**Special Points of Interest:**

- Fri 1st Nov Curriculum Day.
- Tues 5th Nov Melbourne Cup no school.
- Fri 8th Nov Canteen Open

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**from the Principal ...**

**November topic**

November 1st marks the start of our “Make a Difference” month. Children will participate in a range of activities designed to help/assist and improve the world around them. As families we also have the chance to do our little bit.

**SATURDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER: 9am – 12 noon Working Bee**

We have a number of projects that we would like to get done and could really use a little of your time – even one hour would be fabulous.

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.
SATURDAY, 16th / SUNDAY, 17th NOVEMBER – Relay for Life

Each year the school participates in the annual Relay for Life event at the Croydon Athletics track. Our team is coordinated by Leanne Richards and all money raised goes towards Cancer research. You can enter our team by going online at the Relay for Life site and going into the Maroon-dah event. Otherwise you can also turn up on the day or even into the night and spend a little time walking (also helps on the fitness level!).

As the event requires a member from the team to be walking at all times, having people who can do an hour or so means that others do not have to walk the entire time (from 4pm Saturday to 10am Sunday)

Swimming

A reminder about returning swimming notices and payment. Notices have been sent home. Please speak with the Office if you wish to organize a payment plan to make things a little easier budget wise.
2014 Planning

It seems crazy but planning is well underway for the start of 2014 – it only seems like yesterday that we started 2013!

Our Year 5 students have met with me to begin designing their Year 6 jumper and will soon be trying on both polo tops and hoodies ready to order.

Whilst staffing has not been finalized I can confirm that at this stage the grade structure will be: -

Prep / 1
Year 1 / 2
Year 3 / 4
Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6

When deciding upon the combination of children in each class, staff consider: -
* Friendship groupings
* The range of abilities within each class (no classes will be streamed based upon academic ability)
* Best working combinations
* Number of times a teacher may have had a particular student
* Opportunities for children to expand friendship groupings
* Letters written on educational grounds
News from the Principal continued.....

This takes significant time, effort and thought and whilst we appreciate that not all decisions may please all families, please understand and trust that we will do our utmost to provide the best conditions for success for all children. We encourage parents to speak with their child’s class teacher if they have any concerns.

In terms of staffing, Dani Vasiliades has indicated that she will not be returning to Pembroke in 2014 as she will be travelling and working overseas. Dani has been a wonderful addition to Pembroke and we are sad to see her go. We are pleased, however, to inform families that Bree Monks who has been replacing Christine Collins this year, has been employed for 2014 in the position vacated by Dani. We know that she is extremely excited to be remaining at Pembroke.

Carolyn Elliot
School Principal

*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  
Carolyn O’Rourke  
Business Manager  
Pembroke Primary School
Pembroke Awards

October 28th — November 1st 2013

Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 2/3M  Jack F.
Taking pride in his work. You set yourself goals and work hard to do your absolute best. What a star!

Grade 3/4D  Emma H.
It is great to see you put such passion into your work. What a great brochure you produced!

Grade 5/6C  Gemma!
Always being so caring and nice!

Can Canteen News

Canteen will be opened on the 1st November

Thanking You

Le and Michelle.
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 2/3M  Nem N.
Some fantastic work during our literacy rotations. When you challenge yourself you do such amazing things. Brilliant!

Grade 3/4D  Becky H.
Well done Becky on the great work you have been doing on brochures. Keep up the great work!

Grade 5/6C  Hely!
Being the first to complete her 6 pointed star in maths and for great estimations! Great effort!

PEMBROKE’S WOW WORKERS
VALUE OF THE WEEK
October 28th — November 1st 2013.
Congratulations to the following students.

‘Friendliness’

Grade 2/3M  Vaughan M.
Displaying perfect manners at all times. You always say thank you when somebody does something nice. Awesome!

Grade 3/4D  Imogen A.
Well done Imogen on being such a friendly and helpful member of our classroom!

Grade 5/6C  Sienna!
Being so polite, grateful and thankful!
We have been planting some veggies in the garden. We planted some round carrots, spring onion and sphere tomatoes. We watered all the garden beds and checked on how they were growing. The veggie garden is getting bigger and is looking fantastic.
GRADE 2/3M News

Here are some photos from the Grade 2/3 performance on Friday. Students wrote and performed their own play called Mr McDonald's School. Everyone worked really hard and did a super job!!!
This week at OSHC we’ve been doing lots of Halloween colouring sheets, which are looking very colourful and **scary**. Jesse has already made two **terrifying** masks and Peter did at least 5 different scary mazes. Our special Halloween colouring folder only comes out once a year at the end of October so we love to do plenty of **spooky** art. This week we’re also having a very **creepy** Halloween themed colouring competition with a **Club Penguin** theme. If you’d like to enter our competition to win a chillingly cool prize, come and see Mandy at OSHC before October 31st!

Luke, Vaughan, Gemma, Alex and Emma had an **EPIC** game of Undersea Monopoly this week. As you can see, Luke collected a lot of money from the other players and Gemma had nearly every aquarium on the board. Every time one of the other kids left, Luke took their money and Gemma took their cards. In the end it was a battle of the grade 5’s until Luke had to go home, making Gemma the winner!!

As usual, Lego has been a big hit all week. Every night the Lego comes out and new creations are made. Ryan, Jack F, Zeddy and Chris particularly love playing with Lego as often as they can and it’s so fantastic to see them all building things and playing together. We were very fortunate to have our recent bag of Lego donated by **Robbie**, however there never seems to be enough because it’s just so popular! If you happen to have some at home, collecting dust or hidden away in the cupboard, consider donating it to OSHC. The kids would love you greatly and it would be very well used!
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
To the following students who have a birthday in November:

November 1  Madison M.  16  Ella B.
3  Emma H.  19  Ruth V.
15  Taylen F.  19  Sienna B
15  Jack F.  21  Faith W.
15  Jasmine D.  25  Jesse D.
15  Liam C.
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
Helping Refugees

MOOROOLBARK

Assisting refugees

A MOOROOLBARK man who recently became an Australian citizen is giving back to fellow refugees and asylum seekers.

Van Dawn Thaw Ing Za Thang (pictured) fled Burma 17 years ago after being targeted for demonstrating against government closure of schools.

He spent years in refugee camps in India and came to Australia six years ago with his wife and young son.

Now a father of three, and an associate pastor at the Victorian Chin Baptist Church in Mooroolbark, Mr Za Thang works at AMES in Ringwood, an organisation that provides support to newly-arrived refugees and migrants.

"I feel very proud to be an Australian citizen and very excited," Mr Za Thang said.

He said he enjoyed working with refugees because he could relate to what they had been through.

September 17 was Australian Citizenship Day, with 2300 migrants and refugees becoming citizens.

Details: Visit ames.net.au
Reduce reuse recycle are words that we all know. We have to help our planet so we can live and grow. We may only be children but we will try you’ll see. we can save our planet it starts with you and me!

By Solomon
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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**TRADE IN YOUR TOKENS NOW!**

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**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: ..........

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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**
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.
**NOVEMBER**

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School Banking Mondays

Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.

School Holidays