Mini fete

Last Friday we had our annual Mini fete. This day has always been designed as both an educational experience and also a fundraiser for the school. Children, especially in the upper levels, design, source, promote and run their own stalls, whilst all children use money to purchase a range of items. I was thrilled with the efforts of many of our student leaders, especially Kaleb (Year 6), who wrote a letter to Coles asking for donations. This resulted in a $25 voucher which was used to purchase items for the stall. This year’s profits are being put towards installing an air-conditioner in the writing room of the Junior School.

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.
A big thank you to everyone (especially the Parents and Friends Club) who have worked with the classes to make this event a huge success. Your support is invaluable and very much appreciated.

**Interschool sport**

This Friday, 15th March, we have all of our Year 4 – 6 students and a couple of Year 3’s participating in the District Interschool Sport Robin Robin day. Notices have previously been sent out and we would love to have all of these back by Wednesday in order to ensure that our teams have the required numbers.

This season we will be involved in T-Ball at Morrison Reserve, Mt. Evelyn and Rounders at St. Marys Primary School, also in Mt. Evelyn. This will be an all-day event with children departing at 9am and returning at around 3pm. Given the current temperature, it is imperative that all participants bring a hat, wear sunscreen and have lots of water to rehydrate.

Spectators are always welcome at these events. Good luck to our teams.

**Celebrate Mooroolbark parade:** Saturday, 23rd March starting at Hookey Park @ 9:45 am

All children have been working with Claire (our Circus performer) to develop a routine for the Celebrate Mooroolbark parade.
News from the Principal continued…..

It would be great to see as many members of our community there on the day. Everyone is encouraged to wear bright colours, funny hats, clown wigs to reinforce this year’s theme of “Under the Big Top”.

Craft group

Do you have a craft skill or would you like to learn a new craft?

Are you always looking for time to do something you would like?

Then maybe this is the answer!

The Parents and Friends Club are seeking to start up a Craft group one hour per week. This group will produce items for the Mother’s Day Stall but will also give participants a chance to learn a new skill, share a new skill or just do something you love.

If you would like to take part could you please complete the form so that we can seek to find the best day and time.

*New* 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
News from the Principal continued…..

CRAFT GROUP
I would like to take part in the parent’s Craft group.
I am available on __________________________
and the best times are _______________________________

I would be able to teach others how
to_______________________________ (please note you
don’t have to be fabulous at it…just have some idea)

☐ I am interested in learning a new craft skill.

REMINDER: Last day of Term: Thursday, 28th March @ 2:30
(Friday is Good Friday)

Carolyn Elliot – School Principal.

DID YOU KNOW?

- That we have a boot camp here 6 days Mon - Sat a week,
- Tai chi Tuesday and
- Yoga Wednesday
Please contact the office for more information
Grade 5/6 – We aim to be strong leaders that guide our school.

Here are our current reading and maths goals. We are learning to honest about our goals, and work together to reach them!

Gemma –  
**Reading:** I will check that I understand what I read.  
**Maths:** I need to work on my maths.

Luke-  
**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.  
**Maths:** I need to work on harder decimals.

Hely-  
**Reading:** I will use the pictures to help me understand the words.  
**Maths:** I need to get better at division.

Daniel-  
**Reading:** I will check that I understand what I am reading.  
**Maths:** I will work on times tables, percentages and division.

Liam-  
**Reading:** I will research words I don’t know.  
**Maths:** I will work on division.

Josh-  
**Reading:** I will pay attention to full stops and slow down my reading.  
**Maths:** I need to be neater.

Van-  
**Reading:** I will read with more flow.  
**Maths:** I need to get better at times tables.

Jerri-  
**Reading:** I will find and use more interesting words.  
**Maths:** I need to work on decimals.

Lian-  
**Reading:** I will use pictures to help me understand the words.  
**Maths:** I need to work on times tables.

Ku Ku-  
**Reading:** I will find and use more interesting words.  
**Maths:** I have to work on multiplication and decimals.

Vesity-  
**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.  
**Maths:** I will try to get better at decimals.
Bawi Tha-

**Reading:** I will choose a just right book.

**Maths:** I will work on my times tables.

Johno-

**Reading:** I will choose a just right book that interests me.

**Maths:** I will stop using a calculator and work more neatly.

Nicole-

**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.

**Maths:** I will get better at my times tables.

Heaven-

**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.

**Maths:** I will work on my times tables.

Adawt-

**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.

**Maths:** I will practice my times tables.

Kane-

**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.

**Maths:** I will work on times tables and carrying digits.

Carli-

**Reading:** I will find a just right book.

**Maths:** I will work on times tables and decimals.

Lily-

**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.

**Maths:** I will work on times tables and decimals.

Kaleb-

**Reading:** I will pay attention to full stops and slow down my reading.

**Maths:** I will work on my trading/carrying.

Sienna-

**Reading:** I will use interesting voices when I read aloud.

**Maths:** I will work on my times tables.

Faith-

**Reading:** I will find a just right book.

**Maths:** I will work on my times tables.

Par Ku-

**Reading:** I will check that I understand what I read.

**Maths:** I will get better at my times tables.

Miss Monks-

**Reading:** I will check that I understand what I read.

**Maths:** I will use a calculator less to improve mental strategies.
Parents and Friends Association.
The results of the Parents and Friends annual general meeting are:
Michelle Kitchener - Fundraising Convenor
Sheryn Holloway - Community Convenor
Roxy Rolston - Secretary.
We would like to thank Katrin Howes for her hard work and dedication as the outgoing secretary.

Easter Egg Raffle.
The Parents and Friends Association will be sending out the Easter Egg raffle this week. Please support our raffle either by buying tickets and/or donating Easter goods.

Don’t Forget Term 1
Hats are compulsory.
If you do not have one you can purchase one from the school office.
LEADERSHIP - TREE TOPS
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.
Thank you to Mr Gary Williams and his company RA Printing for producing all our new weekly student awards.

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

Thank you to the following people who took photos for this newsletter:
Carolyn Elliot, Carolyn O’Rourke and Michelle Kitchener
Community Notices

Road Closure
Mt Dandenong Tourist Road

Information Sheet March 18th to 22nd 2013

What Is Happening?
The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria in conjunction with VicRoads will be undertaking tree maintenance along Mt Dandenong Tourist Road between Inverness Road and Browns Road Montrose. The works will occur between 9:00am and 3:30pm from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd of March 2013.

Why Are These Works Happening?
These works are in preparation for planned burning in this area which is currently identified in the 2013 Fire Operations Plan (FOP).
They will help remove the risk of trees affected by the planned burn falling onto the road.
Undertaking these works will help ensure public safety whilst using this section of road during fire conditions as well as ensuring safe access for responding fire vehicles.
These works will reduce the likelihood of fallen trees and branches in this area during severe weather events.

When will the Planned Burn Occur?
The planned burn is currently scheduled for Autumn 2013.
This will depend on a number of factors including appropriate weather conditions for planned burning as well as the right conditions to undertake the burn safely and with the minimum disruption for the local community.

How Will These Works Affect Me?
During the works a section of Mt Dandenong Tourist Road will be closed to all traffic (including bicycles) between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. See map opposite.
Traffic detours will be in place and local traffic delays may be expected during these times.
Detour exemptions apply to Emergency Vehicles, Buses, Heavy Vehicles and Over Dimension vehicles.
Special arrangements have been made to ensure minimal disruptions to the local 688 bus timetable.

How Will These Works Affect Me? continued
Message Boards on the roadside will be used to inform traffic of these closures.
Staffed traffic management points will also be in place to direct traffic during the works.
Access to the national park will also be restricted and the public are asked to observe all advisory signage.
Bicycles will not be permitted on the Inverness Road detour for safety reasons and cyclists are asked to find an alternative route during the period of works.

What works will be undertaken?
Approximately 300 trees with have been assessed as requiring trimming or removal along this section of road.
These trees are being trimmed or removed because they pose a threat to road users if this area is affected by fire, either from a planned burn or from an uncontrolled fire in the area.
Where possible trees will be manually trimmed to make them safe. In some cases whole trees will need to be removed using manual felling techniques supported by machinery.
The majority of the smaller timber and foliage will be mulched and removed from the area.
The heavier timber will also be removed from the site for disposal.
Firewood from these works will not be made available to the public.
We apologise for any inconvenience caused during these works.

For further information Contact DSE
DSE Customer Service on 136 186
Email: customer.service@dse.vic.gov.au

Note: These works may be postponed in the case of severe weather (including Total Fire Bans) or any emergency requiring access through this area.

Parks Victoria
Healthy Parks
Healthy People

Authorized and published by DSE Port Phillip
February 2013
8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria, AUSTRALIA, 3002
Department of Sustainability and Environment
Community Notices
FREE FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Parental Guidance
Artie and Diane agree to look after their three grandkids when their type-A helicopter parents need to leave town for work. Problems arise when the kids' 21st-century behavior collides with Artie and Diane's old-school methods.

All WELCOME
Mooroolbark Community Centre - Wednesday 3rd April 2013
105 minutes - Rated PG
Film commences at 7.30 p.m.

Bookings Commence from Wednesday 17th March
Free ice-cream, tea & coffee available

This is a joint community service extended to families by
Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship &
Mooroolbark Community Centre

To reserve your tickets* phone 9726 5488
or book online at

*If you have not made a booking, please come anyway, as any uncollected tickets may be re-issued at 7:15 p.m. -- there are always seats available.
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School Banking Mondays

Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.