STEP INTO PREP AND ENROLMENTS

Next Thursday 1st November is our next “Step into Prep” and it is wonderful to see some of our new Preps for 2013 coming into the purchase school uniform. Briony has done a fabulous job transitioning these children and their families from kinder into Primary school and I am confident that they will be an extraordinary bunch of Preps. We currently have 20 Preps enrolled for 2013 – with another one or two on the way. This is the first time since 2006 that we have had 20 or more enrolled and I believe it exemplifies the growing positive feeling within the community towards the school and what it can offer.

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.....

This feeling has also reflected in the Parent Opinion survey results which saw our families rate Pembroke within the top 25% in the State on the “overall satisfaction” score. I would like to thank each family, child and members of the wider community who advocate for the benefits of Pembroke. Your support is very much appreciated.

A reminder that if you have any requests for 2013 or are aware that your family will not be at Pembroke next year we would really like to hear about it as this assists us tremendously when planning.

NOVEMBER IS “MAKE A DIFFERENCE” MONTH

Each month at Pembroke we have a specific whole school focus. In November it is all about “making a difference”. Our Value for the first two weeks is “Service” and the children will be exploring ways to think about others and make a difference. On Friday, 9th November will be having a special lunch with all profits going towards our Relay for Life entry. Last year we raised over $3500 thanks to a bunch of wonderfully committed people.

On this day we will also have a puppet show from Camp Quality. The Camp Quality puppets put the concept of Cancer down to a child’s level and therefore helps explain the reason behind our involvement in Relay for Life.

If you would like to be part of our Relay for Life team, speak with Leanne Richards, go online and join the Pembroke team or offer a donation in support of the cause. Cancer will affect all families at some stage and anything we can do as a community to help find a cure is well worth the effort.

CHIN INFORMATION NIGHT

We had a highly successful night last Friday and I would like to thank all members of our community that were able to attend.

STOPWORK ACTION

I thank the families that sent emails or spoke to me in support of the Stopwork action taken by our staff.
Whilst I can appreciate that this may have been highly inconvenient, to be provided with words of support is very much valued. I can also understand that this has been portrayed about an issue over salaries. Whilst salaries may be one area for discussion some of the key changes that are currently occurring and that impact our school directly include

a. The amalgamation of Regions – the Region that now oversees Pembroke spans from Melbourne to Corryong on the NSW border.

b. Staff reductions in Regions – in the past six months we have lost Welfare people, School Support Officers and personnel who can provide support for children with Autism. Principals are now also responsible for managing Guidance Officers/Speech Therapists etc. – a role previously undertaken by the Region.

c. The removal of monetary support for maintenance issues that exceed the in total maintenance amount we receive of $10,000 per year. Maintenance is a highly expensive part of the school – this year alone we had to remove dangerous trees which cost in excess of $11,000

d. Schools having to fund First Aid professional development and annual maintenance of existing levels – previously schools were able to be reimbursed therefore being able to reinvest this money directly into programs.

e. Changed benchmarks for achieving funding for children under the Program for Student Disabilities program. This has made it significantly harder for children to achieve additional support

f. Changes in EMA which will see schools and parents worse off.
As staff we believe that these and other changes are things that we need to stand up to. We work hard at Pembroke but want that work going into the students we teach rather than doing the work of our Regions. We also want the limited budget that we have to be put into our student’s education not buildings and grounds. As a result there may be some inconvenience and we very much apologise for that.

We would also like to congratulate Kate and Michaela who represented the school with distinction at the annual Rotary Public Speaking competition on Tuesday.

Carolyn Elliot - School Principal

REGIONAL ATHELETICS

Congratulations Nicole and Shaun for representing our school in the Regional Athletics.

Photo’s of Shaun O at the Knox Regional Athletics.
## Pembroke Awards

**October 22nd — October 26th 2012**

**Congratulations to the following students.**

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<td><strong>Outstanding work in Maths this week. You show Pride and purpose when sharing into groups.</strong></td>
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<td>Van D.</td>
<td><strong>His excellent ‘stone soup’ recipe. You are taking much Pride and Passion in your work. Well Done Van.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>His great reading effort over the holiday break. What a star reader!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Always thinking independently and choosing the correct actions.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Showing great purpose and responsibility whilst on camp.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Taking pride in her work and setting a good example for other students.</strong></td>
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<td>Brady</td>
<td><strong>Well done for demonstrating such passion towards your speech on “How you can change the world”.</strong></td>
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Student of the week
October 22nd — October 26th 2012
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep B  Rosalie F.
Your fantastic buddy letter!  Your spelling, handwriting and drawings were super.  Well Done Rosalie.

Zeddy D.
Zeddy’s great attempt at spelling on his own.  Well Done Zeddy.

Grade 1/2C  Matisse A.
Her outstanding efforts to write her step by step recipe.  Finishing it off very carefully.

Locky C.
His helpfulness as a chef when making vegetable soup.

Grade 2/3H  Emma H.
Displaying beautiful behaviour on camp throughout the trip.
You were a great example for others!

Grade 4/5M  Gemma D..
A fantastic speech about what her favourite animal is and why she loves dogs.  Keep up the great work!
Student of the week
October 22nd — October 26th 2012
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 6D

Lian.
It is great to see you speak to the grade so confidently during your speech on soccer. Well done!

Value of the week
“GENEROSITY”
October 22nd — October 26th 2012
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade Prep B

Preps.
Thank you for your Generosity. The vegetables you bought made a yummy soup. Great work everyone.

Kane F.
Showing Kindness and Generosity in the junior school! Kane is always happy to lend a hand.

Grade 1/2 C

Grade 1’s.
Thank you for your generosity. The vegetables you bought made a yummy soup. Great work everyone.
VALUE OF THE WEEK.
“GENEROSITY”
October 22nd — October 26th 2012
Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 1/2C
Darcy W.
Being generous with her time and intelligence and helping Morry to understand the Maths the class were doing.
An excellent role model and mentor.

Kayla S.
Always giving her time before school, to get the class ready for the day’s activities. A generous student!

Grade 2/3H
Ben
Asking if he could buy other people gifts while on camp at Scienceworks.

Grade 4/5M
Par Ku P.
Being generous with the encouragement she gives other students in 4/5M.

Grade 4/5M
For being incredibly Generous with your time and paper mache skills. The Preps, Grade 1’s and Mrs Berry really appreciated your help.
VALUE OF THE WEEK.
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Congratulations to the following students.

Grade 6D

Hayley C.
What a caring and generous person you are to all your friends. Keep up the wonderful work Hayley.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR SPONSORSHIP FORMS AND MONEY THEY ARE DUE NOW.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today some families received the 2013 EMA form and information as you successfully received EMA payments in 2012. In order to make sure we process 2013 application promptly, please complete the form and returned to the office by the 30th November 2012. We also require a copy of your Health Care Card with an expiry date AFTER 1st March 2013.

If you did not receive a copy and you qualify or would like more information Please contact the school.

Regards
The School Office
At assembly talking about camp
The Choir sang 1000 Days.
DATES TO REMEMBER

These are the dates to remember what is happening in November

- Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} Melbourne Cup (School is open and running as per usual Monday 5\textsuperscript{th})
- Thursday 1\textsuperscript{st} Step Into Prep
- Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} Step Into Prep
- Saturday 17\textsuperscript{th} & 18\textsuperscript{th} Sunday Relay for Life
- Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} Prep Information Night
- Mon – Fri 26\textsuperscript{th} to 30\textsuperscript{th} Swimming Week
- Friday 30\textsuperscript{th} EMA Applications Due Back

Thanking You

Carolyn O’Rourke
Business Manager
School Office

Grade 6D

Don’t forget to bring your in your photo’s for your silhouettes.
MANGKU’S NOTES

Hi my name is Mangu and I am here to assist Chin families with any thing within the school. I am here on Monday and Tuesday all day. If you any questions or need help about your child please call me on the school office phone 9725 6689.

Keimah cu Mangku ka si ii hi ka sianginn ah hin Chin chungkkar caah bawm ding in ka um. Ca cawn nikhat le nihnih chun nitlak ka um lai. Bia hal ding le bawmh na herh mi a um ah cun sianginn zung phone in chawnh khawh ka si. 9725 6689

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL RESULTS

Round 11: Week beginning 15th October

SPJE Saints defeated Pembroke Pirates 22-04
Pembroke Panthers defeated Montrose Moltens 28-16
Wonga Warriors defeated Pembroke Power 40-14

Katrin Howes
After School Basketball coordinator
You are invited to the final

STEP INTO PREP

sessions before becoming a Pembroke Prep in 2013!

Join us for any or all of the activities in preparation for your child’s first year of schooling

- **Thursday 1st of November** from 2.30-3.15 for Super Science
- **Thursday 15th November** from 2.30-3.15 for Buddies in Butterfly Garden
- **Tuesday 22nd November** from 7pm-8pm for Prep Information Night. Meet with members of Pembroke’s staff to gather information and ask questions in preparation for your child’s first year of school.
- **Tuesday 11th of December** from 9-11.20 for Prep Orientation Day. Come in your uniform, bring your fruit and snack for a morning in the Junior School *Photo’s taken today.

I am really looking forward to seeing you for Step into Prep this term, all ready for school next year! If you have any enquiries please contact the school office on 9725 6689.

From

Mrs Berry ☺️
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- **Mondays**: School Banking
- **Fridays** @ morning recess time: Canteen

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Step into Prep
Cup Day
Parents and Friends Meeting 2pm
Step into Prep
Relay for Life