

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hi everybody,

Welcome to 2014 at Peninsula Specialist College and a particularly warm welcome to our new families, students and staff that joined us for 2014.

School is already in full swing and everybody settled well getting used to new timetables, new faces and new friends.

School Council Elections:

I give notice of the forthcoming school council elections at Peninsula Specialist College and call for nominations in the following categories

Parent Member: 3 vacancies

DEECD Member: 1 vacancy

The closing date for nominations will be **Monday 24th February 2014**. The relevant nomination forms will be available from the school office.

Old and unused mobile phones wanted! Emma and Randall are now collecting old and unwanted mobile phones to be recycled in support of the Jane Goodall Institute in support of Gorillas in the Wild. This initiative is supported by Zoos Victoria. Please hand your old and unwanted mobile phones to the front office and Emma and Randall will do the rest.

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

Events

February

Monday 17th March
RDA Begins

March

Friday 7th March
PSC Swim Carnival

Monday 10th March
Labour Day

Public Holiday

Please make other arrangements for your child.

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Education Maintenance Allowance

If you are a current concession card holder, you may be eligible to claim the Education Maintenance Allowance. Depending on the age of your child, payments range between \$150 and \$300 per year which can assist with payment of the Essential Educational Items charge.

Applications forms were sent home with the students' reports last year, however if you require a form please contact the school office.

All applications must be submitted with a **copy of your current concession card** to enable them to be processed. **Applications close 27th Feb 2014** and unfortunately late applications cannot be accepted.



Student Absences

Just a reminder to parents/carers that when your child is absent from school a note must be sent in to the classroom teacher advising the reason for the absence. You can also contact the school office to advise the reason and it will be noted. As advised recently in the news, the Education Dept is now applying a fee to parents when a child's absence has not been advised. Unexplained absence letters will be sent home to families at the end of Term 2.

Payments for School Activities

When sending payments and permission slips for excursions, swimming, community access etc, please ensure all payments are sent into the classroom teacher in a named envelope. Also for activities such as swimming if you wish to pay weekly please note that on the permission form.

For any financial difficulty when making payments either for the Essential Education Items charge or any other payment, please contact Annmaree or Sharon in the school office to arrange a payment plan.

Any questions comments or concerns, please contact the general office
(03) 59 872 649

PSC Swimming Carnival

Friday 7th March, Crib Point Pool

Dear Parents, when you have received your notice, please return the completed form along with payment ASAP.

Thank you



Class 3

A big welcome to our new prep students for 2014.

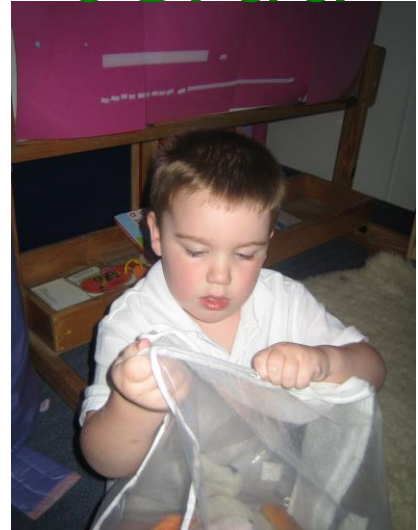
Tasha



Connor



Jerad



Emmet



Carter



Kai



Taylor



Ami

Class 7

The students in class 7 followed a procedure to make perfect play-dough. All students worked co-operatively in groups of two and three, sharing the jobs of adding the ingredients and mixing the dough. Lots of fun was had playing with the finished product!



1. Put 1 cup of flour in a bowl.



2. Put $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup of salt in the bowl.



3. 2 Tbsp of cream of tartar.



4. Put in a full cup of water.



5. Put in 1 Tbsp of cooking oil.



6. Put food colouring in and mix it around.



8. Play with your play dough!



7. Put the playdough in a pot and cook it.
(Get an adult to help you).

Class 9 & 10



The Coolart Wetlands: Class 9 and 10 had a wonderful excursion to the Coolart Wetlands as part of our Integrated Studies Program involving the local environment. Brian the Ranger met us and explained the importance of looking after the National Parks and his work at Coolart. In the Educational Centre we were able to see species of birds found in the local area such as Wedge Tailed Eagles, Cormorants and Grebes.

The students loved using the binoculars and maps to identify the local bird life in the bird hides. We were lucky enough to see several species of ducks, ibis, cormorants and purple swamp hens.

Students wrote excursion reports on the Coolart Wetlands.

Michael learnt to be quiet in the bird hide and don not feed the animals.

Seth said "We all own the park. I saw an old well and a fountain."

Brian the Ranger told us that Wedge Tailed Eagles eat rats and mice. By

Rhiannon

Andrew said we can look after National Parks by not leaving trash everywhere, sticking to the paths and being respectful to the environment. **Joshua** saw different feathers in the centre, bird's nests and bird hides. He liked using the binoculars to check out the birds and loved following the map. He wants to take his family there. **Ruby** learnt that she should stay away from bird's nests.



Class 13

Class 13 has started off with a bang! We have a great group of students, and we are all looking forward to a great year. We have already teamed up with our Buddy Class for some activities.



Footy Day





Let's go
SURFING

For anyone with a disability

Saturday Morning, January 18, 2014, 9am - 1pm

Saturday Afternoon, March 15, 2014, 1pm - 5pm

Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club



Free BBQ for all attending

VOLUNTEERS: Bring your swimwear/wetsuits/booties.
 Rash vest will be provided

SURFERS WITH A DISABILITY: Wetsuits and rash vests provided.
 \$10 Participant fee. Carers free



How can you help at this Surfing Event?

...by becoming a volunteer

It is open to everyone, young and old, surfers and non surfers alike, we will need your help both in the water and on the beach. Help us 'put smiles on dials' as the Mornington Peninsula community unites to help any person with a disability have a safe surf in waist deep water in a fun and friendly environment

Register your interest : infodsamp@gmail.com

Facebook: Disabled Surfers Association Mornington Peninsula
www.disabledsurfers.org

Beach Access

Made easy with our Sandcruiser sand & water friendly wheelchairs

