Minister Merlino visit

This Tuesday at 2:30 we will be visited by Minister Merlino, the State Minister for Education and Deputy leader. Minister Merlino requested a visit after hearing of the great things that are happening at Pembroke at a recent presentation I delivered at Foundation House. Children in Year 5 and 6 will also be using this visit as an opportunity to find out more about the parliamentary system and how it operates. We look forward to sharing more of the current great things we are doing as well as future plans with him on Tuesday afternoon.

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.
Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

Last week, reports and portfolios were sent home. This year we are using a different format for reports and the feedback has been very positive in terms of the content and layout of the new design.

In calculating student levels, teachers have used a variety of information from test scores, the standard of completed work, application of feedback, Lexile, Reading and Spelling levels and observations. The application of skills has been a key element in assessing against the level that is required. Children understand that there is a ‘know and show’ component to each task and the reports have reflected this concept.

Interviews will be held this Thursday. The times were included within the report envelope. If you are unsure, please contact the Office. If you are unable to attend, can you also please let us know as this assists us in ensuring the schedule is maintained and also adjusting times where required.

Science program

Our Specialist Science program commenced last Thursday and there has been a really positive response from children and families in regards to the first session. Children in Year Prep – 5 will have a one hour session each week with Mrs. Melissa Bennett Monteiro. Melissa is currently on family leave from Ringwood Secondary College and we are thrilled to have her as part of the Pembroke teaching team. Year 6 students will be working with Mrs. Elliot undertaking a range of special year 6 activities and preparing for Graduation during Term 4.

Four year old school

Pembroke Primary School is committed to providing the best possible opportunities to all children to achieve. This includes the provision of individual learning plans for children working more than twelve months ahead or below in a subject area; the provision of learning tasks and expectations matched to each child’s level of ability, learning goal with each lesson and a diversity of curriculum that allows each child the opportunity to shine.

We are now adding a new component – Four year old school.
News from the Principal continued.....
This will commence Tuesday, 4th August and will be open to all enrolment 2016 Prep students. For Term 3 school will start at 1:30 and conclude at 3pm each Tuesday. Children will be taught key fundamental literacy skills such as phonics, handwriting and basic reading skills. These sessions will complement the ‘Step into Prep’ which is held twice a term. We would love to see as many 2016 Preps as possible come to each session in order to provide them with the optimum level of understanding, assisting them to not only come to school ‘ready to learn’ but ‘ready to build on what they have already learnt’.

Parent Opinion Survey
Some families will soon be receiving a Parent Opinion survey. This survey is conducted annually across all Victorian Government Schools. It helps provide schools with a snapshot of their community and what is important. For a school like Pembroke, it enables us to see whether initiatives such as the Science and the Leader in Me /Values program and the use of funds to employ a welfare coordinator in addition to extra curricula activities such as Camps, Productions, Lunchtime Clubs like Choir, Tiggy Club and Chaplaincy are important to our community. Surveys are sent out randomly with approximately 1/3 of our families receiving a survey each year. We thank those who receive a survey, complete it and return it to the school for collation by the Department of Education, as the information received is invaluable.

Soccer
Well done to our Boys and Girls Soccer teams who played against Mooroolbark East last week. Both teams were District champions and the competition was tough. The girls (our first girls team) narrowly lost 1-0 whilst our boys won 4-1. They will now play Manchester this week to see if they can progress to the Regional finals. Thank you to all our great spectators who cheered the teams on throughout the afternoon.

Afterschool Care
There have been changes to our Afterschool care program – please see article in this week’s newsletter. We welcome Shannon to Pembroke Primary School and appreciate the time and effort that she is already applying to the program in order to make it a really enjoyable place for all who attend.
News from the Principal continued…..

Afterschool Basketball
Not long now till the new Season commences. If you are interested in your child taking part in the program, let us know and we will pass on your details to the Team Managers. Currently there is a Year 1/2 team and a Year 4/5 team.

Carolyn Elliot  School Principal

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Payments due
- OSHC
- Year 5 / 6 Camp Payments.

Carolyn O’Rourke
Business Manager.

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The OSHC phone is now working please call Shannon on 0437 569 448 for all Bookings and Cancellations.
Calendar events at Pembroke Primary

**JULY**

**21st July**  
Playgroup in Multi 1.30– 3.00pm  
Visit by James Merlino  2.30 pm

**23rd July**  
All Day Parent teacher interviews.

**28th July**  
Step Into Prep  
Playgroup in Multi 1.30– 3.00pm

**29th July**  
Student Leadership

**30th July**  
Grade 5/6 Camp payment due $45
PEMBROKE AWARDS
July 20th – July 24th 2015

Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep M  Stephanie.
Showing pride in her work and helping her peers.

Grade 1/2T  Peter C.
The pride you took in writing about your hero, you did a fantastic job Peter!

Grade 2/3C  Daw.
Reaching above her comfortable reading level when resourcing a hero or heroine.
For accepting the challenge of reaching for the stars!

Grade 3/4W  Vaughan
His positive and active approach to his learning. Great start to Term 3

Grade 5/6L  Becky H.
Showing pride in her hero's task.
Congratulations to the following students.

**Grade Prep M**  
_A Lian._  
Wonderful writing about heroes!

**Grade 1/2T**  
_Emanuel._  
Your fantastic definition of what a hero is. Great work Emmanuel.

**Grade 2/3C**  
_Ella._  
Her lateral thinking when needing to calculate the number of triangles to cover a given area when she had only one triangle.

**Grade 3/4W**  
_Marcy._  
Wonderful hero sandwich. Great presentation!

**Grade 5/6L**  
_Maddison._  
Having a fantastic week in the classroom.
VALUE OF THE WEEK.
July 20th—July 24th  2015
KINDNESS

Congratulations to the following students

Grade Prep M  Stony.
Showing kindness to a friend that was sad!

Grade 1/2T  Quinn.
Being kind and supportive to your peers during class time. Well done!

Grade 2/3C  Thang.
Showing kindness in assisting a friend to read his tables chart so he could apply the knowledge.

Grade 3/4W  Finn
Always being kin to everyone!

Grade 5/6L  Van.
Showing Kindness in the classroom by helping others..
As many of you will know, Mandy our OSHC Coordinator submitted her resignation letter on the last Friday of Term 2. Mandy had been our Co-ordinator for a number of years and was a much valued member of the Pembroke community. We will miss her.

In moving forward, the School Council had a number of clear goals. These were:-

- Ensure the service was available from the start of Term 3
- Provide a community based service that met the values and beliefs of our school
- Provide a high quality service that was interesting and appealing for the children who attend
- Ensure that the program met the requirements under the governing body including qualifications of employees and quality assurance.

The school searched through the normal recruitment channels and has also conducted a number of meetings with external agencies. In addressing the above criteria we have decided to go with a local company OSHCare 4 KIDS. This company has the key values of “community, quality, inspire and belong” – strong values of Pembroke also.

There will be a period of transition as the License is moved from Pembroke P.S to OSHCare 4 KIDS. You will notice some great changes including the introduction of a one day a week ‘Master Chef’ Cooking Club. The program will be published in advance in the newsletter so that parents and children know what special activities will be occurring in upcoming weeks.
• OSHCare 4 KIDS was chosen not only for its community focus but also...
Cancellation policy – other programs had a 7 day cancellation policy whereas cancellation without being charged is before 12:30pm on the day prior to the booking (business day)
• The possibility of vacation care occurring at Pembroke
• Casual booking fee ($1.50 out of pocket expense compared with $2.50 out of pocket expense with other companies)
• Modest increase in attendance costs – (maximum $7 out of pocket for Before School Care and maximum out of pocket expense of $10 for After School Care)
• A waving of the normal registration fee of $25 annual registration fee for 2015 (compared with other companies that wanted to charge this amount)
• 5 Star rating for their staff – Shannon is already a big hit with the kids who have attended!
• Variety of food served including hot food in the morning
• Local, small company coming from Ferntree Gully
• The capacity for families to talk with the company in regards to hardship or organising payment options
Currently payment will still be made at the Office (Shannon will not be able to handle cash) however this will transfer over to OSHCare 4 KIDS in Term 4. For this reason, all payments to the school must be finalised by the end of term 3. ALL bookings and cancellations can be made by contacting Shannon on the OSHC Mobile 0437 569 448.. We look forward to a great partnership with OSHCare 4 KIDS.

Carolyn Elliot
MONDAY IS BANKING DAY.

The Canteen will be open Friday
Thanking you Le and Michelle

Parents and Friends Association.

CRAFT/ACTIVITY GROUP
Craft group is be on a Tuesday afternoon. For more information please see Leeanne Lee.
We will be making craft for the Fathers Day Stall.
Everyone is welcome!

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. 
**Pembroke Pirates – Grade 2 Basketball Report**

Our Pembroke Pirates started off the season winning 2/4 grading games. Once the grading period had finished, we played another 12 games for the season. Our pirates were fantastic and won 10/12 games. Congratulations to Tegan, Ella, Elijah, James, Alex and Juvraj for their improvement throughout the season. It has been fantastic to watch every single one of you improve and enjoy playing each week. I’m looking forward to coaching you next season. Thank you to Mrs Berry for being our fantastic Team Manger.

Miss Letts – Coach.

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**Pembroke Power**

Grade 5 Pembroke Power could use a few more players as well. If any Grade 5’s are interested in playing basketball in Semester 2, please contact Ian Cavanagh.
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!
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Mt. Evelyn Campus Performing Arts Centre

Saturday 25 July 6:30pm

Theme: Black & White

Friday 17 July phone bookings by

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Community Notices.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Music Department

Yarra Hills Secondary College
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School Banking Mondays

Canteen Fridays @ morning recess time.

School Holidays/