November is "Make a Difference" month!

from the Principal ...

Swimming

Next week is our Swimming week. The children will be going in two groups – Prep & Year 3 / 4 first and then the remainder of the classes in the next hour. Children need to remember to wear bathers underneath school uniform (and bring along undies/jocks) Towels are also required and a plastic bag or swimming bag to put wet items in after the lesson. Children may bring their own goggles if they wish.

As the groups cross over, food will be eaten prior to leaving and then possibly afterwards. Children tend to get a little hungry swimming so just keep this in mind when packing lunch boxes next week.

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 Staffing

Whilst we are still in the process of confirming staffing for 2014, I wish to report that Miss Kim Davidson has secured a position much closer to home and will therefore be leaving Pembroke at the end of the year. Kim has been at the school for 4 ½ years and has taught over a hundred children of different ages whilst at Pembroke. She has been a highly energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated teacher. I know that the entire community wishes her all he very best in her new endeavours. Kim’s replacement will be Mr Josh Bell. Josh has taught (and been a Principal) of a number of aboriginal schools in the Broome and Kimberley areas and has also been a Language Consultant across areas of Western Australia and NT. He returns to Victoria and is looking forward to joining our school community.

Curriculum Day

A reminder that our Curriculum Day is Monday, 2nd December. OSHC will be operating and focusing upon our November topic “Make a Difference”.

Those who attend will be going on an excursion to the Coldstream Animal Aide. They will have a tour of the facility and deliver “home-made” dog biscuits. Bookings need to be made next week if you would like your child to take part in this exciting OSHC activity.

Chaplaincy survey

Survey forms were sent out with the eldest child last week. These responses are required in order to obtain Chaplaincy funding for 2014. Therefore it would be really fabulous if you could take a few moments to fill one out and return it to the school. Thanks
**Make a difference**

Well done to Doug who received a Mooroolbark town-ship “Quiet Achiever” award last Thursday. As we all know Doug has a tremendous heart and a gentle nature. Him and his wife Marg have fostered dozens of children of their lifetime and continue to take on kids in need even today. They are also extremely active in the community and have volunteered at Pembroke; Doug as both a Kids Hope mentor and Chaplain. We congratulate him on a very deserving award.

Thank you to our wonderful up cake makers who have really helped make this charity event a success.

Thank you also to all families who attended the Working Bee on Saturday. The school is looking fabulous thanks to your effort and time.

We will be starting a Gardening Club on Monday lunchtime – anyone welcome to come along and participate.

**Parents and Friends**

A reminder that there are a couple of community activities helping...

* Craft group – Monday afternoon Come along to the Art room; learn a new skill or share your talents whilst having fun and demonstrating lifelong learning.

* Friday walking club – meet outside the Junior School

**Canteen**

This Friday is the last day for regular Canteen lunches. We will be having a Whole School Christmas lunch. Notices will be sent out soon.

Regards

*Carolyn Elliot*

*School Principal*
Pembroke Awards

November 25th — November 29th 2013
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep B  James.
For welcoming Sian the swim instructor to the Junior school in true Pembroke spirit.

Grade 2/3 M  Mark R.
Always working with a sense of purpose. You make outstanding decisions regarding your own learning.

Grade 3/4D  Madison.
Well done Madison on your newspaper reports. Very passionate!

Grade 5/6C  Seth.
Wonderful work in the garden and yard—such excellent pride in our school!
November 25th — November 29th 2013.
Congratulations to the following students.

‘Caring’

Grade Prep B  Par T.
*For the care and pride she takes in keeping her classroom tidy. You are a star Par!*

Grade 2/3M  Vaughan.
*Making a big effort to keep his desk and work really tidy. What a star!*

Grade 3/4D  Amber.
*Thank you Amber for helping out in the library to make sure it is neat and tidy*

Grade 5/6C  Dan the man!
*Helping tidy and helping others to clean up!*
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.

WOW WORKERS OF THE WEEK

November 25th—November 29th 2013.

Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep B

Jay-Dee

Jay-Dee for this outstanding day last week! Keep it up Jay--Dee.

Grade 2/3M

Ryan Haines

Showing outstanding leadership skills everyday at Pembroke. Do we have house or school captain on our hands?!

Grade 3/4D

Charli

Well done Charli on your reading. It is great to see you improve.

Grade 5/6C

Josh D.

His focus on his digital portfolio and the maths shapes challenge!
EMA forms were sent home today to families who claimed it this year are now available at the office and on our website if other families are eligible.

We need a copy of your Pension Card or Health Care Card along with the completed forms by Tuesday 17th December.

CAKEEN NEWS
Canteen will be opened on the 29th November for the last time this year.

Pembroke Craft 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.

Thanks.
Parents and Friends Association.
We are seeking donations for the Christmas Hamper raffle. If each family is able to donate one item we would greatly appreciate it.

Some suggestions are:

- Small toy or gifts, children’s or adults books, games, colouring activity books etc.
- Christmas cards, wrapping paper, ribbon, Christmas cracker (bon bons), decorations for Christmas tree etc.
- Hand crafted items most welcome
- Packet foods such as biscuits, shortbread, chips, nuts, crackers, lollies, chocolates, Tea bags etc.
- Cans or jars of food e.g. Jam, olives, pasta sauce, salsa, canned vegetables or fruit, fruit mince etc. As long as the food is non-perishable and not past its use by date please, otherwise we won’t be able to put it into a hamper.
- Bottles of wine or soft drink, fruit juice (not fresh please).

- Donations to be placed in the box provided in each classroom.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase from December 2nd

Thanks in advance for your generous assistance
On Friday we had a visit from Sian the swimming instructor. She taught us all about Sun Safety & Water Safety. We learned the importance of 'slip, slop, slap, and sliding' on protective wear in the sun. We learned its never ok to swim alone, as well as how to call for help in the water. We were incredibly lucky to have Sian visit us, and all of the Junior School children would like to say a big THANK YOU SIAN!
The middle school have been doing investigative projects in the area of measurement. In small groups they organised activities and measured the results; they were measuring time, distance and repetition. They all did a fantastic job!
RUGBY LEAGUE
has arrived in the Eastern Suburbs!

EASTERN RAPTORS
RUGBY LEAGUE

Players, Coaches & Volunteers required for

2014 Season

Boys & Girls
Ages from 4-16 years old
& Girls 12-16 OZTAG Team

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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 hour lesson is free.
- Call us for a friendly chat.

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Mooroolbark Fire Brigade's Xmas Tree Sale.
Come get your real christmas trees and support your Volunteer fire brigade.

Starting 1st of December Till The 22nd of December

Trees are available every Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 Am– 3.00PM.
Any Size Tree - $50.00
For Further info Please call Andrew on 0401296080
Dear Parents,

November’s school theme is Make a Difference, which I’m sure you’ve heard all about by now. We thought long and hard at OSHC to decide what we could do to make a difference in our community and a lot of the children were very interested in helping animals. I got in contact with the Coldstream Animal Aid to find out what we could do as a group to help them.

During the month of November we will be discussing the different priorities of the Animal aid, and along with discussion on taking care of your own animals, we will be doing some cooking in the kitchen - making treats for the cats and dogs, as well as baking some sweet treats for the wonderful volunteers at the Animal Aid. As well as this, we’re having another colouring competition, which was a huge success last month, and the focus will be on animal adoption.

As I mentioned earlier, I spoke to a representative of the Animal Aid about other ways we can help them as a community, and they are currently seeking particular donation items. It would be fantastic to see our extended OSHC family join in and support such a wonderful cause as well as getting involved with making a difference in our community. This can be done in such a simple way, even if you have things around the house that you may not need. We’ll be putting together a big box of donations and I am planning a mini excursion to drop these things off to the animal aid (more to come on that shortly) so the children will be able to see where all their hard work has gone to. It will be a fantastic experience.

The Animal Aid is currently looking for the following items:

- canned dog food
- whiskas kitten pouches
- smackos
- blankets (in good, clean condition)
- towels (in good, clean condition)
- dog and cat toys (in good condition)
- pet beds

Many of these things can be found in the cupboard at home, so please have a look and consider donating, not only for the Animal Aid, but for the kids.

If you have any questions or suggestions on how else we can help the Animal Aid, please feel free to come and speak to me, I’d love to hear your ideas. Also, if you have a fantastic recipe for a sweet treat or even dog treats, send me an email!

I look forward to hearing from families soon and collecting all those donations!!

Mandy.

OSHC Co Ordinator
Pembroke Primary School

After School Care

Indoor and Outdoor activities

cordial

crumpets
cupcakes

painting, drawing, colouring in

popcorn pancakes pizza

dress ups and cubbies!

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

Monopoly, Uno, Simpsons, Game of Life

fresh fruit
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