Looking forward

Monday 26 May
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Mornington Peninsula Choral Festival, 7pm

Tuesday 27 May
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Mornington Peninsula Choral Festival, 7pm
Junior Production Parent Meeting, 6:30pm - 7pm

Wednesday 28 May
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Mornington Peninsula Choral Festival, 7pm
Year 9 Band Audition
Jnr School Mt Eliza District Cross Country, 10am - 2pm

Thursday 29 May
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Mornington Peninsula Choral Festival, 7pm
Year 6 Market Day, 8am - 1pm, Ansett Hall
39 Steps, opening night, 7pm - 10pm

Friday 30 May
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
First XXI Football vs Ivanhoe GS, 2pm
Yr 11 Exams commence
39 Steps, closing night, 7pm
Class of 2009 - 5 Year Reunion, 7pm

Saturday 31 May
AGSV/APS Winter Sport
Classes of 73 & 74 - 40 Year Reunion, 8pm

Sunday 1 June
Chapel Service, 10am, Chapel of the Resurrection

Monday 2 June
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Yr 10 Exams commence
Yr 11 Exams continue
Junior School Production Auditions

Tuesday 3 June
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Yr 10 Exams continue
Yr 11 Exams continue
PEP Literacy Excursion, Wombat Stew, 11am - 2pm
Lunchtime Concert, 12:40pm - 1:40pm
Debating - Round 3, 7pm

Wednesday 4 June
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
UNSW Science Competition
Jnr School Division Cross Country
Yr 10 Exams continue
Yr 11 Exams continue
Middle School PDP, 1:15pm - 3:35pm
Cadet Rock Climbing activity, 1:15pm - 3:30pm

Thursday 5 June
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Yr 10 Exams continue
Yr 11 Exams continue
Yr 10-12 to Health & Community Services Career Expo
Yr 2 & Yr 3 Students - Go Away Mr Worry Thoughts, 11:15am - 12pm, Pavilion

Friday 6 June
Yr 9 Camp / P2C / Pathways
Yr 12 Chemistry SAC Excursion
Yr 10 Exams conclude
Yr 11 Exams continue
PSPA Winter Warmer Luncheon, 1pm - 3pm

Sunday 8 June
Chapel Service, 10am, Chapel of the Resurrection

Monday 9 June
Queen’s Birthday holiday

Tuesday 10 June
Yr 11 Exams conclude
Jnr School French Poetry Finals
Unit 3 Literature to Ghosts, 12pm - 4pm
Junior Production audition callbacks, 3:40pm - 6pm
Ants Pats Concert, 3:45pm - 6pm

Wednesday 11 June
General Achievement Test (GAT) VCE, 10am
P2C Presentation - 9C, 4pm - 5:15pm
Note Dame Parent Information Evening, 7pm - 8pm
VCE Solo Performance Recital, 7pm - 8:30pm

Thursday 12 June 2014
Unit 3 Legal Studies to Magistrate’s Court, 9:30am - 12pm
Jnr School Winter Lightning Premierships, 10am - 2:30pm
P2C Presentation - 9D, 4pm - 5:15pm
Boarders’ Concert, 7pm - 9pm

From our Principal …

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report that the Official Opening of the Zammit Centre was a huge success.

His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria inspired spontaneous and rousing applause at the point when he declared the building open. A plaque to commemorate the occasion has been placed in the foyer of our new building.

My special thanks go to all who helped to stage the Ceremony and who assisted with the subsequent tours for our 100+ guests. I particularly acknowledge the student singers, presenters, guides, musicians and the cadets who added significantly to this memorable event.

A more detailed account of the day will appear in our midyear publication of Pen in Profile.

Stuart Johnston
Principal

Wonderful Achievements

Premier’s Awards VCE 2013

Congratulations to Lachlan Owens (‘13) who has received Premier’s Awards for English and Drama as a consequence of obtaining perfect scores in those subjects. In addition, Tong Huang Ly, our Dux of School for 2013, also received the Premier’s Victorian Certificate of Education Award as Top International Student – an award which ranks her in the top 3 International performers in Victoria last year. Equally impressive, Caitlin Dwyer, who achieved 50/50 for Unit 3&4 Music - Solo Performance, as a Year 11 student, also received a Premier’s Award.

Celebrating 20 years of coeducation in 2014
ANZAC Day – our Marching Band shone

On the 25th April, the Marching Band came to school at 8.00am to take part in the ANZAC Day parade in the city. We put the flag and the instruments on the bus and then headed up to the city, with Mr Collins at the wheel. Luckily the roads weren’t too busy and we arrived on time. There was a short wait as everyone tuned their instruments and did warm-ups, before we lined up and waited to be called to march. We were well prepared for the day as we had been practising during Friday lunchtimes, and the commitment to these rehearsals was fantastic. There were lots of people there clapping the veterans from WW2, the Vietnam War, as well as from Iraq, and Afghanistan. It was a fantastic atmosphere. There were also a lot of people who were marching, both as veterans, in bands or just paying their respect. We marched for about half an hour, possibly more, before we reached The Shrine. It was great to be able to honour the troops who fought in wars for the sake of Australia, and in a very small way, repay them for what they did. The march was really well organised and marshals were always around to make sure that we knew where to go.

Overall, the march to the Shrine and the lead-up to it was a great experience. I would happily do it again and it really reminded me of how much the ANZACs sacrificed for our country, compared to the little sacrifices we make. They fought for the future Australia. I would recommend anyone who is interested to find out about the little sacrifices we make. We marched for about half an hour, possibly more, before we reached The Shrine. It was great to be able to honour the troops who fought in wars for the sake of Australia, and in a very small way, repay them for what they did. The march was really well organised and marshals were always around to make sure that we knew where to go.

Nathaniel Grief-Dickerson
Year 9

Photograph: Will Patston, Year 9

Maddy – in a class of her own

Congratulations to Maddy Corbel (Year 12) who was invited to submit work that is their own.

Compass Award – leading the way

My name is Xiara McFarlane and I am one of the 2014 Compass leaders. I have completed levels 1 and 2 of the Compass Award and I am currently working on level 3. The Compass program has four different components physical activity, hobbies, volunteering and exploration. My recent focus has been on physical activity.

In level 1 physical activity, I chose to train and compete in a triathlon. I chose this activity because I enjoy swimming and bike riding and I needed to improve my running skills. I was looking for a new challenge and I wanted to try a long distance triathlon. My sister and I trained together. We worked with my Dad over two months before the event. I felt really proud when I finished.

For level 2 my goal was to complete the 1000 steps Kokoda Memorial Trail. I attended weekly training sessions to become fit enough to complete the challenge. Each week we went to training I could feel myself getting stronger and fitter. We travelled to the Dandenongs to complete the trail. I realized how fit I had become, as I was able to complete the trail twice.

I have recently completed my level 3 physical activity. I already compete for Mornington in life saving so I decided to set my goal in this sport. I took an extra training to help me achieve my goal of qualifying for the State Championships in as many events as possible. My hard work paid off because I qualified for all my events and won 2 gold medals, a silver medal and a bronze.

Compass has taught me to set goals and to persist to achieve them. I have learnt to break down challenges into a number of steps and make a commitment to a task and see it through to completion. Participants can take on new activities or try and make improvements in activities they are already involved in.

I would encourage everyone to give Compass Award a go for a new, fun experience!

Xiara McFarlane
Year 6

The Sound of Music – and Positive Instruction

Term 2 brings with it the introduction of the Positive Instruction in Music Studios (PIMs) program in our Music Department. This program, devised by Associate Professor Lea Waters and Dr Tim Patston, in consultation with members of the Music Department, will see the practical implementation of Positive Education in the instrumental and vocal studios. The lessons will contain elements such as Positive Peering and Process Praise. Students will be encouraged to share positive musical experiences with their teachers and family.

Zenith – where to next?

The initial launch of our new Learning Management system, Zenith has been very successful with students, staff and parents all enjoying access to the new technology. Zenith is a comprehensive, interactive teaching and learning environment for students, teachers and the wider community. It has allowed us to create a truly digital classroom environment, effectively supporting the school’s anywhere, anytime approach to teaching and learning. Parents and students are able to access the mobile version of the product via a smart phone which again has many advantages.

Students have appreciated direct access to their class pages, online resources and feedback from class teachers. Staff have enjoyed the multimedia capabilities of the software with a range of file types including video and images now being used to enhance class pages. Such resources can be used as a stimulus for students prior to the lesson, a teaching tool during the lesson or as a follow up after the lesson. Collaborative learning tools such as polls, surveys and blogs are also being used by many teachers to engage the students in their learning. As part of our implementation, some staff have been using the submissions feature to accept electronic submissions of learning tasks from their students. This allows teachers to then provide feedback directly to the students via Zenith. This can be in the form of a rubric, written comment or grade. This feature also includes an intubation plagiarism checker which ensures that a student has submitted work that is their own.

During Term One some staff elected to make grades ‘visible’ to parents. Whilst many parents found this to be of benefit there is no intention, in the short term to replace the current method of reporting to parents with this more regular, online feedback. Interim reports and End of Semester reports remain a valuable method of providing summative feedback to both students and parents whilst the feedback on Zenith is more likely to be related to a particular task that has been completed, and is usually written to the student, not the parent. There will also be cases where using Zenith to provide feedback to students may not always be the most effective method. For example, in both the visual and performing arts subjects, or subjects where contact is less frequent such as Religious Studies or Digital Technologies, verbal feedback from the teacher or peers during a learning activity is likely to be more effective than a written comment.

Junior School parents are now able to view class pages for each Year 5 and 6 and Year Level pages for Years 2, 3 and 4.

If you require any further information or assistance please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Muriel Bakker (9788 7723) Director of Learning Technologies.

Muriel Bakker
Head of the Middle School
Director of Learning Technologies

The aim of this program is to enhance student learning and engagement and, thus, their wellbeing. A number of students will be completing a wellbeing measure devised by staff at Penn State University, the home of Martin Seligman.

This program will receive significant local and international interest. Well done to all concerned.

It is exciting that TPS continues to find innovative ways to integrate positive psychology into the culture of the school.

Phil Doll
Director of Positive Education & Marketing

- leading the way
News of Cadet Service – and achievement

I am pleased to announce that the following cadets have all been promoted following their successful completion of external leadership courses and the availability of leadership positions within the Cadet Unit.

Jake Miller-Randall: Cadet Under Officer (Most senior rank a cadet can achieve)
Daniel Isaac: Warrant Officer Class 2
Nicholas Arnold: Cadet Corporal – Section Commander
Vincent D’Albo: Cadet Corporal – Section Commander
Joshua Whitaker: Cadet Corporal – Section Commander
Alex Warr: Cadet Corporal – Section Commander
Andrew Lythgoe: Cadet Corporal – Section Commander

All of these cadets have shown an outstanding commitment to the development of the Cadet Unit during the past few years. Further Junior leader promotions will follow later in the year.

This year, our CSM Daniel Isaac qualified for and successfully completed the National Adventure Training Award at Majura Military Training Area in Canberra. He is now one of the few Australian Cadets who proudly wear the gold badge.

An important part of belonging to TPSACU is participating in Brigade activities. Annual Camp at Puokapuny is an opportunity for all Cadets to interact with students from other school-based Cadet units while experiencing life on an army base.

Over the course of the weekend, new recruits had the opportunity to get to know each other and be guided and assisted by more senior cadets and as always new friendships were formed and skills learnt. Second year cadets were given their first taste of leadership when they were charged with leading small groups of recruits in a navigation exercise.

The weather was by turns kind and harsh, with some sunshine and warmth, followed as always seems to be the case by some rain and cool nights. Cadets are well accustomed to the phrase ‘adapt and overcome’ and only minor modifications to the training program were necessary throughout the weekend.

Newly promoted cadets performed their roles very competently and ensured that the cadets in their care were well-looked after and able to complete all aspects of the training program.

Bivouac is always a very good taste of what Annual Camp has to offer and I hope that new recruits will remain with the Unit for what is undoubtedly a highlight of the cadet year.

Students are very welcome to join the Cadet Unit in Semester Two.

Da Vinci Decathlon – so much talent

Early in May, a team of talented Year 7 students competed in the prestigious Da Vinci Decathlon at MLC. This event requires a team of ten students to compete in disciplines such as Philosophy, Cartography, Science, Maths, English, Art and Poetry.

This year, our team finished third, winning the Philosophy section outright. Both first and second place went to MLC teams who have been participating in the competition for many years. Our team now qualifies for the next round late in May.

Preparation for the day included specialist sessions with several teaching staff. Thanks to Mr Steve Gregory (Cartography), Mrs Tracey Carter (Science), Mr Kevin McMenamin (Maths) and Mr Cameron Batchelor (English and Philosophy). Mrs Charlotte Sanders was instrumental in putting the team together and organising each of the sessions prior to the day. Thanks also to Mr Ray Gunry for assisting on the day.

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students: Anna Peacock, Sam Dahlshen, Sam Savory, Spencer Davis, Andy Zhong, Sam Torey, Olivia Sutherland, Tayla Mathiesson, Hugh Bunting and Daniel Jones.

Musicals – the superfood of the Arts!

A musical is indeed a superfood, in that it brings together so many facets of the arts: music, singing, acting, dancing, costume design, set building, painting, lighting, make up and much more... It is likely the most collaborative of all art forms. Everyone involved has a role to play (large or small) and their role is integral to the finished product – whether they are on stage or off. Each person learns responsibility, collaboration, respect, self-confidence & co-operation – and these vital life-skills are just the beginning.

For these reasons, The Peninsula School is passionate about and committed to bringing theatre to our School Community.

The Junior School Production will be auditioning later this term and rehearsals will begin Term 3, with performances in mid-November. This is opportunity is available for students in Grades 4-6. All students and parents who are interested should attend the information night on Tuesday 27th May from 6:30-7pm in the Pavillion.

If you have any questions regarding our productions please don’t hesitate to contact me at mslade@tps.vic.edu.au.

Melinda Slade
Head of Theatrical Productions.

Muriel Bakker
Head of Middle School
Director of Learning Technologies

A commitment to service is a key component of the Cadet program and a number of cadets were able to serve the School and the wider community in services to commemorate Anzac Day. Cadets assisted in Anzac Day Assemblies in the Junior and Senior Schools and maintained a catafalque Party at the Local service held at Mornington Memorial Park.

Bivouac

The first cadet camp of the year, otherwise known as ‘Bivouac’ took place over the Anzac weekend at Gilwell Park, Gembrook, and cadets spent the weekend in their platoons, being led by Junior and Senior Leaders as they took part in navigation exercises, a very muddy confidence course, initiative tasks, and negotiating the high ropes and abseiling tower as well as spending two nights under their hutchie shelters, a new and challenging experience for our new cadet recruits.

Jacky Howgate Capt (AAC)
Officer Commanding TPSACU

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Winter Sport 2014 – all year levels

The winter sport training schedule has been placed on Zenith.

Information regarding each round of sport will be placed on Zenith and will be updated from 6.45 a.m. – 9788 7625

Football and Soccer
All students are required to wear a correctly fitted mouth guard when training and playing games. The only exception to this is for those parents who sign the mouth guard waiver form which is located on Zenith.

All soccer players must also have shin guards.

This is a FIFA rule.

If you have any queries re winter sport please feel free to ring me – 0429 947 479

Stephen Brennan
Director of Sport

Sporting Achievement

Touch Football

The Touch Football program at Peninsula has enjoyed another very successful year and this success was highlighted when our Open Team won the U18 Victorian Schoolgirls Championship at Elwood Park on Thursday 27 March.

During their normal season the open girls played in the VSTFL. Competition run at Aquinas College. They were undefeated for the season and had strong wins over all other opposition winning all nine games in a convincing manner.

On Thursday 27 March the girls played six games and the results were as follows;

Game 1 – Peninsula 4 defeated Our Lady Zion U18’s 0
Game 2 – Peninsula 8 defeated Luther A 0
Game 3 – Peninsula 11 defeated Ringwood 0
Game 4 – Peninsula 20 defeated Billanook Year 10 girls 0
Game 5 – Semi-Final – Peninsula 5 defeated Our Lady of Zion U18’s 0
Game 6 – Grand Final – Peninsula 9 defeated Haileybury 2

In the Grand Final, our Captains, Steph Reid, was dominant, scoring 6 tries and assisting in 2 of the other 3 tries.

During the year, four of our girls, Stephanie Reid, Emily Reid, Isabel Kahan and Lachlan Parton represented Victoria in the U21 TSFL Championships in Clubs Harbour and the Victorian team finished in third place.

Congratulations all round girls!

Cross Country

The All Schools State Cross Country Relay Championships 2014 held at Jells Park brought with it the some of worst conditions seen for many years. Our fantastic squad braved the rain, mud and very challenging course with courage and good humour, which was necessary particularly for those who fell and had shoes sucked off by the sludge!

Sailing

A few weeks ago the sailing State Championships for the Laser Class dinghy were held at the Mandurah Yacht Club. Two of our students, Brody Riley, (Year 10) and Tyrone Gowans, (Year 11), both highly valued members of our School Sailing Team, competed in the Laser 4.7 division of the class.

It was a regatta of cold and very strong winds and but they were still able to complete five races over the weekend.

Tyrone and Brody both sailed incredibly well in the conditions and, in the end, Tyrone finish a close 4th overall, only 3 points away from second position.

The standout result, however, must be Brody’s exceptional regatta. Brody sailed in each of the five races winning every race, finishing the regatta clearly in first position. A remarkable effort!

Congratulations to both of our students for these great results and effort. I know these do not come easy and the training and dedication to your sport has truly paid off. Well Done!

As mentioned earlier, both boys were a part of The Peninsula School Sailing Team who recently finished 3rd in the Victorian Schools Team Sailing State Championships. Quite a productive time in sailing for both of them.

Congratulations also, to Stan Austin and Kristian Tivpolsky who have both been invited to join the Victoria Sailing team in the 420 class. This is a great achievement.

individual Sporting Achievement

Netball

Mandy Hangegaal, Year 11, recently competed for the Victorian Under 17 netball team at the National Netball Championships. Victoria were successful and are the 2014 National Netball Champions.

The icing on the cake for Mandy was that she was selected and named in the Australian U17 netball squad. This is a development squad for players identified as having the potential to play netball for Australia. Mandy will be travelling to Canberra to attend a National training camp at the AIS.

A fantastic achievement by Mandy.

Football

Congratulations to three Peninsula boys who were selected to represent the Peninsula Stingrays in the 2014 under 15 V-line Cup, Tom Freeman, Tim Robbins and Mark Colvin.

Basketball

Congratulations to Claudia Ballfour, Year 9, whose position in the Victoria Country U16 Women’s State Team was announced recently by Basketball Victoria.

Cycling

Congratulations to Jordan Stannus, Year 12, on his cycling results so far this year.

January
Stage Winner – Mitchelton Bay Classic Day 2 Geelong – Open Age Men’s Team Support Race
He was excited to wear the ‘Yellow Jersey’ on day 3. 2nd Individually overall after the 4 day program to a European Continental Team rider from Rapha Condor.

February
Bronze medal at Track Nationals in Adelaide as part of the Victorian Under 19 Men’s Team Pursuit.

March
3rd Individually Victorian Road Series – Mansfield criterium – Open Age Men’s A Grade.
1st Victorian Men’s Under 19 State Championships – Harcourt State Champion.

April
Jordan achieved his goal of winning the Open Age Men’s A Grade criterium at Sandown Motor Racing circuit.

During the Term 1 holidays, Jordan completed an intensive program of events and VJL training camps.

Pistol Shooting

During early April, Brenton Balte, (Year 10) competed in the national Pistol Shooting competition held in Cessnock, New South Wales. From there he travelled to Canberra to take up an exciting invitation to attend the Australian Institute of Sport for intensive training.

Swimming

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the State Swim Team to compete at the School Sport Australia National Swimming Championships to be held in Melbourne in July this year.

Samantha Howe
Madison Howe
Texas Dixon
Breydan Miles

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