



Looking Forward

- Monday 16 February
 - Yr 7 Outdoor Ed Camp commences
 - 8A Mt Baw Baw departs, 9am
- Wednesday 18 February
 - 'Keys Please', 7pm, Lecture Theatre
 - 8A Mt Baw Baw returns, 5pm
 - 8B Mt Baw Baw departs, 9am
 - Jnr School Parent Information Morning, 9.30am, Pavilion
- Thursday 19 February
 - Jnr District Tennis Trials
- Friday 20 February
 - Jnr House Swimming Sports, 9.30am - 1.30pm
 - 8B Mt Baw Baw returns, 5pm
 - AGSV Swimming Trials
 - Yr 7 Outdoor Ed Camp returns, 3.30pm
 - Junior & ECC Parents' Social Evening, 7.30pm, Pavilion
- Saturday 21 February
 - AGS Summer Sport Round 7
- Sunday 22 February
 - Chapel Service, 10am,
 - Chapel of the Resurrection
- Monday 23 February
 - 8C Mt Baw Baw departs, 9am
 - Yr 7D-F Laptop Roll Out
- Tuesday 24 February
 - Foundation Day Assembly, 10.10am
 - Ansett Hall
 - House Swimming - Middle 4-5.30pm, Senior 6-7.30pm
 - Yr 7A-C Laptop Roll Out
- Wednesday 25 February
 - Open Day, 9-11am
 - Personal Development Program
 - 8C Mt Baw Baw returns, 5pm
 - 8D Mt Baw Baw departs, 9pm
- Friday 27 February
 - Yr 11 Biology - Zoo Excursion, 9am-3.30pm
 - 8D Mt Baw Baw returns, 5pm
 - Jr District Swimming
 - AGSV Swimming Trials
- Saturday 28 February
 - ACER Scholarship Exams, 8.30-12pm, Ansett Hall
 - AGS Summer Sport Round 8
 - AOGS Plant Fair at the Frasers
- Sunday 1 March
 - Chapel Service, 10am,
 - Chapel of the Resurrection
 - AOGS Plant Fair at the Frasers
- Monday 2 March
 - 8E Mt Baw Baw departs, 9am
 - Yr 6 Hutchins Cricket Visit
 - Jnr School mouthguard collections
- Wednesday 4 March
 - 8E Mt Baw Baw returns, 5pm
 - 8F Mt Baw Baw departs, 9pm
- Thursday 5 March
 - Yr 9 Bendigo/Ballarat, commences, 7am
 - Jnr Zone Swimming
 - Surf Life Saving League Final, 10am
 - AGSV Swimming Trials
- Friday 6 March
 - 8F Mt Baw Baw returns, 5pm
 - VCE Drama Excursion "Vaudeville", 5-10.30pm
 - Yr 9 Bendigo Ballarat Trip concludes

Leadership and Adventure

Personal Development Program

The Peninsula School's Activities Program has, for many years, provided students with countless opportunities to participate in a broad program of exciting activities ranging from horse-riding and surfing to textiles and yoga. This year the Program has been restructured to better serve the changing needs of our students.

The new Personal Development Program has two categories: Life Experience and Community Service. Life Experience activities will give students the opportunity to explore a variety of new skills that may become life-long interests. These include archery, photography, self-defence, horse-riding and surfing. Community Service activities will enable students to experience and develop an ethic of concern for others in their community. A number of these practical activities will also provide the opportunity for students to gain useful qualifications that will not only be of benefit to the community but will increase their future employability. Community Service activities will include water conservation,

Carbon Group (Peninsula Achieving Carbon Targets), poverty support, World Vision, cooking/food handling, soccer refereeing and first aid.

The Peninsula School Cadet Unit will continue its strong tradition of providing unique life experiences, personal development and leadership opportunities and service to the community. Due to the Cadet Unit's core focus of personal development students will be able to select Cadets as either a Life Experience or a Community Service activity.

- All activities will run for a single semester. Year levels will select activities according to the following guide:
- Year 7 Two Life Experience activities
 - Year 8 One Life Experience & one Community Service
 - Year 9 Two Community Service activities

Detailed information regarding each activity will be distributed in the coming days, enabling students to select their activities for Semester One.

Daniel Davies
Leadership & Adventure Program
Co-ordinator



Gearing up...

Battling the heat and possibly some nerves, the Class of 2009 arrived at Ormond College to steel themselves for the year ahead. The sheer grandeur of the 128-year-old main building was enough to instil a sense of purpose amongst the students as they settled down to the business of establishing goals for their studies. While not quite Hogwarts, the dining hall was none the less impressive and a post-dinner address from the Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr Phillip Freier, highlighted the importance of the year ahead and for the students to make the most of the opportunities with which they will be presented. He spoke of what it means to be 'human' and how service in our community can not only broaden experience but also trigger the important sensibilities that make us caring individuals.

Following a morning Tutor Group Challenge, comedian Sammy J, former Head of School and Dux of the Class of 2001, spoke to the students about what might lie ahead of them, in his own inimitable way. His thoroughly entertaining presentation conveyed a very clear message about the importance of focus and setting realistic goals. Nine recent past students shared some of their insights on what guided them to achieve success during their year 12. They also spoke about life after TPS including travel, study, living away from home and the life of a university student. This was valuable information for all.

The camp wound up with students making a commitment to not only themselves but to their fellow members of the Class of 2009. This will form the cornerstone of their efforts this year and will be a valuable tool for the students in the ensuing weeks and months. It was a great start to an exciting year.

Blair Cooper
Head of Year 12

Scholarship Rewarded

The University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar's Program is an academic program designed to support high achieving Victorian students. It is named in honour of the eminent scholar, leading educationalist and former Vice-Chancellor of Melbourne University, Professor Kwong Lee Dow Young. The program offers students the opportunity to engage with the University and each other through an extensive program of events and activities at the Parkville campus.

The Peninsula School is excited to announce that Rachael Irwin and Timothy McMenamin have been selected to join Poppy Jacobs and Regan Barry as members of this prestigious program in 2009.

Congratulations to Rachael and Timothy whose combination of academic success, leadership qualities and community spirit have been recognised through the award of this scholarship.



International Recognition of Excellence

Dr Xiaokang Zhou has received the International Award for Excellence in Innovative Teaching of Chinese (as a Second Language) from the Office of Chinese Language Council International.



Dr Zhou attended the 9th International Conference of Chinese Language Teaching and the Exhibition of Innovative Chinese Teaching Resources in Beijing in mid-December. Teachers from across the world were selected to demonstrate their particular teaching method and materials. Sixteen teachers, including Dr Zhou, were nominated for the International Award for Excellence in Innovative Chinese Language Teaching. Dr Zhou had previously submitted samples of her teaching practices to the pre-conference selection committee. The best ones were nominated online by teachers from all parts of the world.

'At the conference, my presentation of my teaching practice used at The Peninsula School was extremely popular and overwhelmingly received by those present - the conference room was fully packed during my presentation, which I found very rewarding,' Dr Zhou said. 'At the closing ceremony of the Conference, much to my great pleasure, I received the International Award for Excellence in Innovative Teaching of Chinese (as a Second Language), which was

indeed a great honour. All my hard work over the many years here at The Peninsula School has finally come to fruition. I would like to thank all the staff and students who have shown great support to me as I experimented with my innovative way of trying to keep students interested in learning languages through rhymes and songs.'

Dr. Xiaokang Zhou
LOTE - Chinese

Stop press: Dr Zhou awarded again

And further congratulations to Dr Zhou, who this week received the Most Excellent Teacher of Chinese Award for 2008 from the Golden Land Education Fund.

This education body manages six Chinese community schools as well as media and printing companies in Melbourne. Dr Zhou is one of just five teachers in Australia to have received this award, which recognises significant contribution to Chinese language education in Australia.



REMINDER
The Peninsula School
is a
SMOKE FREE ZONE

Headline

and a very warm Peninsula welcome to our new staff...



Nicola Holland has joined the Senior Management Team as Director of Marketing. Nicola has had an extensive background in communications and marketing having worked for Tourism Victoria and the State Government.



Annabelle Young (Yarra Valley Grammar School) has joined us to teach English



Lucy Gowdie (Star of the Sea) has joined our English Faculty.



Jeffrey Welsh (Aspendale Gardens Primary School) is teaching Grade 4.



Michelle Timewell has joined the Junior School to teach Grade 3.



Graduate teacher Katie Nurse (Head of School '03) has commenced her career in our Maths & Science Departments.



We welcome back Nicky Frey, who is our new Junior School Sports Coordinator and our Athletics coach.



Marg Pike (St Thomas Moore Primary School) is the new PE teacher in the ECC.



Fiona Lennon will work in our Kindergarten as an Integration Aide.



Stephen Fairbairn, previously at Toorak College, has joined our Drama Department.



We welcome back Brianna Natoli (Class of '08) who is assisting our PE staff as an AFL trainee.



Victor Kahan (Class of '08) has deferred his university studies for 12 months and joined our IT Services Department.



Megan Smithies has joined the Strings Department of our Music Faculty



Hester Smart has come from the UK to be the GAP assistant in our Art, Design & Technology Department.



Mary Renehan has been appointed as the new Head of Heather Reilly House. Mary has worked as a teacher in the secondary and tertiary sectors.



Dear Parents,

Predictably, the start of the school year was heralded by a heat wave of near record proportions. I must say how impressed I have been with the 'business as usual' attitude adopted by students and staff alike during the ongoing hot conditions. In particular, I have been delighted with the manner in which our senior students have attacked the first few weeks of their VCE studies.

In our most recent newsletter I listed a number of staff who gained positions elsewhere late in December. I can now let you know that Darren Lawson, a much admired teacher of Information Technology, has accepted a senior position as a Project Manager with Australia Post. Anthony Sullivan has replaced Darren as Head of IT.

A reminder to Junior School parents that the scholarship examinations for those students entering Grade 5 and Year 7 in 2010 will be held on 28 February. More information about the scholarships and the enrolment process can be found on our website.

Finally, we have been informed that the State Government has not declared a public holiday for Anzac Day this year. This is described as an 'anomaly' brought about by 25 April falling on a Saturday. The holiday which we and other schools had planned for Friday 24 April has been rescinded and the school will now operate as normal.

Ray Hille

Ray Hille, Principal

SCHOOL FEES - NOW DUE

Please note that the date for credit card payments has now expired and all other payments are due by 19 February. Please ensure payments reach us by the 19th to avoid the Administration Charge on late payments. Contact me on 9788 7782 or hashley@tps.vic.edu.au with any queries.

Thank you
Heather Ashley
Credit Controller

and especially our new students!

ACROSS MY DESK

Over 100 students gain a university place!

There were many happy former Year 12 students when first round offers were published in late January. Of the 128 students who received offers, exactly half received their first preference. Most of the remainder received their second or third preferences.

Of the 128 offers, 110 were for a university place. The most popular universities were Monash (35 places) and the University of Melbourne (21 places). Deakin (15), RMIT (13) and Latrobe (10) had the next largest intakes.

Second and third round offers are made in February.

Veterinary Science Open Day

When? Sunday 22 March 10am – 4pm

Where? University of Melbourne

Veterinary Clinic & Hospital

250 Princes Highway, Werribee.

This is a once a year opportunity to

go behind the scenes at the Clinic & Hospital. There will be the opportunity to see surgery and minor procedures on small animals.

Lectures for Year 10 and above will be held at 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm.

There will be the opportunity to tour, to talk to staff and current students and to receive individual counseling.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Information Evening – Tuesday 31 March at 7.30pm.

Hemisphere Centre, 488 South Road, Moorabbin (Holmesglen TAFE)

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange offers overseas opportunities in a wide range of countries in Europe, North and South America, and Asia. The organisation is also keen to hear from families willing to host overseas students.

For further information go to

<http://www.scce.com.au>

Allowance Update

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) – 2009

The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with educating their children.

To be eligible, you must

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen, and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit as at 28 January 2009, or
- be a foster parent, and
- submit your application to the School by the due date of 27 February 2009.

You must submit a new claim each year. If you think you may be eligible, please contact Mrs Louisa Warnock on 9788 7739 for further details and an application form.

Conveyance Allowance

The Department of Education and Training provides the Conveyance Allowance to assist with the cost of travel to and from school when students live some distance from their school.

To be eligible, you must

- live more than 4.8 km by the shortest practicable route from the school, and
- not live nearer to any other school of the same type (ie, Anglican and co-educational and Prep – Year 12) than The Peninsula School.

- PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENTS PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED DUE TO THEIR PROXIMITY TO WOODLEIGH SCHOOL AND ST PAUL'S MINIMBAH ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE ALLOWANCE DUE TO A CHANGE IN WOODLEIGH'S RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Students must be aged over 5 years by 30 April 2009.

If you think you may be eligible, please contact the Bookroom on 9788 7746 for an application form. Once you have applied for the allowance, it applies for the entire time your child is a student at The Peninsula School unless your circumstances change (ie, you move closer to or further from the School).

Registered Child Care

The Peninsula School is a registered carer for the purpose of child care rebates. Rebates can be obtained for the hours pre-school aged students spend at Kindergarten, or school aged students spend in before and after school programs.

To be eligible, all parents in the household must be working or studying. More details and the relevant forms can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 6150.

Forms must be submitted with a receipt from The Peninsula School showing hours of child care attended. Please contact Ms Julia Kelway at the end of each term on 9788 7752 to obtain a receipt for Kindergarten and Before School Care for the term. Extend can supply receipts for After School Care.

Kindergarten Fee Subsidy

The Kindergarten Fee Subsidy is intended to reduce fees paid by families. The subsidy is \$82.50 per term (\$330 per year). You are eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy if you or your child have a:

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Visa 785 – Temporary Protection Visa
- Visa 786 – Temporary Humanitarian Concern Visa

Please contact Mrs Louisa Warnock on 9788 7739 if you believe you are eligible for the subsidy.

School Start Bonus 2009

The School Start Bonus is a \$300 payment to parents of Prep and Year 7 students. Eligible parents should have received a voucher in late in 2008 for redemption at Australia Post. If you believe you are eligible for the School Start Bonus but have not yet received a voucher, please contact Melanie Cridland on 9788 7753.

Martin Massey
Business Manager

From Student Health

Please note the following confirmed dates for immunisation sessions for 2009.

Tuesday, March 10 To be conducted in the Forrest Room and Chapel.

Year 7 - Hepatitis B (1st dose)

Year 7 – Gardasil (1st dose) - girls only

Monday, May 18

Year 7 – Gardasil (2nd dose) - girls only

Year 7 - Chickenpox

Year 10 - Boostrix

Monday, September 14

Years 7 – Gardasil (3rd dose) - girls only

Year 7 – Hepatitis B (2nd dose)

Immunisations are administered by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Immunisation Department, any queries they can be contacted on 59501647.

Make sure you are sun smart!

A reminder to parents and students that the wearing of hats is compulsory for Years K to 9 in Terms One and Four and is strongly recommended for Years 10 to 12. It is also strongly recommended that senior students carry and use sunscreen.



PSPA NEWS

Hi and welcome to the new school year. I hope you and yours have returned to School after a relaxing and enjoyable family holiday break. I would like to particularly extend a welcome to all new families joining our Peninsula School family this year.

The PSPA is a group of like minded parents and friends of The Peninsula School who get together to help raise funds for our School. It's a terrific way of making a contribution to your child/ren's education, helping out and making some good friends along the way! We have a meeting on the second Monday of each month to discuss and plan functions and events, and receive important information and updates from the School. We are fortunate to have senior staff representatives attend our meetings to keep us informed each month. All parents and friends of The Peninsula School are invited to attend these meetings. Your attendance and input are very welcome!

The Peninsula School Parents Association (PSPA) has an action packed year of functions, family events and fundraisers being organised for this year. There will be something on this year's agenda that will interest everyone within our community.

The year kicks off to a fantastic start with a new and even better family day. This event will take place on Sunday 29 March from 12-4pm on the Macdonald Oval and promises to be a great day! With events such as the Inflatable Challenge, TPS Gift, cricket, music, entertainment and lots more, you won't want to miss out! Keep an eye out for more details and mark the calendar now for this great day of celebration for all ages.

Can you help us with this huge day of fun for our School? We would love to hear from you please drop an email to pspa@tps.vic.edu.au

This promises to be another great year. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events or functions very soon.

Cheers
Rob Little,
President PSPA

All proceeds raised by the PSPA help towards providing equipment, facilities and resources, that will benefit your children. Many thanks for your continued support.



**PSPA
Family Carnival &
House Challenge
Sunday
29 March
12-4pm
Harry Macdonald
Oval
A great day out!**

Reminder - Scholarships

Please note that registrations close on Monday 23 February at 12 noon for the Scholarship examinations being conducted by ACER at our Mt Eliza Campus on Saturday 28 February. These examinations are for students entering Grade 5 and Year 7 in 2010. The registration fee is \$80. Late applications will incur an additional \$70 fee.

Register online via our website www.tps.vic.edu.au. Click on the scholarship information located on our home page for full details regarding the scholarships available and the hotlink to take you through to the registration site.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Joy McDonald-Crossley on 9788 7724.



Coffee morning dates 2009:

All parents are very welcome to pop into The Pavilion for a coffee and a chat with other parents.

The Pavilion is open every Tuesday and Wednesday during term time from 8.30am-11am except when exams are scheduled.

We shall advise you of any changes.

Introductory yoga classes -

A four-week introductory yoga course is being held in the Pavilion this month. Classes began in the first week of February, but anyone interested in participating should call Maxine on 0418 581 511 or 9783 5698.

Pilates classes are also running in The Pavilion again this year. Check E-news for more information.



Student Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Caitlin Ward, who during the Christmas Break, attended a number of different races – Victorian Women's Omnium, Metropolitan Track Championships, Revolution and Melbourne Cup on Wheels (she was invited to ride as part of the Future Stars Program), Bendigo Christmas Carnival, the Echuca Moama Carnival, where she finished 4th in the State Championship Scratch race and the Victorian Championships Time Trial, where she gained Bronze medal. Caitlin has also been invited to ride again at the Hisense Arena as part of the Austral Race on 14 February 2009.

Caitlin has been selected for the 2009 Victorian Junior Track Team to compete at



the National Championships in Adelaide in March. We look forward to hearing of her progress and wish her all the best for Adelaide.

Not content to sit on his laurels following a successful year of running in 2008, Year 11 student Kane Grimster has commenced 2009 with a 'bang'. Kane competed at the Youth Olympics on 16 - 17 January against the best junior athletes from Australia, New Zealand and China. Kane was a bronze medallist in the 1500m and went one better to win silver in the 800m. Following these strong results Kane raced brilliantly in a local competition last week to run a World Youth Championships qualifying time in the 1500m slicing 3 seconds off his personal best time. These wonderful results are a testimony to both Kane's continued dedication and a genuine love for his sport.



More summer cricket

St Kentigens Cricket Tour

On the last day before the resumption of school our First X1 played a limited overs game against St. Kentigens, a visiting school from New Zealand.

The game was a very closely fought encounter with Peninsula securing a win in the second last over.

Peninsula 166 (L.Whitfield 31, R.Clements 49, S.Burnell 27) defeated

St. Kentigens 9/156 (B.Kellerman - 2 run outs, R.Clements 2/30 and 2 run outs)



Are you using your Community Benefit card? Because we really do benefit!

Where are the sports results?

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NEWS/EVENTS/Sports Results



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Did you read the inserted flier?

The Peninsula School Army Cadet Unit is running a gourmet sausage sizzle in Tamie and Malcolm Fraser's garden. All proceeds go to the Red Cross. Come along and enjoy the garden and support our cadets!

Saturday Sport - Absences

If your child is going to be absent for Saturday Sport, please let Mr Stephen Brennan, Director of Sport, know by contacting him on his mobile 0429 947479 either on Friday night or from 6am on Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING SPORT BUSES

The Saturday morning buses from Portsea and Flinders will again be operating in Term 1.

1 Portsea National Park	6.01
2 Sorrento Park	6.05
3 Blairgowrie	
PPS stop No.39	6.11
4 Rye	
PPS stop No.47 Dundas St	6.15
5 Tootgarook	
PPS stop No.60	6.21
6 Rosebud	
PPS stop No.68 Boneo Rd	6.25
7 McCrae	
PPS No.81 Caltex s.station	6.31
8 Dromana	
PPS stop No.87 Post Office	6.35
9 Mt Martha Shops Esplanade	6.45
10 Mornington Hungry Jacks bus stop	6.50

Dates are as follows:
Saturday 7, 14, 21, & 28, February
Saturday 14 & 21 March.

Many thanks,
Stephen Brennan
Director of Sport

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