Family Fun Night

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Family Fun Night last Thursday. It was a great turn out and nice to see so many families enjoying the summer night. Thanks so much to members of our PFA for setting up the B.B.Q and cooking the sausages. Nights like this bring the community together and help share in the good times.

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.....

**Building project**

Our Curriculum Day proved to be invaluable in seeing how other schools operate and evaluating the key things about Pembroke and what we believe is important in educating our students. It was also great to be able to have the entire staff attend, taking shared ownership of the entire project. Today there is also a community workshop starting at 4pm. We would love to see members of our community attend to meet the architects who will be working with us for an extended period of time. Jenny, Steve and Sandy from law architects are really keen to get your impute into the build and identify key principles that you think are fundamental to the success of the project.

**Playgroup**

Last week our playgroup started and whilst attendance was low, it was great to see a few families coming along. Playgroup is free and occurs every Wednesday from 9:15 until 11am.

This week's special activity is *WATER PLAY*.

Splash, splash, bubble, pop! Come and have fun with water. Water play encourages children to imagine, communicate, socialise and experiment.

Sounds like fun. Come along and maybe even bring a friend.
Preps

A reminder that this is the last Wednesday that Preps have off. All Preps start five days per week from Monday, March 2nd.

THE LEADER IN ME

This year Pembroke Primary School has started a program called ‘The Leader in Me’.

This program started in 1999 in the U.S.A. when struggling school A.B. Combs Elementary was asked to reinvent itself or be shut down. When Principal Muriel Summers asked parents and business leaders what they wanted in their schools, she heard the following:

- Leadership
- Accountability
- Adaptability
- Initiative and Self-Direction
- Cross-Cultural Skills
- Responsibility
- Problem Solving
- Communication
- Creativity
- Teamwork

This feedback represents what most people believe — that our schools should not merely be focused on improving test scores, but should provide opportunities for students to develop their full potential.
There are seven habits with the first one being
‘Be Proactive...not reactive’
Teaching this habit to children (and to ourselves) reminds us that we are responsible for our own actions and that by thinking ahead we can be happier people. Classes have commenced looking at this habit and participating in activities with children in the class. Reinforcing this habit at home can also be beneficial.

Carolyn Elliot
School Principal
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep M  Uk Bawi.  
Taking such pride in his work and our learning space.

Grade 1/2T  Isla.  
Showing Pride in all her work.  
Fantastic effort Isla!

Grade 3/4W  Finn.  
His amazing enthusiasm towards his learning.

Grade 5B  Mary L  
The Pride and Purpose she applies to all tasks. Well done Mary.

Grade 5/6L  Jesse.  
Showing pride in his work.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
February 23rd–27th 2015

Congratulations to the following students:

Grade Prep M  **Sarah.**
Her fantastic positive attitude and consistently ace work!

Grade 3/4W  **Zeddy.**
His amazing ‘Holiday’ story.

Grade 5B  **Charli M**
Her effort in all areas last week. A true Super Star

Grade 5/6L  **Lian.**
Writing a very entertaining story on a day at the beach. Awesome!

**Aden.**
Some outstanding work in our Writer’s Workshop sessions. I love how you are challenging yourself to create the best piece possible. Keep it up!

**Ryan.**
Always trying his best.
VALUE OF THE WEEK.
February 23rd— 27th  2015
ORGANISED

Congratulations to the following students

Grade Prep M  Pau Sian.
Showing great honesty when required!

Grade 1/2T  Blessing.
Remembering to bring your home reader in everyday, well done Blessing!

Grade 3/4W  Bailey V.
Telling Mrs. Woods about the money he found on the classroom floor.

Grade 5B  Nem Nu
Being honest, kind and considerate of others in class. Thank you Nem Nu

Grade 5/6L  Joshua.
Being organised with his classwork.
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Everyone welcome – this is a free playgroup.

For more information call Niquita at MIC on 9285 4888
MONDAY IS BANKING DAY.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will be open on Friday Don’t forget you need to have your lunch orders in by Wednesday. Thanking You
Le and Michelle.

Parents and Friends Association.

CRAFT/ACTIVITY GROUP
Every Monday afternoon we have a craft / activity group which meets in the Art room. We hope to see you next week 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.

Thank you to all who helped at the family fun night.
**EFT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT**

Don’t forget 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

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**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!
Our OSHC Program

Before School Care: $11 (less with CCB)
7am – 8:45am and includes breakfast

After School Care: $16 (less with CCB)
3:30pm – 6pm, includes afternoon tea

Call or text 0437-569-448 to book!
Multicultural Playgroup

Everyone Welcome!

Every Wednesday
9.15am - 11.00am
Pembroke Primary School
Cnr. Pembroke Road & Lawson Road
Mooroolbark 3138

This is a FREE playgroup which includes a snack.

Lots of great toys, craft sessions, music, cooking, activities & fun!

Come along for a chat and a play.

For more information call Niquita at MIC on 9285 4888

The program is jointly funded by Yarra Ranges Council, Supported Playgroup Initiative and the Australian Government under the Settlement Grants Program funding program.
Community Notices.

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- **School Banking Mondays**
- **School Holidays/ Afterschool Basketball**
- **Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.**