Another year has flown by and we are at the end of 2014. It’s been a big year for Pembroke, culminating in the announcement of the $2.3 million dollar upgrade, which will occur in the second half of the year. We also had children perform admirably on the Sporting field (Regional level for Soccer, Divisional for Cross Country and Athletics) as well as some great performances at the District level.

The Production was another fantastic event and showcased our children’s performing arts skills and I think events such as the Community Carols and School Carols, highlighted the strength of our Choir.

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.....

This year also saw the introduction of Chinese as a language at the school and the Maths Masters Championships at the end of each term (developing our kid’s number facts significantly). Enrolment wise we have increased by 16 students since the start of the year which is more than 10% and we welcomed a number of teachers to the school including Mr. Bell and Mrs Woods.

At the end of the week though, we say goodbye to the following families whose ‘babies’ will be finishing their Year 6 year:-

**Edwards family** – Seth (one and a half years)

**Morrison family** – Carli and Sarah (

**Hnem Sung family** – Hely and Bawi Tha ( 2 years)

**Williams Family** – Faith and Mason

**English family** – Jake and Luke

To those families thank you for being part of the Pembroke family. We look forward to hearing what life brings for you and your children and will always welcome you back.

We will also farewell Mr. Adam Watson (Music), Mrs Sue Ebert (English as a Second Language Coordinator) and Mr. Josh Bell. Adam is currently working at Box Hill High and will be continuing his role there. Sue has created holiday apartments in King Island and will be focusing on this part of her life, whilst Josh is taking up a Principal position back in Western Australia.
News from the Principal continued.....

Each one of these teachers has added to the education of your child and the overall growth and development of Pembroke as a whole. I would very much love to thank them for all they have done and wish them well in their new endeavours.

Next year (our 50th year), we welcome some new teachers: Miss Michelle Letts (Year 5/6), Mrs Kerry Todkill (Year 1 / 2) and Mr. Matthew Stella (P.E). We have also created a new Wellbeing and Support role three days per week, which will incorporate Sue Ebert’s role and also other wellbeing support and this position will be held by Mr. Phillip Moxon. We will be expanding the Maths Championship concept to the area of Spelling and will be having a big focus on the development of Writing skills (including Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) for all our children. A new Lexile program will also be introduced for those children who are reading beyond Level 30 and reading with understanding and for meaning. We want kids to comprehend in depth what the words on the page mean not just be able to identify what the word is. We also want kids to be able to choose ‘just right’ books and this program will assist children in selecting at the level.

Whilst there are many other exciting things plan, the Building program will be a big one (outside of the core role of teaching and learning). Everyone will get to take part. On Monday, 16th February there will be a Curriculum Day. Whilst we realize this is really early, we will be travelling with the architects to see some of the schools they have built and have our say in what we would like
would like incorporated into our building design.
The following Monday, 23rd February from 4pm it will be your turn. We would love people to come up the school, listen to the architects and then have some impute. After undertaking these two sessions and also speaking with students, the architects will then go about designing us our school (not some generic of the plan model...the school that is unique to Pembroke) We would really love for you to be involved.

As this is the last newsletter, I would really love to thank you all for your continued support and embrace of Pembroke. We believe we have a unique culture at our school; one that encourages hard work and a ‘can do’ attitude. We want our kids to learn from their mistakes, embrace challenge and take pride in their achievements. Working with you solidifies these concepts and ultimately helps create stronger, happier and more adaptive citizens. For everyone who has volunteered in some capacity this year, we really want to thank you. The contributions you make are invaluable and very much appreciated.

Lastly...today VCE results were released. To all those Pembroke kids who completed your Year 12 this year, we hope that you achieved all you wanted and are excited by what next year will bring.

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family. Remember those who are less fortunate and take comfort in what you have; rather than what you don’t have. We look forward to seeing you all at the end of January.

Merry Christmas
Carolyn Elliot
Pembroke Primary School Principal.
Dear Parents,

At the last School Council meeting, the issue of outstanding OSHC payments was discussed. Throughout the year, the school has had around $3000 - $3500 in outstanding amounts. As previously indicated this amount comes directly from the school budget and therefore has implications for the school as a whole.

In considering this issue the School Council recognised:

- Payments are required after the attendance at OSHC
  - Families tend to be paid every fortnight and therefore time needed to be provided for payments to be made within the context of the family’s pay period
  - That accounts can build up and once this has occurred it can be difficult to pay off
  - That there can be a range of financial priorities at certain times of the year
  - Where a service is used, payment needs to occur in a timely manner

Therefore a decision was made by School Council that from the commencement of 2015, “an amount up to but no greater than $200 can be held as an outstanding payment”. This provides some flexibility and recognises the above considerations.

Where amounts outstanding are greater than $200, a payment needs to be made to reduce this amount to below the $200 threshold. Payment plans can be made through the Office and regular deductions can also occur where this has been arranged.

Where outstanding amounts are greater than $200 and no payment has been made, nor any arrangements organised, phone calls will be made to see if a plan can be created. Where this is unable to occur, attendance at OSHC will not be permitted until the amount is reduced below $200.
This is definitely not something that we wish to occur as we recognise that OSHC plays a very valuable service for our community and that Mandy and her team run an excellent program which children enjoy. Currently your family has $________________________ outstanding.
Your average cost per week is $________________

Payments over the school holidays (and at any time) can be made through internet banking. The school’s details are:-
BSB:
Account:
Name: Pembroke Primary School

Please be aware that this is not a decision made by Mandy but rather School Council who oversee the financial matters of the whole school. Mandy will continue to send out statements however where phone calls are made, these will come directly from the School Office so that various payment options can be explored.

As mentioned previously, this is about creating a fair and reasonable system for payment that ensures available funds within the school are spent directly on the education of the children within our care. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to myself or Carolyn in the Office.

Regards,
Carolyn Elliot

Christmas Raffle Winners:
1. Kerry W 8 Joshua K 15 Kane F
2. Ben 9 Tom W 16 Solomon
3. Haines 10 Jack F
4. Bailey K 11 Jack W
5. Tessa 12 Jasmine
6. Keira 13 Lily
7. Aden 14 Alex
Congratulations to the following students.

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<td>Selecting to edit her Thank-you letter and working with purpose.</td>
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<td>Always showing pride &amp; passion in the classroom and yard!</td>
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<th>Grade 5/6M</th>
<th>Brianna H.</th>
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<td>Taking pride in 5/6M’s performance at carols. Thank you for a being a big help throughout our rehearsal.</td>
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Congratulations to the following students

Grade 1W  
**James R.**  
Showing so much “Pride” in being a wonderful member of 1W.

Grade 2B  
**Jack W.**  
Always taking great pride in everything he does.

Grade 3/4C  
**Richard T.**  
Always being proud of his achievements and taking pride in his work.

Grade 3/4M  
**Charli.**  
Taking pride in our classroom and cleaning our paper cupboard!

Grade 5/6M  
**Bawi S.**  
Taking pride in his graduation speech. You are reading with expression and confidence. What a Star!
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<td>Beautiful thoughts about what Christmas means to him.</td>
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<td>The terrific understanding he showed in our ‘rubbish data’ lesson.</td>
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<td>His willingness to ‘have a go’ at tables games and always being ready to speak in discussions.</td>
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<td>Great ‘thank-you’ letters!</td>
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<td>5/6M</td>
<td>Amy D.</td>
<td>Setting an excellent example at our Xmas carols. Thank you for helping Mr Moxon throughout rehearsals.</td>
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Pembroke Primary Carol Night
Dec 11th
OSHC END OF YEAR
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us at OSHC for our annual Christmas party on the last day of term!

Our activities for the day will include:

- Christmas Piñata
- Party games
- Icy poles
- Christmas carols
- Biscuit decorating
- Christmas prizes

Important information:

Date: Friday the 19th December, 2014
Time: from 1:30pm onwards with an end time of 6:00pm
Cost: $16 per child before CCB and CCR

We’d love to see you wear a Santa hat, reindeer antlers or your favourite Christmas outfit if you can. You can get changed after school! We’ll be wearing our favourite Christmas clothes too!

Please note that bookings are essential.

If your child is not already enrolled in After School Care (OSHC) you will need to fill out an enrolment form. These can be found at the school office or in the Multi Purpose Room after 3pm daily.

To make a booking, contact the school office or Mandy at OSHC (after school) by dropping in after 3pm or by calling: 0437-569-448 anytime.
Is your child uncomfortable in social situations?
Does your child worry about making a mistake or being embarrassed in front of others?
Does your child sometimes sit alone at lunchtimes/avoid interacting with classmates?
Does your child not want to participate in after-school activities?

Treehouse is a therapeutic play-based program for primary-school aged children, who need some extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience. By being creative and learning through play, children are able to develop their relationship skills in a non-confrontational way, while also allowing them to safely think about how they might cope with their own worries.

Please call 8878 3800 or email youthandfamilvic@each.com.au for more information!

Who
TERM 1 – Grade 4/5s

Other programs are available in Term 1 for children outside of this age group so please contact us if you would like more information about these programs.

TERM 2 – Grade 2/3s
TERM 3 – Grade 6s
TERM 4 – Preps/1s

Where
EACH
10 Silver Grove
Nunawading 3131

When
Wednesday 4th Feb – 25th Mar

(8 week program)

Time
4-5.30pm

Cost
FREE

More information:
Parent/carer involvement is scheduled at the end of each session from 5.15pm.

Age groups for each term subject to change depending on referrals

Please note: only one child is accepted into the program from each school.

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f 03 9870 4688

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STARTS 4 DEC
ALEXANDER and the Terrible, Horrible, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

STARTS 11 DEC
PADDINGTON

STARTS 26 DEC
Annie

STARTS 26 DEC
BIG HERO 6

STARTS 26 DEC
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM SECRET OF THE TOMB

STARTS 26 DEC
The Hobbit

STARTS 1 JAN
The Penguins of Madagascar

STARTS 8 JAN
Dumb and Dumber To

SESSIONS AT WWW.LUNARDRIVEIN.COM.AU

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### Notes:
- School Banking Mondays
- Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time
- School Holidays/