Tuesday was an exciting time for our school community. Many of our fabulous Year 6’s headed off to their new schools for next year… some with a little fear but mostly a lot of excitement. This year we have children going to a wide range of schools: - Yarra Hills, Mooroolbark, Lilydale Heights, Oxley, Heatherwood, Croydon Community. I know each of them will embrace their new learning environment and all that the school has to offer.

In writing about Pembroke kids at Secondary School, I want to congratulate all our past students who have performed extremely well. Many have won academic awards and also those awards that recognise community involvement and making a difference. Others have been on the SRC, transition program, band, Choir, and made it to Regional level in different activities. Well done. Just recently we have heard that Patrick O’Rourke has been named School Captain at Yarra Hills. A terrific effort, Patrick. It is really great to see and hear about our great kids – no matter how old they are, they are always Pembroke kids! (and you may be one too)

Reminder all newsletter items must be handed in/or emailed no later than 10.00am on a Wednesday morning to ensure it is included in the current week’s edition of the school newsletter.
News from the Principal continued.....

At the other end of the school, our Preps for 2013 came along to school and spent the morning with Mrs Berry being “Preps”. They looked magnificent in their uniforms and wonderful smiling faces and seem to have settled in very quickly. Our other students spent some time with their new teacher in their new room; marking the “almost” end of one year and the beginning of another.

Today was our fabulous Xmas lunch; something I think is really special to Pembroke. I love that we, as a community can celebrate the time as one and share in the spirit of Xmas. We have something that is very special and I feel very fortunate to be part of this experience and our community. A huge thank you to Michelle and Le who continue to do a wonderful job planning and organising the Xmas lunch.

Next week will be the last school week for 2012 and time seems to have flown by so very quickly. Graduation will be on Wednesday night and is something that I am sure our Year 6 children are looking forward to – on these nights we marvel at how “grown up” each child looks and think back to their first days at Primary School.

School will finish **next Friday at 1:30**, with Assembly at 1pm. Please be aware that there may be no crossing ladies as the Council regulates that crossings are manned from between the hours of 2:30 – 4pm. I have also been informed that School Staff are not able to man the crossing when a crossing lady is unable. I have done my best to see if guidelines can be altered for one day in light of the changed finishing time on this day.

Please speak to your child to take extra care if they are using the crossing on this day.
News from the Principal continued…..

The last newsletter for the year will be next Wednesday, 19th December

Parking
Please be aware that there are regulations where and when people can park around the school and also the speed at which cars drive along the adjoining roads. Whilst we will do our best to provide sufficient parking (and no school is ever able to provide enough), please be aware that the Council may be contacted to issue fines where these regulations are not being met. We want to do our best to reduce this for families, but primarily we want to keep our community safe whilst also respecting the rights of our neighbours on both Pembroke and Lawson Road.

Reminders

OSHC payments – All families with children who have attended OSHC will have been sent up to date statements. We ask that families seek to finalise all outstanding amounts prior to the end of the school year or establish a payment plan by talking to Carolyn in the Office.

The end of the year is the “craziest time” in the Office as we are required to complete a three day rollover process for 2012 before establishing all the budgets/payments for 2013, in addition to setting up student information/rolls/enrolments etc. To assist us, we would really appreciate it if, where possible payments etc. could be finalised before the last two days. Ideally we would like to close the Office on the last day but appreciate that there may be some last minute things that crop up.

Carolyn Elliot
Principal
Pembroke Awards
December 10th — December 14th 2012
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 1/2C  Darcy W.
The way she seeks knowledge and takes up challenges, for example, her crystal and snow flake research.

Grade 2/3H  Erin F.
Helping her classmates learn about nature by always bringing in insects to study.

Grade 4/5M  Nicole D.
Taking pride in her work and always completing tasks to a high standard in the time provided.

Grade 6D  Bethany T.
It is great to see the amount of effort that you put into all of your work.
Congratulations to the following students.

**Grade 1/2C**

Jack F.

*His scientific knowledge about crystals and snow flakes.*

**Grade 2/3H**

Noah C.

*Trying his best at swimming.*

**Grade 4/5M**

Sienna B.

*Some excellent work in all areas as of her schooling. You are particularly talented reader Sienna!*

Daniel R.

*An excellent narrative titled ‘nobody owns the moon’.*

**Grade 6D**

Jamie D.

*It is wonderful to see how consistent you have been with your home reader this year. An awesome effort.*
Parents and Friends
Group

Christmas Raffle.
The Pembroke Primary school Parents and Friends group are looking for donations for our Christmas raffle. Donations can range from cards, paper, boxes of chocolates, decorations, Christmas stockings, biscuits and more. All items will help make a wonderful Christmas raffle to help support the kids and try and win some great prizes. If you are able to donate please leave donations at the school office. We thank you for your support to the school.

Thanking you
Parents and Friends.

Value of the week
“ASSERTIVE’
December 10th — December 14th 2012
Congratulations to the following student.

Grade 2/3H Chris C.
Assertively dealing with situations in the yard.
Community Carols in Hookey Park.
Our choir was involved in the carols and we also had our students in the Community choir.
Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship will conduct a morning worship service at Pembroke P S  on Christmas Day. It will be a time of celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and the good news that His life on earth brings for all mankind. The service will commence at 9.30 am and will be held in our new library facility (opposite the staff -room) in the main building. A light morning tea and time to chat will follow.

Members of our school community and others who would like to join with us in this special seasonal celebration are warmly invited to come along and share this service with us and to, perhaps, find the opportunity to make some new friends.

We look forward, very much, to sharing this time with all who would like to join with us.

Most of you would know that Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship is the local church that Pembroke P S has partnered with (for more than 8 years now) in providing mentors for a number of needy children in our school and also the Chaplaincy Service that I have personally enjoyed participating in for the past three years. Our community partnership has been a most rewarding and enjoyable one for all who have participated.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all, on behalf of myself and each of our mentors, a very safe, restful and joyful Christmas season and a wonderful beginning of the New Year.

Warm regards,
Doug Lewis
School Chaplain
Hi everyone,

The 2013 Summer of Fun School Holiday Program is almost here!

The calendar of activities has been put together and we are geared up for lots of fun and games!

Please find below a web link to the Youth Services website Summer of Fun 2013 page, where there are further links to the brochure and booking / permission forms.

Here is the weblink for YS’ summer of fun 2013:
http://www.yrys.com/youth_programs/school_holiday_activities/summer_of_fun

Bookings open Monday 17th Dec and please remind all interested participants to call Y&S and book into activities before paying for them

Thanks

Regards  Amanda Anthonisz  School Focused Youth Service Coordinator

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KILSYTH BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Kilsyth Cobras run a school holiday camp during the January, April, July and September breaks. Camps focus on teaching specific skills each day in a fun and stimulating environment. Camps are open to all boys and girls aged 5 -13 years.

The next School Holiday Camp is being held January 21st - 23rd get your registrations in NOW as our last camp booked out early!

**When:** Monday January 21st to Wednesday January 23rd.

Mon - Offense/Defence

Tues - Ball Handling

Wed - Shooting

**Time:** 10am – 2pm

**Where:** Kilsyth Sports Centre – 115 Liverpool Rd Kilsyth

For more information and to register got to bit.ly/kilsythbasketballholidaycamp
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ASSEMBLY AT 1.00PM
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM ON THE 21ST DEC

School Banking Mondays
Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.