Student Leadership

Today we were very pleased to hand out badges for our 2014 school leaders. David Hodgett, local State Member attended the Assembly and was proud to recognise the efforts of our students in firstly nominating and secondly taking on the role of School Leaders at Pembroke.

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.....

2014 LEADERS

Captains: Luke E. Faith W.
Vice Captains: Josh D. Sienna B.
Walling House Captains: Lian V. Gemma D.
Melba House Captains: Daniel R. Tessa N.
Yarra House Captains: Van V. Par Ku P.
PA & Sound: Seth E. Liam C.
Library Assistant: Carli M.
Office Assistant: Hely N.


Congratulations to all students including all those that nominated. Well done for having a go.
News from the Principal continued…..

**Attendance**

It is fundamentally important that all children attend school where possible. As of the 1st March there will be new directions in place in relation to attendance. Principals will be required to approve absences based upon the following criteria:

- 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.

- Illness or accident.

**In general, principals would not be expected to excuse absences, where:**

- approval had not been sought in advance
- the student was absent due to participating in leisure or social activities without approval
- the conditions of approval have not been met (e.g. Student Absence Learning Plan for a family holiday not completed)
- the parent has provided no explanation for the absences

(taken directly from DEECD website)
Therefore things such as shopping days, “having a day” at home, visiting friends, just needed a day at home etc. can be seen as social activities and as such, “the principal would not be expected to excuse the absence”.” In the case of the student being absent from school on at least five full days in the previous 12 months and the parent has not provided a reasonable excuse for these absences a school attendance notice will be issued seeking an explanation”. Where explanations cannot be provided, further action from the Education Department can then be taken.

The key points as parents...
Attending school is a vital part of children’s development and learning. Parents need to continue to promote the value of school and have their child at school as much as possible (of course we don’t want “sickies” coming to school when they’re not well)

Contact the school and let us know if your child is away and why—ill, doctor’s appointment. You can do this by phone, letter or informing the teacher. Parent choice can longer be provided as a valid reason. Where we have not heard from you within 3 days we are now required to contact you.

Let us know where there are issues getting your child to school – we can work together

Where something can be done out of school hours see if this can occur

The new guidelines have come from the Education Department and therefore will be in place at all schools from 1st March
News from the Principal continued.....

On the whole we have a great attendance rate at our school and you as parents do a terrific job in working with us to educate your children – we thank you!!

School Council
Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 School Council. There are four parent vacancies and two staff vacancies. People can self-nominate or receive a nomination from others. Forms are available at the Office. The closing date for Nominations is Tuesday, 11th March.

Afterschool basketball
The Year 4/5 team played their first game of basketball for the new season last Monday. It is also wonderful to see a Year 1 / 2 team starting up. This team however does need a coach so if you are interested in being part of a great fun activity (that doesn’t take up your weekend) then please let our Basketball Co-ordinator Hugh Wakeham know or pass on a name at the Office. Thanks to Ian Cavanagh for once again taking on the Year 5 coaching position. Go Pembroke!

Working Bee
A working bee has been scheduled for Saturday 15th March from 9am until the job is done (generally around 11:30). Our aim to work on the back area between the main building and the rise going up to the Junior School. We would love to plant a few more plants in the garden bed, erect some nice visual objects on our brick wall, erect a parent notice board and do a general tidy up.
**Parent / Teacher Interviews**

By now all families should have received their times for Parent /Teacher interviews which will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. If you are unable to attend at your allotted time can you please contact the Office.

If you do not have an interview time and would like to make one, please contact the Office and we will do our best to allocate you a time on the day or find an alternative time that suits.

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**Notices that will be coming home shortly**

Year 4/5/6 Interschool sports carnival: 14th March
Year 4/5/6 Camp deposit (Camp in September)
Year 2 / 3 Camp deposit (Camp in June)

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**Grade 6 Uniforms:**

We are also expecting the Year 6 jackets and polos to be arriving shortly. Full payment is required prior to collection.

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**OSHC**

Statements for OSHC have been sent out to all families where children have attended. Please keep in mind that payment plans can be organised and deductions can be set up with your bank.

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**Regards**

Carolyn Elliot
School Principal
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Nominations are now being sought and close on 11th March, 2014

Schedule 4.
Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of...

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on
11th March (insert date and year), 2014.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on 11th March (insert date and year), 2014.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at
the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each
membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect
and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

... Principal

What commitment is required?

- Eight meetings a year of approximately 2 hours
  - Participation on one sub committee
- Represent the school community is a positive and proactive manner

Interested ... grab a nomination form from the Office.

You can self-nominate or ask another person to nominate you
Congratulations to the following students.

Prep/1B  
**Peter C.**  
*Showing great care and pride in his handwriting.  Go Peter!*

Grade 1W  
**JayDee B.**  
*Trying so hard on his writing piece about himself. Great effort!*

Grade 3/4M  
**Nem Nu.**  
*Amazing pride in our school—with her big rubbish pick-up!*

**Scotty.**  
*An excellent start to his Sochi project!*

Grade 5/6 M  
**Van V.**  
*Taking pride in his writing and achievements in Maths.  Keep it up!*
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
Feb 24th — Feb 28th 2014.
Congratulations to the following students

Prep/1B

Bawi T.
Trying his best at school each day.
What a star!

Grade 1W

Tegan M.
Always listening and trying her best!
Keep it up!

Grade 3/4M

Ben.
Being a THRASS champion—what a great sound spotter!

Vaughan.
Amazing efforts in his work and in class discussions!

Grade 5/6M

Tha Tha S.
Writing a fantastic report on Kangaroos. Not only are you so very talented, but you work as hard as you possibly can Super!

Seth.
Your kind and caring nature in buddies. Your effort has not gone un-noticed. Thanks Seth from Mrs Berry and the Preps!
HONESTY

Congratulations to the following students

Prep /1B  Blessing T.
Always being a kind and honest friend.
Thank you Blessing.

Grade 1W  Meriam C.
Always being honest! Well Done!

Grade 3/4M  Bailey.
Being so honest about everything that happens in the classroom!

Jack F.
Always showing great honesty and organisation!

Grade 5/6M  Seth E.
Being an extremely honest member of 5/6M.
SPORTS STARS
OF THE WEEK!

CATS - TYLER K.

DOGS - SAMUEL T.

3/4C - TOM W.

3/4M - MARK R.

5/6M - LUKE E.
General Information

*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

Don’t forget:
1st Term you need to wear your hat!

Pancake day on Tuesday 4th March.

$6.00 for a plate of pancakes with a choice of toppings.
Open **8.00am to 8.45am**
In multipurpose room
Basket Ball News
We now have enough numbers for a new Grade 2 after school basketball team. It will be the Pembroke Pirates. All parents who would like their child to play have been given the registration form, which needs to be returned to the office and paid for quickly.
We also will need a coach and/or team manager, which normally is one of the teams parents.
We also would like any second hand Pembroke basketball singlets people would like to donate/sell/lend.

Thanking you
Hugh Wakeham—After school Basket Ball Convenor

School Banking 2014
School Banking is on Monday
Forget to add up all those 5cent coins up.

News from the Canteen.
Due to rising costs the Canteen lunch order will now be $6.00.
Canteen will be open this week, but not on the Feb 28th
Thanking You Le and Michelle.
The honest boy

who cried wolf
Honesty
The value that builds trust

Once upon a time there was an honest Shepard boy called Max. His job was to watch the sheep for all the village. Max gets bored watching the sheep, so he decided to teach the sheep how to dance and sing songs. The next day he bought his guitar to play with the sheep and played dress ups.

One day a very dangerous wolf, with sharp claws and teeth came along. Max, who was watching the sheep, yelled to the villagers "A wolf is trying to steal the sheep!" Because Max tells the truth and is honest, the Villagers ran to help Max and the sheep. Because Max and the villagers trust each other, they worked together to stop the wolf. They found all of the sheep, the wolf was gone and they all lived happily ever after.

By the Prep/1 Cats during our honesty discussion.
Community Notices

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beauty therapy by bree

Waxing
Spray Tans
Xtreme Lashes® Eyelash Extensions
CND Shellac nails
Manicures
Pedicures
Tinting
Relaxation Massage

Mention this ad to receive 20% off any treatment with your first booking!

0402 162 112
55 Ervin Rd, Croydon
www.facebook.com/blissbeautytherapybybree
Community Notices

Manchester Pre School

Our service offers:
Highly experienced staff with qualifications above the standard requirements. An extensive range of equipment and resources, a warm and welcoming environment with a great community spirit. An attractive natural outdoor playground with established trees, dry creek bed and vegetable garden, and a large under cover area.

“Exceeding National Quality Standards”
(as rated by the Victorian DEECD)

Call us today!

132 Manchester rd , mooroolbark
We offer-
toddler play group,
3 y.o pre school groups,
4 y.o pre school groups.

Tel— 9726 9204
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

Thank you to Mr Gary Williams and his company RA Printing for producing all our new weekly student awards.
**School Banking Mondays**

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**Term 1 : 29th Jan- 4th April 2014**

**Bulb orders to be returned**

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Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.