Christmas Lunch

Last Friday we once again joined together as a whole school to celebrate Christmas with our whole school Christmas lunch. This is one of the staff’s most special days as we get to be with all kids in one space bonding together in a really positive manner. We also know that few schools would be able to accomplish such a thing given their size. Ah yes, there are many advantages to being small!

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.
Carols

Our School Carols are this Thursday starting at 6pm and scheduled to conclude around 7:30. We are endeavouring to do these outside this year however it will be dependent on weather conditions and also working with the needs of our Soundman. We will notify children on the day as to what we will be doing and also publish on our Pembroke P.S Facebook site.

If outside, families are more than welcome to bring their rugs, camp chairs, supper etc.

Children are to arrive no earlier than 5:45 dressed in their “festive” best- Ho, Ho, Ho.

This is always a great way to celebrate the festive season as a community.

Orientation Day

Tomorrow is Orientation Day, a day where most of our Year 6 children will be heading off to their new Secondary School and our 2014 preps will be in attendance until recess.

Children will also be informed of their new grade for 2014 and the teacher who will be taking them for the year. We have worked really hard on the composition of classes taking into account not only the desires of students and families but also the educational needs of each child; size of the class; class groupings and dynamics and skills that each child can develop.
Therefore we trust that you will appreciate the thought and planning that has gone into task and commence the new year with excitement, enthusiasm and some anticipation!

**2014 plans**

**Curriculum Day**

On Tuesday, 28th January, teachers will be starting the school year. Year 1 – 6 students will commence the next day and Prep students will start the following Monday.

Mandy is seeking Expressions of Interest from families who would like to enrol their child in OSHC on this day. Mandy has organized for the fabulous Gym Bus to come on the day and the kids will have an awesome time tumbling, climbing, rolling and doing all manner of crazy things inside a Double Decker bus (sounds like fun!). Bookings can be made at the Office or through Mandy (remember that families receive a 50% rebate on the cost of the day through Centrelink).

**Grade structure**

Previously I have indicated that there will be five classes at Pembroke in 2014.

Prep /1 Year 1 / 2 Year 3 / 4 Year 3 / 4 Year 5 / 6

We have been very fortunate to secure additional funding for the 2014 school year (English as Second Language & Welfare allocations) and I am keen to use this money to maximize the learning opportunities for our children.

Therefore I have decided that there will be a six class structure.
This will consist of:

Prep / 1  Year 1  Year 2  Year 3/4  Year 3/4  Year 5/6

In the Junior School (Year Prep – 2) there will be classes of 15 children; Year 3 / 4 – 20 children and Year 5/6 – 23 children.
These numbers are extraordinary and should provide a learning space where all children can excel.

In speaking with many Principals around the area; numbers in their schools get close to 30 per grade in the upper grades and 22-23 children in the lower levels. This therefore makes Pembroke extremely unique and something that we should celebrate.

Assembly

In 2014 we have decided to go back to Assembly’s on Monday morning from 9am. These assembly’s will go no longer than 1/2 hour and it is our hope that we will have an increased number of families coming to the Assembly each week and children who are aware of what is happening from the commencement of the week.
News from the Principal continued.....

Bell times

Next year we are trialling a new system and will review it at the end of Term 1. At 8:45 there will be a bell. This bell will indicate yard duty time for the staff member on duty before school. It will also be the time when children are able to come into class.

Teachers will be in their classrooms at this time. Music will go just before 9am. All children will be expected to be in their class ready to commence work by the time that the music is finished. We believe that this will maximize learning time and also minimize disputes that may occur whilst waiting in line. Some children also find it hugely beneficial to come into class early and get focused for the day ahead. Children are not to come into class before the 8:45 time; the time at which teachers are on duty.

Regards

Carolyn Elliott.
School Principal.

Don’t forget 4th term and 1st Term you need to wear your hat!
Pembroke Awards

December 9th — December 13th 2013
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 2/3M  Imi S. 
_Taking pride in the progress she has made with her reading._
_What a star!_

Grade 5/6C  Lian. 
_Being Passionate about sports, showing great pride in his school and always coming to school with a sense of purpose._
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
WOW WORKERS OF THE WEEK

December 9th—December 13th 2013.
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 2/3M  Jack F.
 Being a highly talented author. You have such interesting ideas and we love reading all about them!

Grade 5/6C  Jerri V.
 Great work ethic, Commitment to his work and awesome motivation to finish all his work!
VALUE OF THE WEEK
December 9th — December 13th 2013.
Congratulations to the following students.

‘Caring’

Grade 2/3M  Anu K.
*Not only keeping her area tidy, but helping others to take pride in their surroundings.*

Grade 5/6C  Faith
*Always demonstrating team-work, respect, honesty and courage – what a valuable member of our class!*
School Choir visit to Coles - Lilydale
Pembroke Primary School

After School Care

Indoor and Outdoor activities

Cordial
Crumpets
Cupcakes

Painting, drawing, colouring in

Popcorn
Pancakes
Pizza

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

Downball

Monopoly, Uno, Simpsons, Game of Life

Dress ups and cubbies!

Fresh fruit
Croydon City Arrows Soccer Club

Girls Wanted For All Girls Teams Age 5-16 years old and senior teams

A great sport for girls of all ages, soccer is well established at Croydon City Arrows with junior girls.

With all female teams of all ages from U6 to U16 and Senior Women, Croydon City has lead the way for well over 10 years developing female players and teams.

Registration Day 9th of February 2014
DORSET RESERVE, JENKINS LANE, CROYDON
10.00 – 4.00PM
For all enquiries, please contact ccarrows@gmail.com.
**EFT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT**

This 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

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**Pembroke Parents and Friends Group**

Every Monday afternoon Between 1-3pm the parents and friends association have a craft meeting. We have been learning to make heritage stockings, headbands and flowers. So if you would like to join our group and learn to make an article meet us in the art room at 1pm.

On Wednesday we will be putting together Ginger bread house and a ginger bread Christmas tree. Please support the Christmas raffle as this is our major fundraiser for this month

Thanks.
Parents and Friends Association.
Community Notices

JULIAN’S DRUM SCHOOL

- Develop a career or drum for fun.
- Drumming tuition for all ages, all levels.
- Tailored to your musical tastes.
- Julian is drum associate of Japara Neighbourhood House and member of Music Victoria.
- We can offer experience in bands, mentoring for the young and support for those who want to jam with other musicians.
- First half lesson is free.
- Call us for a friendly chat.

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E: julianlmartin@yahoo.com.au
www.juliansdrumschool.com.au

KIDS KARATE

Give your child the power of confidence through self defence while at the same time learning the principles of focus and respect. Bully proof your child at Bukido kids karate and full time Martial Arts Centre. We have full insurance and safety mats on all training areas.

Join now with a free start up package including high quality uniform & protective hand mitts valued at $130.

Check us out and see the results at Bukido Karate 20A Williams Street Lilydale. (just behind UltraTune in John St, near the high school entrance)
Phone 97351138 between 3pm and 8pm weekdays
Our website is www.bukidokarate.com
Email bukido@mail.com Phone 97351138 Mobile 0432066046
**DECEMBER**

**Term 4 : 7th Oct to 20th Dec 2013**

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- **School Banking Mondays**
- **Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.**
- **School Holidays**