School Review

Last Wednesday our school undertook the Strategic review. This involves us reviewing the school’s data and results from the past four years and then presenting them to an independent panel. This information is then presented back to us in the form of a report and helps shape the direction of the school for the next four years.

“This Peer Performance Review comes at an important point in the development journey of this school. The outcomes of this review indicate that Pembroke PS has turned the corner with respect to reputation and enrolments, and with a brand new school being built in the near future,
News from the Principal continued…..

stable leadership, talented teachers, excellent core and extra-curricular programs and a very supportive community, this school should continue to develop into a highly successful organisation and meet its expressed desire to become a “high performing school”. The review meeting identified the students, staff, community links and supportive parents as the school’s key assets. There is clear evidence of very effective partnerships between home and school. Teachers at Pembroke Primary School have a very close relationship with parents and have developed outstanding levels of rapport with students in their care”.

We should all be very proud of what we have helped create at Pembroke. It is wonderful to see that those who come with a critical eye can also reflect on the incredible place that we have created for our community and ultimately for our children.

Curriculum Day

We have been holding off on arranging our next Curriculum Day as we wanted to see what came out of the review and use this time to commence writing our new Strategic Plan. When considering the date we have also been provided with a unique opportunity to attend a presentation from the Australian Children’s Foundation in relation to the impact of trauma related incidences on the lives and thinking of children. For this reason we have scheduled our next Curriculum Day on the Monday of Melbourne Cup.
News from the Principal continued.....
This is generally quite unusual for our school, however, I wish to provide all staff with the opportunity to attend the presentation on this day and also inconvenience families as little as possible.

Therefore the two Curriculum Days this term are:-

Monday, 3rd November

Monday, 1st December – this day is for handing over documentation about students to new teachers, putting in place planning for 2015 and ensuring there is a smooth transition from one year to the next for teachers and children.

2015 Arrangements

At this stage the grade structure for next year will be...

Prep

Year 1/2

Year 2/3

Year 3/4

Year 5

Year 5/6
News from the Principal continued.....

As indicated in newsletters teachers work incredibly hard to place students into the class that gives them the best opportunity to learn, thrive and grow. In looking at the placement of students we consider things such as:- skills teacher/skills student, student combinations, parent requests that have previously been filled / current requests, a balance of student abilities, balance of males/females where possible, family groupings, friendship groups etc. Students are not grouped according to their academic ability only and teachers work closely together to ensure that individual children receive appropriate handover and also learning tasks matched to their ability.

Any parent with an educational request can submit this in writing prior to the end of October. Classes will not fully be completed until close to the end of the year when we are more able to confirm numbers and staffing allocation has been decided. As indicated in last week’s newsletter, if you are aware that your family will not be at Pembroke in 2015, we would really appreciate you letting the school or the class teacher know.

In terms of staffing, at this stage we are able to confirm that Bree Monks will be taking the Prep class for 2015. Briony Berry will still be at Pembroke but after a few years in the Prep level (which she has done tremendously well, it is time for a change)

Reminders

Mini fete – This Thursday 1 pm – 3pm
Soccer clinic – Year 2 – 6   Starts next Friday and runs for three weeks
Swimming notices
Graduation notices – Year 6

Regards

Carolyn Elliot.
**EFT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT**

This year 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 _________________________________

PEMBROKE PRIMARY SCHOOL - ABSENCE SLIP

Date Absent: ________________
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep/1  **Blessing**  
The pride she takes in keeping her classroom looking beautiful.

Grade 1W  **Jay Dee**  
Showing passion about learning & sharing what he knows about healthy food!

Grade 2B  **Jack W**  
Listening to and receiving feedback to improve his performance at school

Grade 3/4M  **Ben.**  
Taking pride in his work and showing perseverance on his website!

Grade 5/6M  **Sui Thawng.**  
Taking pride in everything he does. You have been a fantastic student we are very lucky to have you!
UNDERSTANDING

Congratulations to the following students

Grade Prep/1  Alex F
Being understanding of the different ways people in our classroom communicate.

Grade 1W  Ella Berry
Understanding that we are all different and that’s ok!

Grade 2B  Jack H
Always understanding other students feelings and treating them accordingly

Grade 3/4M  Mark
Being understanding of his peers by supporting them in the classroom and in the yard.

Grade 5/6M  Hely
Understanding the rules in the yard and that certain places are out of bounds. You have shown true leadership in the way you have helped keep students safe.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK.
October 20th– 24th 2014

Congratulations to the following students:

Grade Prep/1  Tory.
His outstanding fraction work last week Well Done.

Lee P
His amazing Indigenous ‘Tiddalik the frog’ illustration..

Grade 1W  James R
His fantastic work about why we need to eat healthy food.

Grade 2B  Zeddy
His excellent reading of ‘A good Tip for Ghosts’

Grade 3/4C  Amber
Her great working habits, always finishing her work on time!

Grade 3/4M  Kaleb.
WOW! What an SRA star! We love how you keep the tub so tidy!

Grade 5/6M  Chris C
Working hard to improve his subtraction skills. You are applying yourself and enjoying success. Keep it up!
MONDAY IS BANKING DAY.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP.

Here are a few programs that the PFA run.

1. 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 1–3.00pm
   Everyone is welcome.

2. 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.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen will be open on Friday 24th October
Don’t forget you need to have your lunch orders in by Thursday.
Thanking You
Le and Michelle.
Parents and Friends Group


On Thursday Oct 23rd we will be running a BBQ. We will be doing a roster for those who would like to help. This is for the lunch for the students/staff and parents. A notice has gone home already about this, we would appreciate if all BBQ notices are returned ASAP so we can arrange correct catering. There will also be other areas to help with on Mini Fete Day please see Sheryn.

Thanks
Sheryn and Michelle
Parents and Friends Group.

Don’t forget:

4th Term you need to wear your hat!

BASKET BALL NEWS

PEMBROKE POWER Gr 4/5 Boys

Last week we played Edinburgh Eels. It was a fast and hard game. Although we lost we did keep the opposition down to 13. The result was 0—13. This week we have a bye.

PEMBROKE PIRATES Gr 2 Boys

We played Lilydale Lazers on Friday.
The Pirates played really hard and never gave up.
We lost 30-2.
At the very end of the game Kohen snuck one goal in.
Well done to all
Visit wwww.bukidokarate.com for details.

BUKIDO KIDS KARATE LILYDALE

One week FREE all class tryout.
# October

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