

Peninsula Wallabies

July 2018



OPEN WEEKS INFORMATION

Monday July 30th – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Tuesday July 31st – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Wednesday August 1st – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Thursday August 2nd – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Friday August 3rd – 8.30am to 12.30pm

Contact our Admissions department to register your attendance and interest.

Dear Parents,

As part of our awareness program we are conducting an Open Week at the school, which offers the opportunity for new parents to visit the school and receive an overview of the school and the Victorian Curriculum (VC) curriculum. There will be tours of the school and opportunities to walk into a live classroom and observe the learning in progress. Parents will also have occasion to sign up their children for trial classes on a daily basis. Details of the days and times are in the left column of this page.

We are very happy to welcome Alex Darbyshire as our ICT teacher. Alex joins us from the United Kingdom where he qualified as a teacher obtaining an MSc in Information Systems Management, BA and PGCE in Education.

Clive Rogers
Founding Principal

Our Core Values

EMPATHY
PERSONAL EXCELLENCE
INTEGRITY
COMMUNITY

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Why an International School?

As some of your children are now on vacation and you might be thinking of changing schools. I would like you to consider why some parents are surprised to learn just how much the value of an international education goes beyond obvious material benefits like modern facilities and equipment. One-on-one teacher attention, a positive learning environment, and opportunities for personal development are just some of these deeper and less visible reasons you might consider an international school education.

International schools have the freedom, flexibility and resources to create an all-encompassing educational experience - one that meets and exceeds traditional measures like grades and academic advancement, but also helps kids develop as individuals in the world. The Victorian Curriculum is designed to meet these 21st century learning skills and should you be interested in learning more about the VC, we are holding an information session on August 23rd when Blair Cooper, The Director of Studies from the Peninsula Grammar School, and Emily Vallance, our Secondary School Principal, will be outlining the benefits of the VC and how it impacts on entry into universities in Australia.

Junior School

Dear Parents,

Term Three is already well under way with many great activities and events taking place so far. We have had a number of new students join the Junior School team and we welcome them and their families to PISA. It has been truly delightful to see how welcoming the other students have been and their support to help these new students integrate into life at school here.

We continue to focus on developing positive attitudes and engagement with the students. There are two recent initiatives that have taken place to support this. Both of these occur on a Thursday during our Junior School Activity time.

The first is the Principal's Award which is given to students who have consistently demonstrated our Core Values throughout the week. The recipient is given a certificate and also our teddy bear, Billie to take care of for the week including an overnight visit home. Congratulations to the following recipients of the Principal's Award to date:

7 June – Jacob (Year 4 Aristotle)
14 June – Adriel (Year 4 Aristotle)
12 July – Harrison (Year 3 Tolkien)

We also have our 'yellow hat' activity whereby students are asked to think of a student whom they have seen demonstrate kindness to others.



Ms Mary
J Rivers

The name of that person, and the great deed they have done, is recorded and these are then handed out as a recognition of their care and support of others in the school. Hopefully the children have been sharing these with you when they go home.

Shortly there will be information regarding a coffee morning that I will be running to give you details on how we assess Reading in the Junior School. This will be a practical workshop that will teach you about our reading assessment process and how we report this to you. It would be lovely to see as many families as can make this event. Please feel free to 'bring a friend' who may wish to understand what is important when assessing and reporting on student's reading. Further details and timings will be provided shortly so please do watch out for this – I look forward to seeing you there!

Year 1 Earhart and Year 4 Aristotle have shared some learning in the newsletter this week. There is also information from our Music and Makerspace departments. I hope you enjoy seeing a small snapshot of the many great things taking place in the Junior School.

Kind regards,
Mary Rivers
Junior School Principal

Makerspace

In Term Three, Foundation, Years 1 & 2 are investigating vehicles and transportation. Students have been making various types of craft from recycled material, and are showing a wide range of creativity. Following a 'Structures' theme Years 3 and 4 students have been designing a bridge to span a one-meter gap using only drinking straws and tape. Later in the term, students will be testing these bridges to assess their strength. Along with the Science department Years 5 and 6 Makerspace students are developing a film set to re-produce part of the STAR WARS film. The Science Department will be including special effects to make the models come to life.

Mr Richard Sykes
(Design & Technology Teacher)



Music Classes



As we move forward into the Term, we are proud to announce that this term we have our wonderful and lovely Junior School students and staff participating in a choir each Friday afternoon. The music that we are rehearsing during our choir time will be presented in Week 9 at our whole school music concert. It is fantastic to have an opportunity to bring everyone together and finish the week with a song.

Mr Grant Smith
(Head of Whole School Music)

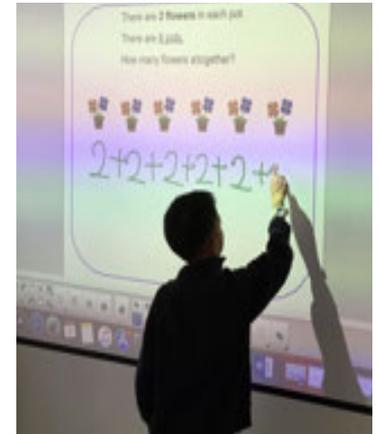
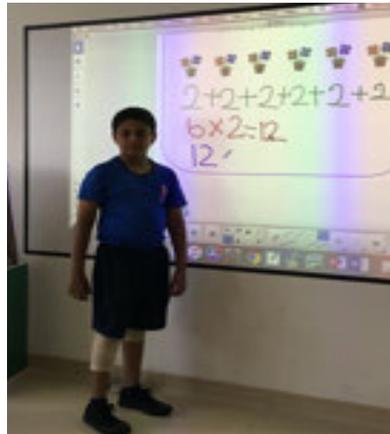
Year One

In Year 1 the children have been learning about repeated addition in the 'Number and Algebra' strand of Maths. They enjoyed being part of the main teaching and were very 'hands-on'.

We finished our inquiry unit 'Plants, Animals and their Environment' at the end of last term with the children choosing a habitat and creating a diorama. They had a chance to get creative and were very proud of their hard work!

"I learned that multiplication is linked to repeated addition. I used the 'x' sign."
- Sheshanand Gunalan

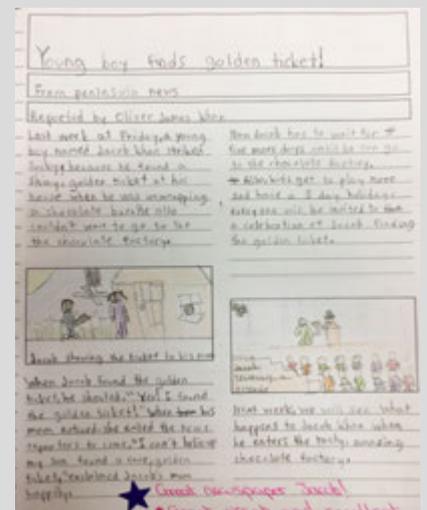
"I learned about repeated addition. It is adding the same number. The answer gets bigger."
- Lewis Goh



Year Four

In Year 4 the children have been learning all about chocolate in their topic "Hidden Gems". To support this learning in Guided Reading the children, have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This has helped them to produce some fabulous writing such as newspaper reports, stories and descriptive paragraphs.

"I created a newspaper of a young boy who found a golden ticket to go to the chocolate factory. I like how I used some challenging words and I used speech marks."
- Jacob Khan



Middle and Senior School

Welcome to Semester Two and to our new students who have joined us this term. With many exciting events scheduled for the coming months, there are going to be many opportunities for our students to flourish in a wide range of different areas. Alongside the usual curriculum program outlined in the Curriculum Overviews, staff will be organising cross-curricular activities in line with our celebration weeks including:

13th – 17th August: Science week

27th – 30th August: Arts week:

A celebration of cultural diversity

3rd – 7th September: Literacy Week

As part of the Arts week, Mr Smith and colleagues will be organising a music concert called 'A celebration of Australian Culture' on the afternoon of Thursday, 30th August, starting at approximately 2pm. More specific details will follow nearer the time but an invitation will be extended to all parents and guardians to attend.



**Ms Emily
Vallance**
Senior School
Principal

In addition, Semester Two has seen the commencement of our ECA program and it has been wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of this, and learning and developing their skills in a wide range of different areas. This term will also see Year 9 and 10 students being introduced to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) program so that they can begin to make choices for their further studies the following year. This is a very significant and important time for these students and we look forward to guide them as they make their informed choices.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that students need to bring a lock in order to secure their lockers. This is important to ensure that belongings are kept safe. We would also encourage parents with students in Years 5-8 to check their children's Learning Planners on a regular basis. This is where home learning activities are recorded as well as being an important means of communication with teachers.



**Ms Lynette
Grant**
Middle School
Principal

Hari Raya Celebrations

On Friday, 6th July 2018, everyone at Peninsula International School Australia took part in the Hari Raya celebration. The school main lobby was decorated with colourful ribbons and *ketupat*. Everyone joined in by wearing traditional Malay costumes or their own traditional costumes. In the morning, the whole school came together for a celebration assembly at the Junior School Library. We were entertained by a performance by the primary students, singing for us one of the most popular Hari Raya songs 'Balik Kampung'. The students loved it when almost all of them were singing the chorus of the song together. We were also entertained by a group of secondary students, telling us about the practices of Muslims during Ramadhan and Hari Raya. Then, in 4 different stations, students had the opportunity to experiment with a range of Hari Raya activities, including weaving *ketupat*, designing Hari Raya cards and Malay traditional costumes as well as a Kahoot Raya Quiz. It was a wonderful day and helped us to learn more about the cultures and customs of Malaysia.

Mr Azlan
(Teacher of Bahasa Malaysia and Agama)



Sky Trex



Middle and Senior School students were accompanied by Mr Marco as well as the PE Teachers (Mr Uday, Mr Patrick and Miss Karen)

Students from Years 7 to 10 ventured back to Skytrek to attempt the next stage in the Skytrek challenge having completed the lower levels in Term 1. This trip was an opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zone and work together in a challenging environment. The Year 7 and 8 students attempted the advanced high rope zip line course whilst the Year 9 and 10 students were given the opportunity to complete the ultimate “extreme course” challenge.

For the Year 7 and 8 students this was a big step up from the beginner course. However, all the students were fantastic in their willingness to have a go and their determination to succeed.

The Year 9 and 10 students faced an extreme course which required concentration and the use of both fine and gross motor skills. They all performed incredibly well. Their teamwork and camaraderie was evident from the very first obstacle.

Overall, this was an amazing experience for our students. The family connectedness we already share made it a lot easier to support one another and enjoy the experience together. As a team we worked so well, and it was a fantastic way to experience the outdoors and succeed.

Mr Patrick Dorian
(PE Dept)

TED–Ed Club

Our TED-Ed Club is a way to celebrate the ideas of students as well as identify and research what we are passionate about. It is a great opportunity for us and for our school to reach out to a global community made of thousands of Clubs all around the world.

We can share our opinions and feelings about the world we are living in, about history or science. The Peninsula TED-Ed Club offers the opportunity to improve our storytelling and communication skills, and we all know that they are fundamental for our personal growth.

In our club, we are all leaders and we work together as a team. Over 75,000 students take part in TED-Ed Clubs in the world, in more than 130 countries. So, even if our Club counts only 3 of us right now, we are part of an extensive global community. We hope that you will join us and you will share your ideas.

Jason, Dhuvveena and Roshinee (Year 7)
Teacher incharge: Mr Marco Centi

Gaming Club

The Gaming Club is the first Extracurricular Activity at Peninsula International School Australia, organised and run by students. The club is completely free and open to all. The purpose of the Gaming Club is to get students to socialise and meet new people. Every Friday afternoon students gather at the Lecture Room in the School Library, where they can use their own devices to play individually and/or in groups. It is an excellent opportunity for us to enhance team-building skills and organisational skills; and of course, having fun.

Founded by Dylan, Joseph, Rahul and Ryan



EXIN MASTERS HOCKEY WORLD CUP 27 JULY – 4 AUGUST 2018



PISA STAFF MEMBER IS SELECTED TO PLAY FOR THE NETHERLANDS +45'S

Karen Lynn Maree is a Physical Education, Health, Life Skills and Elective Program teacher at our school. She will be participating at the Exin Masters Hockey World Cup which will be held at Club Egara in Terrassa, Barcelona. Ms Maree (Kari) participated in the 2000 Sydney Olympics captaining the South African Women's Hockey Team after which she played professional hockey in The Netherlands.

She has a passion and dedication for sport, health, coaching and best practice (both in sport and professional transitional organisations). These qualities she would like to practice during her teaching at PISA (Malaysia). If you wish to follow her team during the World Cup, you can do so by logging onto their Facebook Page: Masters Hockey Nederland Dames 45+

The following teams will be participating in the Ladies +45 Section: Australia, Argentina, USA, Netherlands, New Zealand, England, Spain, Ireland, Scotland, Russia, Wales and France.

MATCH SCHEDULE - You can follow the team's progress on their Facebook site: or on the tournament website: www.wcmasters2018.eu
28 July 8h45 vs Scotland
29 July 14h45 vs Ireland
30 July 17h20 vs France
31 July 16h35 vs Australia
2 August 10h20 vs New Zealand
3 August 19h45 Cross-Pool Play-offs
4 August Rest Day
5 August 12h40 – 16h30 Finals



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