Welcome back to a wonderful new…and hot 2014. It has been wonderful to see the way in which the children have settled into their new classrooms and seem to be making great connections with their teacher. I know that the teachers are really interested in meeting you all so if you have any time to pop into the classroom and say “hi” they would love it.

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.
STAFFING:

Our staff for this year are:

Year 5/6: Mr. Phillip Moxon

Year 3/4: Ms. Christine Collins

Year 3/4: Miss Bree Monks

Year 2: Mr. Josh Bell

Year 1: Mrs. Belinda Woods

Year Prep/1: Mrs. Briony Berry

Art: Mrs. Caroline Jones (Mrs. Elliot will be taking 5/6 Art)

P.E: Mr. Phillip Moxon

Multicultural Aide: Mrs. Irene Lian (formally Mangku)

Chaplain: Mr. Craig Ingram

At the very end of 2013, Mrs. Jacqui Walker indicated that she would not be returning to Pembroke in 2014. Jacqui is travelling later in the year and then plans to relocate to Queensland with her family. We are therefore currently in the process of advertising for a Music teacher to replace Jacqui. In 2014, we will also be employing a Language teacher. In reviewing the Victorian curriculum priorities, the links Australia has with other countries, the potential to carry on the language in Secondary School and the importance of the language and cultural understanding to our children as they grow up we have decided to take
on Chinese as our language of choice. The process of employing staff takes about three – four weeks – I will keep you updated and let you all know when staffing in these areas has been confirmed.

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who have been successful in their application for the following leadership positions:

- Faith & Luke – School Captain
- Sienna & Josh – Vice Captain
- Daniel & Tessa - Melba House Captain
- Gemma & Lian - Walling House Captain
- Van & Par Ku - Yarra House Captain
- Hely – Office Assistant
- Seth & Liam – PA and sound
- Carli – Library Assistant

**WEATHER, HATS AND DEPARTMENT ALERTS**

In returning to school, we have all experienced the very warm weather. It is vital that all children have school hats not only as part of the compulsory Term 1 & 4 uniform but also as a way of reducing some of the harmful effects of the sun. Please be aware also that the school is at times issued with weather alerts from the Education Department. When this occurs, Pembroke instigates a process whereby the children spend the first half of lunch outside but then come inside for the second half, again attempting to reduce the effects of the heat. Icy poles will also be on sale at the start of lunch for 50 cents (with a maximum of 2 icy poles per child). All money raised through the sale of the icy poles will also be going towards a special project for which a note will be sent home to let you know more.
COMMUNICATION AND GET TOGETHER.

Having an open line of communication with parents is vitally important in your child’s education. We have a number of events planned for you to meet teachers, share in the Pembroke spirit and provide important information that will maximize opportunities for success in 2014.

* **Family Fun Night: Thursday, 13th February**
* **School Council: Thursday 20th February**
* **Parent / Teacher interviews: Tuesday, 25th February**

Remember that Pembroke P.S has a Facebook page. This page is for quick announcements or answering general questions. To access the page all you need to do is “like” Pembroke. Please keep in mind that this page is not for venting ...if you have a problem or concern please come and see us.

Following Facebook guidelines we also do not have children of Primary school age on our Facebook page.

**School Council**

We will shortly be seeking nominations for School Council in 2014. Councillors are expected to attend two night meetings per term, represent the viewpoints of our community and also participate in a sub committee. If you feel that you are able to commit this time and would like more information please speak with our current councilors including Katrin Howes (School Council President), Natalie Kilby (Treasurer), Hugh Wakeham (Secretary),
News from the Principal continued…..

Leanne Lee, Jenny de Witte, John Kingma (community member), Sheryn Holloway, Briony Berry.
2014 Community members will commence their two year tenure in March.

SWIMMING NOMINATIONS

Do you have a child in Year 3-6 with a talent in swimming? We are able to nominate children to represent the District in a Divisional Swimming Carnival. If you would like you child to be considered, please see me by Monday 10th February. I will need date of birth and swimming times for 50 metres, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly depending upon the events.
A child can only do two events but to increase their chances you can nominate them for more.

GARDENING CLUB

We are commencing a Garden Club Monday lunchtimes with some of our Year 6 children as leaders. We would love to see any parents who would like to take part coming up to assist or share skills and knowledge they may have. The club will meet on the Basketball court at the start of lunch play.

Regards

Carolyn Elliot School Principal

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEACHERS

* Which staff member…
  - has a dog called “Angus”?
  - lived in Japan for a couple of years?
  - owned a Bed and Breakfast?
  - has the most number of their own children?
(Four different staff members
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

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen will be back this year.
Le and Michelle

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**School Banking 2014**

School Banking returns soon so don’t forget to add all those 5cent coins up.
Pembroke Parents and Friends Group

We welcome new and current parents back for 2014. This year is a bigger and better year ahead we really appreciate your support to come.
The first meeting is held on the 10th of Feb at 9:45am in the Library.
There will be a get together straight after for a crafting schedule for the year ahead all welcome to come along.
Looking forward to seeing you all
Thanks Michelle and Sheryn
Parents and Friends Association.

Happy Birthday!

TO THE
FOLLOWING STUDENTS: JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Jan  Par Ku P.  12th  Thomas D.
3rd     Victor K.  13th  Locky C.
        Quinn G.  14th  Frances Van K.
        Aden L.  22nd  Kohen H.
4th     Daniel R.  25th  Mrs Elliot
11th    Mary L.  30th  Josh D.
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

dress ups and cubbies!

Monopoly, Uno, Simpsons, Game of Life

fresh fruit
Montrose Calisthenics

Is now accepting enrolments for 2014
for students aged 3 years to 18+
Come and try your first 2 lessons for free in February!

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Check out our website

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MONDAYS 3-24 FEB
4.30 PM 5-7 YEAR OLDS
6 PM 11-13 YEAR OLDS
5-10 YRS / $5 PER SESSION

WEDNESDAYS 5-26 FEB
4.30PM 8-10 YEAR OLDS
6 PM 14-16 YEAR OLDS
11-16 YRS / $10 PER SESSION

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