Ethan is weight bearing through his arms. He needs to balance on one arm to put the monkey in the tub.



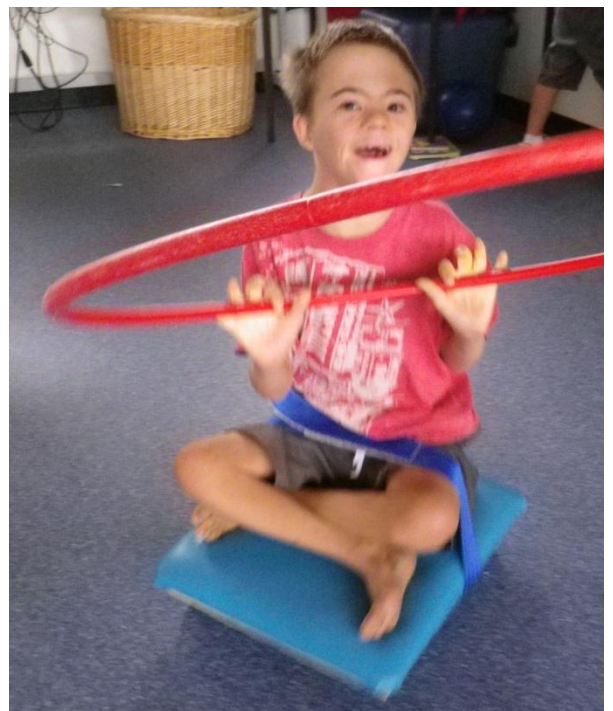
Casey is learning to make a crab bridge.



Brandon is tightening his tummy muscles and his shoulder girdle so that he can go for a ride on the scooter board.



Lucas is breathing out for extended periods to make a "volcano". This helps him take deep breaths and calms the nervous system.





Class 10



On March 14th, Class 10 visited the Rosebud CFA and Rosebud Police Station as part of our study unit on Community Services and Organisations. At the fire station students had a wonderful time trying on fireman clothes, checking out the fire truck and even had a go at squirting the fire hose!

At the police station we met Officer Julie and were all so shocked at how noisy the police car's siren was! We got to have a seat in the police car and checked out the back of the paddy wagon! We all had a great time.



Left: Brenley almost disappeared in fireman Graham's big coat! She said it was very heavy and hot.

Right: Here's Bailey H squirting the fire hose with fireman Graham.

He even got a real life fireman and firewoman to sign his cast!

Are you fire ready?

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

