Welcome back to all of our returning families and staff. I truly hope that you had a fabulous Christmas and were able to enjoy some rewarding time with your family. This year we welcome three new teachers; Matt Stella (P.E), Michelle Letts (5/6) and Kerry Todkill (1/2). They are all aware of how fantastic and incredible our kids are and look forward to making themselves an integral part of our community. A big welcome also to our 17 Preps and to Zac (Year 3). We hope that they and their families have a really wonderful and rewarding time at Pembroke.

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.
THE BUILDING PROJECT

On Monday, February 16th we will be having a Curriculum Day. On this day, all staff will be with the architects examining a number of schools that they have previously built. By exploring possibilities, we will have a greater understanding of what can be achieved and also help shape the direction of the project for the architects. On Monday, 23rd February at 4pm all parents are invited to attend a Building workshop where Law Architects will work with you to explore what ideas and thoughts you have for the project. The aim for the new build is that “Pembroke Primary School” is not just a replicated prototype that is on multiple sites. The architects will also be talking to our school leaders and seeking student impute to add to the thoughts of staff and parents. It is an exciting time for us all at Pembroke with a year that will involve the commencement of the build.

OSHC

OSHC is available from 7am until school time and from 3:30 to 6pm weekdays. Mandy, the Co-ordinator would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have and assist with paperwork. OSHC is also available on Monday, 16th February for the full curriculum day. Just contact Mandy or the Office to book in. Statements are sent to all families and payments can be made through Mandy, at the Office or by setting up automatic deductions through bank accounts. Where outstanding amounts exceed $200, parents will be contacted to arrange payment or plans. Outstanding amounts need to be below the $200 threshold in order for attendance at OSHC to occur (unless payment plans have been organised)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

All children by now will have had their first P.E session with Mr. Matt Stella, our new P.E. Teacher. We are thrilled to have Matt as part of our team. Sport and P.E will occur on Thursdays and Fridays for all children so we ask that runners either be worn or be able to be put on for these sessions. This assist all children to perform at their best and also support their feet during these particularly active hours.
AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL
Notices for Afterschool Basketball went home on Friday and need to be returned by next Wednesday. We apologise for the tight timeline however this is beyond our control as the Stadium needs to be informed of numbers and team details by Friday. Please see the Office if you are interested in your child / ren participating but don’t have a form.

ATTENDANCE
This year attendance is being recorded in a slightly different manner. Whilst the details are not required, it is vitally important that children who are late are signed in at the Office. Once again we also ask that you contact the school or send a note if your child is/ or will be absent on a particular day. As mentioned last year, the Education Department has become increasingly stringent on approved and non-approved absences and this is all based on the importance of children attending school daily and for the maximum number of hours. Where children need to have hair cuts etc. there is an expectation that this can be done after school or on the weekend and therefore is seen as an unapproved absence. This is also the case for children having days off for events such as their birthday where this can be celebrated afterschool or on a weekend (we would also love to celebrate their day with them). Please be aware that this directive comes from the Education Department rather than being just a Pembroke ‘rule’. Ultimately we want to maximise learning where possible and I’m sure this is something that we share in common with families.

COMMUNICATION
The education of your child is a partnership between home and school. We will do all we can to ensure that children grow up as educated citizens; resilient and able to embrace challenges and problems. If you have questions, concerns or even if you think that we did something well that supported this goal, please communicate with us as we will endeavour to do with you. We feel that good communication is vital and will work hard throughout 2015 to ensure that this occurs.
OSHC Curriculum Day

Monday the 16th of February is a curriculum day and OSHC will be open ALL DAY for Families who need care!

Our theme for the day is:

Pirates (Aaarrrrr mateys!!)

We will be doing lots of swash buckling activities, including:

- A TREASURE HUNT of course!
- Evil crepe paper pirate flags
- Secret Map Making (Sssshhh!!)
- Ship, Shark, Shore and more!!

Breakfast: Pirates eyes (eggs inside toast!)

Afternoon tea: Fish fingers and pirate punch (AAAAARRRR!!)

Important information:

Date: Monday 16th February 2015

Time: 7:30am – 6:00pm in the MULTI PURPOSE ROOM (children can arrive at any time)

Cost: $50 (less with Child Care Benefit – CCB)

What to bring:

Morning tea and Lunch

Drink bottles and a HAT (if your child does not have a hat they cannot go outside)

Please do not pack nut related lunches or snacks – including nutella or peanut butter sandwiches

Clothing: Shoulders and midriffs need to be covered. There are NO thongs to be worn, although sandals are acceptable.

Please note that bookings are essential.

If your child is not already enrolled in Before or 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 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.
MONDAY IS BANKING DAY.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will NOT be open on this Friday.
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.

We will be having a meeting very soon please see the notice board outside the breezeway.
Sheryn Holloway PFA representative.
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

Don’t forget:
1st Term you need to wear your hat!

WELCOME To Our New Students

Zac

Peng Peng

Our Preps
TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

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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!
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FRIDAY LUNCH ORDER

All lunch orders and payments need to be given to the office by Wednesday. The canteen will not be open at recess time, but sells individual items at lunchtime.

Name: _____________________  Grade: _____________________

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COST: $6.00
Community Notices

Tempo Dance Company
Established 1991

We offer quality classes in all aspects of:

Jazz  Hip Hop  Tap  Classical  Cheerleading

Pointe  Ballet  Contemporary  Dance 4 Fitness

Free trial class for new students

Classes held at:

Rolling Hills P.S. Mooroolbark
Landscape Drive

9758 9163 or 0409 300273
email - tempodance@optusnet.com.au  www.tempodancecompany.com.au
February

Term 1: 29th Jan– 27th Mar 2015

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