PRINCIPAL REPORT

Hi everyone,

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has released an app which is designed to help better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The app, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. As SchoolMate is the first app of its kind, the DET would love to hear any feedback you have, and you can send this to online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The Cerebral Palsy Support Network is running Camp SHARP 2015 at Camp Manyung in Mount Eliza from Monday 28th September – Wednesday 30th September 2015 at a cost of $250. Camp SHARP is open to all CPNS members aged 10 and over of all abilities. If you are interested in attending, you need to let CPSN know as places are limited. The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday 31st August 2015. Please contact cpsn@cpsn.org.au or call 03 9478 1001.

Congratulations and many thanks to our Secondary students and accompanying staff on their very successful City Camp last week. The students were tremendous ambassadors for our school and had a fantastic time in Melbourne.

Congratulations to Billy Long and Zack Anderson who represented Peninsula Specialist College on the Long Walk and at the Indigenous Round, Essendon vs Richmond, last Saturday. Peninsula Specialist College was one of only 10 schools in Victoria commended for the outstanding work towards Reconciliation and was therefore given the opportunity to participate in the Long Walk and for the students to meet Michael Long himself. Great day for everybody and much to Billy’s and Zack’s delight a Tigers win too.

Please be reminded to observe the No Parking signs around the school premises.

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
Engine Program

This program is being extended throughout the school to teach students strategies to remain calm at school. We will be giving some Engine Tips each newsletter. For a full explanation of the Engine Program please ask your class teacher for a copy of the handout.

This week’s tip:

Some people find deep pressure helps to calm them. Have you noticed that our bed coverings have become lighter? We use doonas instead of blankets. Even the blankets are more light weight. Add an extra heavy (old fashioned) blanket/bed cover and try tucking your child in really firmly to give them deep pressure input. Weighted blankets are also commercially available.

Jane Proctor and Rachel Schlipalius, Occupational Therapists

OzChild’s Flexible Respite programs offer clients a range of funded and fee based programs including:

- Saturday Recreation Activities.
- School Holiday Programs.
- Camps for 6-25 year olds with a disability.
- Community Access & 1:1 support within the home for people with a disability.
- Social Groups for children and young adults with a disability, these include Karate, Barefoot bowls and much more.

Expressions of interest are wanted for Saturday recreation, Camps and Karate classes. Please send all enquiries to Sarah Hobson Service allocation Coordinator

(03) 5975 7644 - disabilityserviceenquiries@ozchild.org.au
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

Apply for the CSEF Now

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card (Please provide a copy of Health Care Card etc.) or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

Ask for an application form from our general office (5987 26 49) or go to www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student. Please apply before Friday 26th June.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which the CSEF payment may be used include:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/incursions
Thank you to all staff, students and community for your continued work for Reconciliation.

Class 6 had fun creating this great Reconciliation canvas. Rose was very proud of her first trip to the Indigenous footy round.

Our Koorie students were very pleased to have the opportunity to meet Adam and Emma and learn about the AIME program. (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience). Thanks Adam and Emma for your inspirational talk.
Junior Day Trips

Karingal is offering weekend day respite for young people with an intellectual disability aged **between 7 & 18** who are living with their families. **Activities may include:** Boneo Maze, Werribee Zoo, Mini Golf, the Enchanted Maze, Myuna Park, Gravity Zone and ScienceWorks. All staff are fully qualified with Certificate IV in disability studies.

**When:** Every Sunday, with the exception of junior camps.

**Drop-Off Time:** 9am Sunday

**Pick-Up Time:** 4pm Sunday (Times may change slightly due to travel)

**Where:** 73 Tanti Ave, Mornington

**Cost:** Approx. $15 - $20 per child (depending on activity)

**For Further Information:**

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Sarah McCourt – 2nd in charge