Special Points of Interest:

- Thurs Oct 24th: School council Meeting 7.00pm
- Fri Oct 25th: Canteen closed.

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from the Principal …

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A huge thank you to the families who completed the Parent Opinion survey earlier in the year. This survey was given to a random sample of families as generated by the Department’s CASES system.

The results have come back to us and it is wonderful to see that we are

* In the top 5% in the State for the quality of our reports
* In the top 10% in the State for “learning and school connectedness”
* In the top 10% in the State for our “learning focus”
* In the top 12% in the State for overall School Satisfaction

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…..

It is fabulous to have families feeling so positive about our school and acknowledging the hard work that goes into striving make this school a great school; not only for your kids but also as a learning partnership. To score so highly when compared against ALL schools in the State is an incredible result. Thank you also for the written feedback. This is very much appreciated. There are still areas that we will continue to work upon and your feedback will help to drive these improvements. Thank you once again.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Last week I sent home a letter on red paper regarding safe practises when dropping off and picking up children. Unfortunately we are still seeing people pull into the opening of the Junior School, drop off children and then back out onto Pembroke Road. Please use the car parking bays provided – we will be seeking to gate/block this part of the school in an effort to continue to ensure the safety of our children but need your help and adult reasoning to model to the kids that we care about them and their families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Nicole who competed in the Regional Athletics competition on Thursday in the Shot put event.
News from the Principal continued…..

At this level the competition is extremely high so to make it to a stage where she is competing against the best children in all of Eastern Region is an incredible achievement.

Congratulations to Heaven and Ku Ku who represented the school at the Rotary Public Speaking Competition last Tuesday night. If you were fortunate enough to hear their speeches at last week’s Assembly you will know the passion and emotion with which they spoke. They were fabulous! Thanks also to Miss Monks for her work on this event.

PARENT REQUESTS 2014

As indicated in last week’s newsletter all requests for placement of children need to be put in writing by the end of October.

SWIMMING

Swimming notices will go home this week. Swimming is an integral part of the P.E curriculum. The ability to be confident around water is extremely important at all times of the year but particularly so as we enter the Summer months. We need to confirm numbers with the Kilsyth Pool on Thursday 7th November.

Therefore we request that all forms and money be returned by: Wednesday 6th November

If you wish to organize a payment plan please see Carolyn at the Office.
**CURRICULUM DAY**

We will be holding our next Curriculum Day on Friday 1st November in order to participate in the Level 2 First Aide Update. All staff at our school are qualified to this level and are required to update annually in order to maintain and refresh current knowledge and practice. OSHC will be operating on the day and people can book it at the Office or with Mandy.

Carolyn Elliot  
School Principal

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Canteen will be closed on the 25th October  
Thanking You  
Le and Michelle .

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**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.  
  
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  **Name:** Pembroke Primary School  
  
  Thanking you  
  Carolyn O’Rourke  
  Business Manager  
  Pembroke Primary School
Pembroke Awards

October 21st—October 25th 2013
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 2/3M  Devlin.
   *Taking pride in his reading. You have been using expression to make your reading entertaining and enjoyable!*

Grade 3/4D  Katelyn.
   *It’s great how much passion you put into your writing. Keep it up.*

Grade 5/6C  Tessa.
   *Her great positive attitude and for always giving every piece of work her best effort.*
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
WOW WORKERS OF THE WEEK
October 21st—October 25th 2013.
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 2/3M  Matisse.
Being a wonderful helper and super worker in 2/3M. You have been putting a big effort into your writing and should be very proud!

Grade 3/4D  Chris.
It is great to see you read more regularly Chris!
Keep up the great effort.

Grade 5/6C  Bawi T.
For loving maths and trying harder everyday to improve his skills.
VALUE OF THE WEEK
October 21st —October 25th 2013.
Congratulations to the following students.

‘Determination’

Grade 2/3M  Erin.
Showing determination everyday. You never give up when something is difficult and have been achieving many of your goals.

Grade 3/4D  Ebony.
Well done for completing your report on Wolves. It is great to see how determined you were.

Grade 5/6C  Luke.
Always being determined to finish his work to a very high standard!
1V News.

The Vegetable Garden.

Last Friday we harvested vegetables from the vegetable garden. We picked cauliflower, beetroot, red onions, spring onions, snow peas, broccoli, parsley and silver-beet.

*In the Junior School we used these vegetables to make vegetable soup and cheesy vegetable pasta.*

*They were both very yummy!*

*We love cooking with the vegetables from the garden.*

*We have been watering the vegetables and pulling the weeds out to make sure our vegetables can grow.*

We have so many vegetables growing in the garden that we are going to pick them all, put them in a big basket and raffle them off!

*We really love the vegetable garden.*
5/6C News

**ROTARY SPEECH COMPETITION**

On Tuesday the 15th of October, Heaven and KuKu competed in the 4th Annual Rotary Speech Competition against students from 5 other schools.

Heaven was the first to speak and impressed the audience with his beautiful story about his Gran passing away; a story that came straight from the heart and had audience members in tears! His topic was "It All Happened So Quickly", and I'm sure Heaven would say his 3 minutes in stage went by so quickly too!

KuKu was the 9th student to speak, and her inspirational, uplifting speech sparked calls for KuKu to write a book! KuKu chose the topic "It's Always The Right Time...", and she focused on the importance of being happy, believing in yourself and being thankful for everything you have. KuKu says "life will always give you a second chance, it's called tomorrow", which is wonderful idea to reflect on.

We would all like to congratulate Heaven and KuKu on their participation and commitment to the contest. You are winners in our eyes and we are all very proud of you!
SCHOOL BANKING

TRADE IN YOUR TOKENS NOW!

IMPORTANT CHANGES

If you’ve been saving with School Banking and collecting your Dollarmite tokens, then it’s time to choose your reward(s). You need to use your excess tokens before the end of Term 4 as you will not be able to use them next year and we don’t want you to miss out on what you have worked so hard for.

10 tokens = 1 reward, 20 tokens = 2 rewards, 30 tokens = 3 rewards and so on.

Next year there will be a completely new set of rewards to choose from. You will still need to save 10 tokens for each reward and there will be two (2) rewards to choose from each term. To make room for the new rewards, the Dollarmite Money Boxes will not be available next year. You can order as many as you’d like now though as long as you have 10 tokens for each Money Box, so top up your collection now before you miss your chance.

To choose your reward, either fill in your reward card and return it to school, or circle the reward(s) you’d like from the pictures below and return this form and tokens with your next banking.

Don’t forget to write your name and student ID in the space below.

Name................................................................. Student ID..............................

Headphones  Calculator  Spen Pru Pat Cred Addy  Hand Ball  Knuckles

Please note supply cannot be guaranteed on all rewards and is on a “whilst stock lasts” basis.
What’s happening at OSHC

Term 4 has started with a BANG at OSHC.

We have two new wonderful staff members, as you can see, and everyone is settling into the last term of school quite well. We’ve been playing lots of board games this week, including Ben 10, Jr Monopoly and Bingo (which Luke kept winning) and our dinosaur pasta was a deliciously big hit!

We’re thinking of holding a curriculum day on Friday the 1st of November so if you’re interested, please see Mandy in the Multipurpose Room after school or talk to Carolyn at the office.

This is Emma. She works Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Her favourite colour is blue, she barracks for the Nth Melbourne Kangaroos and she has a brother and a sister. Emma is currently studying Primary teaching and so far she loves working at OSHC (especially playing games like Octopus and Scarecrow tiggy)

Emma is kind, friendly and energetic and she a wonderful addition to our program

This is Jess. She works Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Her favourite colour is purple, her favourite movie is Forrest Gump and she barracks for Collingwood!

Jess is currently studying Cert 3 in Children’s services and is already learning so much about our kids and their favourite activities and snacks!

Jess is funny, spirited, and very bubbly and she is a fantastic addition to our program
To the following students who have a birthday in OCTOBER!

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Pembroke Primary School

After School Care

Indoor and Outdoor activities

cordial

painting, drawing, colouring in

crumpets

popcorn pancakes pizza

cupcakes

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
DON’T FORGET
TERM 4 HATS ARE COMPULSORY.

PEMBROKE PRIMARY SCHOOL - ABSENCE SLIP

Date Absent: ____________________
Teacher: ____________________________________  Grade: _______________
Child: ____________________________________________________________________

Reason for Absence: _______________________________________________________

Signature of Parent ______________________________________________________

Please note that the Absence Slip needs to be filled in, signed and returned to the classroom teacher. If you know your child will be absent please contact the school office on 9725 6689 and give prior notification. Thank you!

The School Website
http://www.pemprim.vic.edu.au/

Join Our Facebook Group
Don’t forget to find us on Facebook @ http://goo.gl/5xKnY
Dear Parents,

Staff and members of the community are becoming increasingly concerned about parents who drop their children off in unsafe and inappropriate areas of Pembroke Road.

We have spoken to the children in regards to their safety and the safety of others in the hope that they will discuss this with their parents.

Unfortunately, we are still observing:

- Cars pulling into the Junior School cross over; dropping over children and then reversing back onto Pembroke Road
- Cars pulling into spaces that are not car parks eg. Close to the Children’s Crossing and then dropping off children
- Cars dropping off children and then doing a U turn on Pembroke Road
- Families walking up the middle of the Staff car park and dropping children off in the Staff car park.

We are hopeful that this letter will remind parents that, whilst it may appear to be quick and ok to do, it puts their own children and others at risk. Therefore we ask for your help in ensuring the safety of our community.

At this stage we are holding off seeking the assistance of people such as the police to monitor the situation as we are hopeful that this reminder will be enough to ensure that safe practices are able to observed by everyone picking up and dropping off children. This is after all about kid’s wellbeing.
You are invited to an Amazing Scents Aromatherapy Workshop!

To enable you to learn more I am providing the Pembroke Primary School community the opportunity to attend their own workshop, as having more information means being able to make more choices about our own health and wellbeing.

So come along and learn how to use aromatherapy effectively, safely and economically.

A maximum of 10 people may attend so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like me to reserve a spot for you.

Because there are so many different aspects to aromatherapy, Amazing Scents offers 8 different workshops to allow us to learn at our own pace.

Each workshop runs for approximately 1 and 1/2 hours then we have around an hour to decide where we want to start our journey, so it is important to be there for the full session.

The workshop I have chosen to have is: **De-stress and Relax**

Stress can be harmful in many ways, not only affecting our emotions but our physical wellbeing as well. Learn how to use Aromatherapy to reduce stress and anxiety in your home, workplace and life.

In this workshop we will be doing a hand massage to give us the opportunity to feel just how relaxing aromatherapy is – your hands will be thankful for this.

**Remember: Happy people have happy families!**

**Date:** Friday 25th October

**Time:** 11.30am-2.30pm

**Address:** Pembroke Primary School
The Library

**Phone:** 0438 022 559 or 9723 7047

**RSVP:** Wed 23/10/13
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.

M: 0488 233 232
E: julianlmartin@yahoo.com.au
www.juliansdrumschool.com.au

KIDS KARATE

Discipline and Confidence boosting with self defence. We cover many aspects of children's safety and teach skills for life. We have over 17 classes per week for children under 14 years, with goal setting books for each age group. The children train in a full time Martial Arts Centre with safety mats & equipment in all training areas. Free uniform and startup pack on join up (value $105).

Offer applies 16th to 31st October
Bukido Karate 20A Williams Street Lilydale.
Phone 97351138. or Bella on 0432066046
Our website is www.bukidokarate.com
Hurry! $0* TO JOIN

Just make a donation in club to Cancer Council’s I♥PINK

LOSING WEIGHT EASY AS
1 FITNESS  2 MEAL PLAN  3 COACHING

KILSYTH
9725 6060
12-14 COLLINS PLACE

curves.com.au  /Curves AU NZ

*No joining fee from 14–26 October, 2013, based on 6 months on Curves Complete at $77.73/month then 6 months on Success membership at $64/month and subject to a donation being made by the member via the Club to Cancer Council Australia. Total commitment over 12 months is $850.38. Billed monthly. Credit card/direct debit fees may apply. Valid at participating clubs only. Not valid with any other offer. © 2013 Curves International, Inc.
KIDS OPEN MORNING
Saturday 26th October 9am—11.30am

- Try a FUN FREE class
- Demonstrations
- Fairy Floss
- Prizes and Special Offers!

Samurai Karate Croydon offers training for children in a fun and safe environment. We strive to develop self-esteem, increase confidence, nurture leadership skills and improve fitness while teaching traditional self defence.

We are an Australian Karate Federation (AKF) affiliated school and all our instructors are internationally recognised black belts who hold a current Working with Children (WWC) card.

SHUKOKAI Samurai

KARATE Croydon

Croydon Uniting Church
Cnr Croydon Rd and Tallent St, Croydon
Phone: 0477 856 557 © www.shukokai.com.au
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- **School Banking Mondays**
- **Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.**
- **School Holidays**