from the Principal …

Carols

Wow what a great night was had on Friday night down at Hookey Park. The new park environment is beautiful and really created a wonderful backdrop for our fabulous Caroler's. Whilst I might be a little biased, we once again sang with energy and enthusiasm and field the arena with numbers that bely our small school status. A huge thank you to Miss Monks who made sure that our kids were able to enjoy the night and perform at their best. Well done also to those who joined in on the night and shared in the Xmas spirit.

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…..

Don’t forget that our school carols are this Thursday starting at 6:30 pm. We will be posting on Facebook and letting all our students know whether we will be inside or out. This will be weather dependant and also following advice from our soundman.

Orientation Day

Tomorrow most of our Year 6 students will be heading off to their new schools for their Year 7 Orientation Day. We will be hosting our new Preps for the morning and look forward to seeing their smiling faces as they parade in their new uniforms. We have a full class of Preps next year which is also a great sign. If you see some new faces around please make them welcome.

This Wednesday

Wednesday is a big day. Firstly we will be having a visit from Subzero – a Melbourne Cup racing horse. All children will get a chance to have a pat and ask some interesting questions. We will then be holding our Annual Whole School Christmas Lunch. This day is one that is unique to Pembroke and highlights what small schools are able to undertake that large schools wish to do. A big thank you once again to Le and Michelle who coordinate this event on behalf of our kids and staff. It is a truly wonderful day.
OSHC payments

OSHC statements have been sent home and there is further information in this week’s newsletter regarding a decision by School Council to manage outstanding amounts. Please read and if you have any questions come see us in the Office. All outstanding amounts for 2014 should be paid for by the end of the school year.

Staffing

Many of our students have now met some of the new staff to Pembroke for 2015. I would also like to announce that Mr. Michael Stella will be joining us as the P.E teacher. Michael is currently working at Emerald P.S and is excited to be joining the team. He will be at Pembroke every Thursday and Friday.

Notices

A reminder that notices have gone home in regards to the end of year celebrations in each class. All children and staff will be out of the school on the 18th December and the Office will be closed on this day for end of year rollover. We will also be looking to reduce visitors to the office on the 11th and 16th in the morning. We apologise for any convenience but this is an extremely busy time finishing one year and starting another.

- Prep / 1 at the movies and the Park
- Year 2/3/4 at Melbourne Tennis Centre
- Year 5/6 Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre
News from the Principal continued…..

Fundraising
I am pleased to report that this year’s fundraising has seen the purchase of 8 brand new iPads. These will be used throughout the school in both individual and group tasks. How very exciting. Thank you to everyone who contributed to fundraising events this year.

Carolyn Elliot
Pembroke
Primary School Principal.

Student packs
Student packs can be collected on the 23rd and 28th January - 9am until 1pm.
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.
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.

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: 633 000
Account: 132155318
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.

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Regards,
Carolyn Elliot
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<td>Taking pride in her work at all times. You have developed very good work habits and should be proud of what you have achieved in 2014.</td>
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Grade Prep/1B  **Blessing.**  
*Showing Pride in writing.*

Grade 1W  **Mackenzie R.**  
*Showing “Pride” in being a wonderful 1W member.*

Grade 3/4C  **Mary L.**  
*Always taking pride in her work and school uniform.*

Grade 5/6M  **Liam C.**  
*Looking out for younger students at our school swimming lessons. You were so helpful and considerate. What a Star!*
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
December 8th –12th  2014

Congratulations to the following students:

Grade Prep/1B  Benny.
Your excellent work in Maths.

Grade 1W  JayDee B.
His kind thought when writing about “People who make a difference”

Grade 3/4C  Bawi D.
His efforts in following instructions and raising his reading level.

Grade 5/6M  Emma H.
Keeping up her work despite missing school with an injury and illness. Congratulations on a great biography!
OSHC END OF YEAR
CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us at OHSC 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 OHSC (after school) by dropping in after 3pm or by calling: 0437-569-448 anytime.
Carols at Hookey Park.
Dec 5th
MONDAY IS BANKING DAY.
Only 1 more Banking Day to go.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will NOT be open for the rest of the year. We will reopen 2015. We would like to thank you for your patronage.

Merry Christmas
Le and Michelle.

PFA NEWS
The Parents and Friends association will be holding a mini pancake stall before the Carols at Pembroke. We will be running this from 5.00—6.00pm. Hoping to see you there!

CRAFT/ACTIVITY GROUP
Every Monday afternoon we have a craft / activity group which meets in the Art room. We hope to see you in Term 4 Times 1.30 – 3.20pm.
FRIDAY WALKING GROUP.
Each Friday morning we have a dedicated walking group who walk around the area for around 45 mins.
Meet outside the junior School at 9.00am. If you would like to know more please see Caron or Kerry.

BASKET BALL NEWS
Pembroke Pirates
Pembroke Pirates won their last game. It was 10—8. All players worked as a team!
Go Pirates!

Don’t forget:
4th Term you need to wear your hat!
Mooroolbark Family Dental

BULK BILLING DENTAL FOR KIDS
Eligible 2-17 year old kids receive $1000 in dental work

26 Charles Street
Mooroolbark

9726 7955

Special
Kids (2-17) FREE for checkup*
Adults pay only $99 for checkup & clean

*for children who are not eligible for Child Dental Benefits Scheme
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**School Banking Mondays**  
**Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.**  
**School Holidays/**