We have had a fabulous beginning to the year and the entire staff was thrilled to see so many families coming up for the Parent / Teacher interviews. The connection between home and school is a truly important one and to be able to share in some of your insights with regards to your children is invaluable. Thank you also for the fabulous feedback on the way that your child/ren have started the year. It is great to hear such positive responses.

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.
Family Fun Night

Next Tuesday, 19th February is our annual Family Fun Night. All families are invited – bring your picnic blanket or chairs and join in the fun. Hamburgers and Sausages will be available for sale from 6pm – 6:30pm thanks to our hardworking Parents and Friends Association; or you can bring your own meal. After 6:30 we will then have a range of activities on the oval. Come along and join us.

Thank you

A massive thank you to the Kingma, Dodd, Haynes, Kitchener and Howes families who have worked tirelessly over the past month and half (especially during the holidays) to remove much of the graffiti that was placed around the school. Their assistance in helping to keep the school looking its best is very much appreciated. Thank you so much

Thanks also to Hugh Wakeham (Darcy and Isla’s dad) for taking on the role of Basketball Coordinator. This has previously been done by Katrin Howes and resulted in a number of our children participating in afterschool basketball. Thanks to Kat for her work over a number of years and to Hugh to being willing to do the role in 2013.
**News from the Principal continued…..**

**Circus lessons**

Notes are going home regarding the Circus lessons that will be commencing on Tuesday, 26th February and running for four weeks (one hour sessions for each class x 4 wks). The cost for the entire program is $20 per child with the skills being used not only in the classroom but also during the Celebrate Mooroolbark parade and in our Whole School Production to be held in May.

**Crossing at Crossings**

We continue to have children crossing roads away from the crossings provided. This is of huge concern to us, given the safety risk that it poses. We are very lucky at Pembroke to have the number of school crossings that we have and I urge all families to please use them, even if running late or in a hurry. Please also stress to your children the importance of being safe and what this entails.

**School Council elections**

School Council nominations are available at the Office for the 2013 Council. Parents can self-nominate or be nominated by another person. If you have any questions please speak with current councillors including Katrin Howes, Nat Kilby, Leeanne Lee, and Michelle Kitchener.

We would love to have people interested in joining this important part of our school community.
Student Safety

WOW
Have you seen our WOW (Worker of the Week) board near the Staffroom? Each week we will be posting WOW work on the board and students will receive a “student of the Week” award at Assembly. Stop by and have a look

Reminders
- CRE (Religious education) notices and money to be returned – CRE will commence in March
- Notices and payment for March
- Circus – all classes $20 per student
- Trees Adventure – Student Leadership day on 1st March Year 6’s $20 per student
- Interschool Sport Round Robin – 15th March All year 4 – 6 and some Year 3’s $8.50

Carolyn Elliot—School Principal.

Don’t Forget Term 1
Hats are compulsory.
If you do not have one you can purchase one from the school office.
Pembroke Awards
Feb 18th—Feb 22nd 2013
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep  
**Samuel T.**
Showing passion and enthusiasm for school.

Grade 1V  
**Jason H.**
Showing pride in everything he does in 1V.

Grade 2/3M.  
**Locky C.**
Taking pride in his handwriting. You are putting in the effort Locky and doing a fantastic job!

Grade 3/4D.  
**Ryan M.**
Thankyou Ryan for being such a ‘passionate’ learner. Always being so enthusiastic.

Grade 5/6C.  
**Jerri V.**
Taking pride in his work and persisting!
Congratulations to the following students.

**Grade Prep**  
**Elijah C.**  
Taking care of his work and supporting others in theirs.

**Grade 1V**  
**Bik Te L.**  
Always working hard and trying his best.

**Grade 2/3M**  
**Darcy W.**  
Completing some fantastic writing and being a most talented reader. What a Star!

**Grade 3/4D**  
**Brianna H.**  
Keep up the high standard of work you are achieving. It is great to see!

**Grade 5/6C.**  
**Ku Ku**  
Her always outstanding work, beautiful handwriting and amazing perseverance on tough tasks.
### VALUE OF THE WEEK

**GETTING ALONG**

*Feb 18th—Feb 22nd 2013.*

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Parents and Friends Association.

Just to remind parents about several events which are being held at the school. Please don't forget the school will be holding the family fun night on 19th Feb. **We will be holding a BBQ between 6—6.30pm. Sausages $2.00 & Hamburgers $3.00.**

The annual AGM for the Parents and Friends Association will be held on March 5th 2pm in the schools library. Please read the following regarding how to be a part of this wonderful group.

Thanking You
Michelle and Sheryn.

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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.

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What is the role of the Parents and Friends Group?

- We are classroom helpers
  - We work with and support the grades Parent Liaisons
- 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.
The 'Step into Prep' program allows children to enter their first year of Primary School as confident, independent and enthusiastic learners.

Come along to any (or all) of the exciting Step into Prep sessions starting in Term 2

Tuesday the 30th of April for 2.30 - 3.15 for Step into Prep

Come along to our first Step into Prep activity in the Music Room for Musical Maths.

Tuesday the 30th of May 2.30 - 3.15 for Step into Prep & an Information Afternoon Tea.

Kids come along and join in the Learning in the Library. Parents are invited to an afternoon tea to meet our Principal Carolyn Elliot and Multicultural Aid Mangku who will take you on a tour of the classrooms and grounds, as well as answering any questions you may have.

Consider a small school option for your child

At Pembroke we pride ourselves on offering an education that caters to the needs of the 'whole child', through targeting individual needs, interests and abilities.

School Tours at Pembroke can be held anytime.

Contact the School Office on 9725 6689 to arrange an appointment.
NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

In the art room we are making recycled art projects but would like some more please from your recycling;

- plastic drink bottles any size
- milk cartons any size
- plastic bags especially colored ones
- drink bottle tops
- colored cardboard
- cardboard boxes
- egg cartons and cardboard rolls
- anything else that you think could be reused

many thanks Ms. Ewington

NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE BY EMAIL.

We are happy to send to parents home or at work emails. Visit our website and subscribe to our newsletter or contact the school at pembroke.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and put Newsletter in subject line.

All newsletters are available on the Pembroke Primary website and don’t forget our face book fan page. All notices can be found on our Website.
**STATE 12 AND UNDER CRICKET TEAM**

Nominations for the School Sport Victoria 12 & Under Cricket Teams are now open. Schools are invited to nominate suitably skilled students to participate in the trial process. Nominations shall only include children born in 2001, 2002 or 2003.

Each school is permitted to nominate NO MORE than 3 boys for this team while there is no limit placed on the number of girls that schools are permitted to nominate.

Teachers will be expected to provide details such as the students name, address, contact phone numbers, date of birth, email address and parents/guardians names as well as the contact details for the school and teacher. At the completion of the nomination students will be required to print out their confirmation form (which will be emailed to them within 7 days of being nominated), have it signed by the relevant parties and bring it to their local trial.

**Once nominations are closed, the local Regional Cricket Manager will send a letter to each student and their school to notify them of their trial date and venue.**

**Trial Period: 4-29 March**

The first round of trials will be conducted by Cricket Victoria’s Regional Cricket Managers in the 16 Cricket Victoria regions (typically within a maximum of a 1 ½ hours drive).

The carnival will take place in Bendigo (VIC) from the 3rd to the 11th of January 2014. Students selected in this team will be expected to cover the cost of their involvement in this team and carnival (approximately $1000.00 – which includes transport and uniform).

**Anyone interested in nominating their child needs to contact Carolyn Elliot prior to Wednesday, 20th February.**
OSHC NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

OSHC are looking for lego and cars!!

If you have any old lego or toy cars lying around or a looking for an excuse to clean out the toy box, we would love some of your old lego at OSHC.

Donations can be made to the office any time or straight to OSHC between 3pm and 6pm daily!!

OSHC are also looking for old fitted and flat sheets, blankets and large pieces of scrap material to make cubbies with!

If you have any of these laundry items hiding in cupboards (or need an excuse to buy new linen!) please feel free to donate them to OSHC as well!!
INFORMATION NIGHT
will be held on
THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2013
at
Reay Road, Mooroolbark, 3138
Melway Ref: 51 G1

Come and join us for a night of fun and information starting at 6.30pm
Formal proceedings commence at 7.15pm

Tours are available on request
Please call 9839 8800 or email yarra.hills.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
to make an appointment

We look forward to meeting you.
WANTED
The Library needs a bookcase if any family has one they no longer need maybe they would like to donate to new library. We have some reference books that we would love to have their own special place.

Thanking you
Leanne Richards.
Librarian

Community Notices

BUKIDO KIDS KARATE
Designed for children to have fun while at the same time learning the skills of karate. These skills will help to:

- Improve behavior at home and at school
- Improve school grades
- Improve self-discipline and self-esteem
- Improved listening skills, courtesy, and self-control
- Overcome shyness and improve self-confidence

Come and check us out and see for yourself.
Structured goals and workbooks for all age groups.
We offer four classes a week for the younger age groups.
We also have senior karate and kickboxing classes.

For further information phone Melissa at 0432066046
or 97351138 3pm to 7.30pm. Our website is www.bukidokarate.com
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Thank you to Mr Gary Williams and his company RA Printing for producing all our new weekly student awards.

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‘WHERE CHAMPIONS BEGIN’

We invite you and your family to join our family oriented Club to play junior domestic basketball in a fun, friendly & safe environment.

Winter Season commencing April 2013.
Enthusiastic and experienced coaches.
Boys & Girls U7 & U8 through to U21 Youth Teams available.
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U7 &U8 Miniballers DO NOT PAY registration fees for first season.

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💰 School Banking Mondays

📅 Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.