from the Principal ...

BUILDING UPGRADE

As many of you will be aware, the Premier of Victoria announced over the holidays that Pembroke Primary School would receive a $2.2 million funding allocation in the 2014 – 2015 budget. This announcement happened at school with the local member, David Hodgett, Minister of Education, Martin Dixon and Premier present. A number of staff, School Council President and Student Leaders were also in attendance to hear the announcement (the composition of those present was determined by the Premier’s office and we were asked to keep the visit confidential for security reasons).
The money will be held by the Education Department for the purposes of upgrading the school and carrying out maintenance. At this stage I am awaiting further clarification on the process but believe that it will be require us to conduct an audit of facilities and then a complete plan of implementation will be developed by the school in consultation with the Education Department. This will take some time and therefore people need to be aware that change wont happen overnight (but that it will happen!) and that improvement will occur as part of a large and complete picture.

It is however, extremely exciting and recognition of the outstanding work that is done at Pembroke. Be proud and celebrate that you are part of this great community that is now being recognized by the entire Education Department.

PHOTOS

A reminder that this Friday is photo day at Pembroke. Photos are generally taken in the morning so that children (and staff) can be at their finest. All families received a notice prior to the holidays. This needs to be returned on or prior to the day with the money or can be completed online using a credit card.
ATTENDANCE

As mentioned in previous newsletters the guidelines for attendance changed as of the 1st March. Principals are now required to “approve” absences.

In general, it is expected that principals would excuse absences for:

- medical and dental appointments, where out of hours appointments are not possible or not appropriate
- bereavement or attendance at the funeral of a relative or friend of the student, including a student required to attend Sorry Business
- school refusal, if a plan is in place with the parent to address causes
- cultural observance, if the parent notifies the school in advance
- family holidays, where the parent notifies the school in advance and the student completes any Student Absence Learning Plan agreed by the school, student and parent.

It is therefore important that if families plan on taking or extending a holiday during school time that they:

A. Notify the class teacher or school prior to the holiday
B. Obtain a Student Absence plan which will be constructed by the teacher and discussed with the parent
C. Have the student complete the requirements of the plan and return it to school.

Whilst I can appreciate that this is different to previously, the priority is to maximize student learning whilst also ensuring that when the child/ren return to school they are aware of the skills that have been covered, have not missed fundamental steps in a task and are not behind on an activity or with understandings.
News from the Principal continued.....

MAY
The month of May’s focus is the “Jungle”. This commences our look at jungles of the world; what is a jungle, what lives in a jungle, the benefits of jungles and the impact of habitat destruction. We will also begin our work on this year’s Production, which will be centred around the story “The Jungle Book” by Rudyard Kipling. We will be choosing leads for the role shortly and looking for assistance with costume creation and props.

RADIO PROGRAM
Monday, 5th May marks our second foray into the world of DJ. Our kids did a great job last time presenting a half hour time slot and this time the opportunity is provided to a few others from 5/6 in addition to Liam who will go as the “expert” presenter from March. Tune in on the 5th to hear our kids. They are really terrific!

OPEN NIGHT
Our school will be holding an Open Night for all families and interested members of the community on Thursday 29th May from 6pm – 8pm. Classrooms will be open and there will be a range of activities on offer for you to do with your children. We would love to come along even if it is to have a look at your own child’s work and what is happening in their classroom.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Don’t forget that Thursday, 8th and Friday, 9th May is our Mother’s Day Stall. This year our fabulous parent’s Craft group has been busy making a range of beautiful gifts that any mum would love to receive. A reminder that if children are bringing money it is best brought in a named envelope or identifiable purse and can be given to the teacher for “safe keeping” prior to the stall.
**INTERSCHOOL SPORT**

Our first Interschool sport day for this term is on Friday, 9th May. This will be against Mt Evelyn at Mt. Evelyn Primary School. Notices have gone home and this is part of the school’s sporting program. Please contact the Office if your child is in Year 4 – 6 and did not receive a notice.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Simone, Nathan Ryan, Vaughan and sister Hayley, on the birth of their little brother and son, Lucas. Exciting news for the family.

**REGARDS**

**CAROLYN ELLIOT**

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**EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS.**

1st Benny
2nd Faith
3rd Samuel
4th Mrs O’Rourke
5th Carli
6th Noah
7th Darcy
8th Emma
9th Alex
10th Ryan H.
11th James R.
12th Kate R
13th Kiera
14th Dan R
15th Tom (Grade 4)
16th Richard (Grade 3)
17th Jack W

The Parents Association would like to thank all parents who supported the Easter Raffle.
Nomination Form for Election to the Committee of the Pembroke Primary School ‘Parents & Friends’ Group

I, ..........................................................................................................................(full name of applicant)

nominate to be a candidate for election as .......................................................(position)
of the Committee of the Parents & Friends Group.
If I am elected as a Committee Member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Group for the time being in force.

....................................................... Date .............................................
(Signature of applicant)

I, ..........................................................................................................................(full name)
a member of the Group, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for the election to the Committee of the Group.

....................................................... Date .............................................
(Signature of proposer)

I, ..........................................................................................................................(full name)
a member of the Group, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for the election to the Committee of the Group.

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(Signature of seconder)
The Parents and Friends Group welcomes all members of the school community

At Pembroke you are always welcome.
There are many opportunities for you to contribute to the school and your participation is encouraged and appreciated.

Research has shown that parental participation in school activities not only benefits the school but also improves the performance and attitudes of the children of those parents.

What is the role of Parents and Friends?

- **We are classroom helpers**
- **We organize & run special lunches like footy day, school breakfasts & lunches**
- **We look after and supply items for the Mothers & Fathers Day stalls.**
- **We are a body of parents who are able to assist with school activities, performances & excursions.**
  - **We also have a representative on School Council.**

Parents and Friends AGM.
School Library
Pembroke Primary school
Monday 12th May
10.00am

Do I need any skills to be involved with Parents and Friends Group?
No special skills required we welcome anything you can offer.

How much time do I need to commit?
We appreciate any time you can give. An hour or two per month goes a long way.

Who is on the Committee?
The committee has three executive positions - Community Convenor, Fundraising Convenor & Secretary.

How often are meetings held? Once a month usually at 2pm.
The aims of our group include taking an active interest in the education of our children but also a mixture of social and fundraising activities.

This year as a committee we would like to work on the following:
*To play an active part in the School Community.*
To show a commitment to the development of our children.
*To foster improvement from every member of the school community.*
*To keep in touch of what is happening at our school.*
To make a difference in the School by helping get things done.

**Happy Birthday!**

To the following students who have a birthday in MAY

1st Mercy.
17th Lily
19th Tyler
20th Vaughan
29th Juvraj
31st Richard T.
Congratulations to the following students.

Prep/1B  
Ja Feth.  
Completing all ANZAC activities quickly and neatly.

Grade 1W  
Levi D.  
His fantastic knowledge of the ‘THRASS” Charts. Thanks for your help Levi.

Grade 2B  
Jason H.  
Reading every day during the school holidays.

Grade 3/4C  
Thomas D.  
The passion he show for learning and the pride he takes in producing his work.

Grade 3/4M  
Finn O.  
Great pride in his persuasive writing.

Grade 5/6M  
Brianna H.  
Taking pride in her role of photographer at our excursion to the shrine. You included everyone in your photos and took them in a most respectful way.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
April 28th — May 2nd 2014

Congratulations to the following students

Prep/1B                      Kohen.
Making a great poppy during ANZAC week.

Grade 1W                    Ella B.
Her fantastic reflection piece about “Grandad Marches on Anzac Day”

Grade 2B                    Van.
His recount which showed a clear orientation, events, and summary.

Grade 3/4C                  Richard T.
His status as Tables Champion. WOW! Such speed and Accuracy!

Grade 3/4M                  Nem Nu.
Her wonderful detailed argument about animals in cages.

Grade 5/6M                  Grade 5/6 M
Representing the school in a most positive manner during our excursion to the Shrine. You showed respect, good manners and above all an appreciation of the sacrifices our service men and women have made.
GRATITUDE.

Congratulations to the following students

Prep /1B  Esther.
Thanking others for helping her.

Grade 1W  Makenzie R.
Mackenzie’s expressing her gratitude to the ANZAC’s who helped Australia be great!

Grade 2B  Solomon.
Really making the most of the opportunity he is offered at school this year.

Grade 3/4C  Ruth V.
Always showing her gratitude with a smile and a thank—you.

Grade 3/4M  Becky.
Showing beautiful manners and being very grateful of the help she receives.

Grade 5/6M  Hely N.
Always showing gratitude. You set a great example when it comes to saying “thank you”.

Sports Stars of the Week!

Grade Prep/ 1B

Faith D.
Doing a fantastic job with her skipping, hopping, catching and throwing. What a Star!

Grade 2B

Huai Nu H.
Being a wonderful sport. You encouraged your friends and listened beautifully.

Grade

Jason G.
Showing excellent listening skills and doing a brilliant job with his skipping, catching and throwing. Awesome!
Don’t’ forget to keep saving those 5cents coins to put into your bank book in term 2

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The Canteen will be open on the Friday May 2nd Thanking you
Le and Michelle

*New* EFT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT

Next year we are offering payments by EFT to our bank account. It can be for any excursion/incursion, fundraising, OSHC, Camps, Parent Payments; details are below.

   Bank Details
   **BSB:** 633 000
   **Account:** 132155318
   **Name:** Pembroke Primary School

   Thanking you
   Carolyn O’Rourke
   Business Manager
   Pembroke Primary School
Pembroke Primary School

After School Care

Indoor and Outdoor activities

cordial

grumpets
cupcakes

painting, drawing, colouring in

popcorn pancakes pizza

dress ups and cubbies!

After School Care is run by
Mandy Stokes
Hours: 3:30pm – 6pm Daily
Afternoon Tea is provided
$16 per night (less with CCB)
For bookings please phone the
school office on: 9725-6689 or
phone Mandy on:
0437-569-448

Monopoly, Uno, Simpsons, Game of Life

fresh fruit
FRIDAY LUNCH ORDER

All lunch orders and payments need to be given to the office by Wednesday. The canteen will not be open at recess time, but sells individual items at lunchtime.

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COST: $6.00
Auditory Processing and Learning
What could your child’s behaviour be trying to tell you?
Information session & question forum
with Laila from Blue Horizon

Tuesday 3rd June 2014
7.00pm to 8.30pm

At: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park

We help children with:
* Learning and Behaviour difficulties
* Development and Language delay,
* Autism Spectrum Disorders
* Auditory and Visual processing difficulties

Bookings essential  Cost $25  Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335
Mooroolbark College

- World class student management system closely linked to our House System.
- High level of student connectedness and student safety.
- Excellent VCE results with students excelling in a wide range of subject areas.
- Diverse curriculum, including over 40 electives to choose from in Years 9 & 10.
- Strong links with Tertiary training centres through our VET and VCAL program.
- Committed staff who undertake ongoing and rigorous professional development to continually improve teaching and learning outcomes.
- Wide range of extra-curricular activities, including tours to Central Australia and China and camps to Queensland, Tasmania and South Australia, as well as the Duke of Edinburgh program.
- Year 7 and 8 ASPIRE program for talented Maths, Science, English and Music students.

Exploration Evening:
Thursday 8th May, 7pm

College Tours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.15am
Contact: 9727 8100

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mooroolbark.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.mooroolbarkcollege.vic.edu.au
‘a place to inspire discovery, to value and seize opportunity’
Community Notices

HANSEN PARK PRE-SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
Saturday 10th May
11am – 2pm

Meet the teachers and assistants
Free sausage sizzle, face painting and more.
Kinder activities to try out
Explore our huge outdoor area
Your children will love it!

3 and 4 year old enrolments welcome for 2015
Hansen Park Pre School
Tower St, kilsyth
(Off Tamworth Road)
97281006
NOTICE for Kids Karate
Before investing your time and money into any kids karate club go to this site for a free check list about karate or martial arts clubs.
www.kids--karate.com

KIDS KARATE
More classes per week to choose from. More confidence building. More excitement. Learning self defence in a fun and great family atmosphere. Simply the best. Full time Martial Arts Centre with safety mats on all training areas. (open 6 days a week) Individual classes for the younger children. Check us out and see the results for yourself at Bukido Karate 20A Williams Street East. Lilydale. Phone 97351138. or Mobile 0417546264 See our timetable at www.bukidokarate.com (We are right behind UltraTune who are in John street)
**APRIL**

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**Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.**

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