



Shelby and Amelie enjoying Dads Reading Day

Remembrance Day Reflection

Earlier this week, we celebrated Remembrance Day. On this day, I am always reminded of how lucky we all are to live in this great nation, which many have given their lives to protect. We take for granted so many of the privileges we enjoy in Australia.

I was recently reminiscing about a trip that I took to eastern Africa a few years ago and one particular conversation that I had while there. While visiting the country of Uganda, I took the opportunity to go on a hike through a mountain region for a day, accompanied by a local Ugandan guide. As there was just the two of us spending the day together, I had the opportunity to ask him many questions about his life in Uganda.

Inevitably, the tour guide began to ask me about life in Australia. Like many Ugandans, he had never travelled outside his home country and faced a daily struggle to make a meagre living for himself and his extended family, who all lived together with him in a small shack. Somehow, we got onto the topic of government and welfare programs. I will never forget the look on his face when I explained to him that in our country, the government provides pensions and allowances for the elderly, those unable to work, the unemployed etc. He had a look of utter confusion on his face, saying "so, you're telling me that your Government just gives money to citizens who need it?" This was a concept so foreign to him as a Ugandan- his experience was of a corrupt government that largely leaves people to fend for themselves as best as they can. This was one of many parts of our conversation that made me realise and appreciate, with renewed gratitude, just how fortunate we are in Australia.

So, while we all have challenges in life, we should not forget that we live in a safe country with healthcare, education, clean drinking water, a relative lack of pollution, a democratic government and the list could go on.



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We should not forget also those brave men and women who have fought so that we might continue to enjoy these things. I hope you were able to acknowledge these people in a special way on Remembrance Day. May all who have given their life in war rest in peace and may we never forget their sacrifice.

Remembrance Day

I was very proud of our Year 4-6 students, who showed the appropriate reverence when attending the town Remembrance Day service on Monday. It was a great chance to support a community event. Our younger students acknowledged Remembrance Day with a special prayer and reflection in class.

Class Newsletters

On Monday, each child should bring home the latest Class Newsletter. These newsletters will contain information on all of the recent class activities, plus what to expect for the final part of the school year in each classroom. The Class Newsletters will also be available on our school website.

Assessment Books

Your child should also bring home their Assessment Book on Monday, for the final time in 2019. Please look through it with your child, write a comment and return it to the class teacher.

BookWeek Festivities

We enjoyed a very successful Book Week last week. The Dress-Up Parade is always a highlight and the students once again did not disappoint with their costumes. Check out our Facebook page for some photo highlights. Many students also enjoyed some time reading with their Dad or a special guest on the Dads Reading Day last Friday. Thank you to those families who made some purchases at the Book Fair; I hope that you were able to find some great books to maintain your child's interest in reading.

Thank you to Mrs Moynihan for an outstanding effort in setting up, running and finalising the BookWeek activities. A grand total of \$1362 was made which has earned us a commission of \$340 for library and classroom books.

Annual Community Meeting

On Wednesday 27th November, we will hold our School Community Annual General Meeting, at 7pm in the library. All parents are encouraged to come along, as we have so many highlights from 2019 to celebrate, as well as important information to distribute relating to the 2020 school year. Refreshments will be provided following the meeting. Hope to see you there!

Graduation Mass

Sadly, it is almost time to farewell our Year 6s, as they finish their primary schooling. All members of the community are welcome to join us for a special Graduation Mass on Wednesday 4th December, at 10.00am.

Carols Concert and Awards Night

Before you know it, our Carols Concert and Awards Night will once again be upon us. This will be held in the Mill Hall on the evening of Wednesday 11th December. More details will be forthcoming, but please save this date if you can.

Bushfire Plan

Earlier this year, we enlisted the services of Ecosystems Solutions (a Level 3 Bushfire Practitioner) to update our Emergency Bushfire Plan. We can now be very confident that the plan that we have in place will hold us in good stead should we ever face a bushfire emergency. All staff and students have been briefed and trained on how to handle a bushfire emergency, as outlined in the Bushfire Plan. The Bushfire Plan is now available on our school website, should you wish to access it.

Bee Hotels

Students from Year 4-6 have been loving their 'Bee Hotel' design and tech project with Mr Kelly. Some students have decided to sell their bee hotels at an upcoming Manjimup Market day, while others have taken theirs home - see photo below of Jayden, who has proudly installed his bee hotel outside his house. This project not only taught the students a number of valuable design and building skills, but also created a greater awareness and appreciation of the essential role that bees play in our environment. Let's hope these bee hotels create a happy home for many bees in the future!



God Bless,
Brett Wilkie

Classroom News...

Year 5/6

The first 5 weeks of Term 4 has flown by in the Year 5/6 classroom. In Week One, we were so busy preparing for Confirmation that we hardly noticed the week come and go.

In Week Two, the students were having a whale of a time at swimming lessons.

Finally, in Week Three, things began to settle down and our normal routine was back. The students started learning about the Gold Rush that began in 1851. This is a really fun topic and we're learning lots about the precious metal, Gold. The students all have so many questions about this rare metal and we love finding out information about this crazy period of time.

Another hot topic in our classroom is explanation texts! We have nearly completed writing our explanations and there are some really interesting topics, such as, how a microwave works, how lightening works and even how a cochlea implant works. I'm certainly going to be finding out some things I didn't know before when I read these!

This is a very bitter-sweet term as its always great to get to the end of the year, but it will be so sad to have our Year 6s leave us.

I really hope the term slows down a little so we can really enjoy the time left!

Year K/P/1

This term the K/P/1 class has begun developing their green thumbs. Investigating how plants reproduce and how to help make the soil in our gardens healthier.

Our Kindy students have had great delight in watching their tiny sunflower seeds grow. They are now ready to be planted into our garden, we are hoping to see some wonderful sunflowers smiling at us when we return from the long school holidays.

The Pre-primaries and Year Ones have become full on botanical scientists. Each, coming up with their own inquiry about different elements to find out how plants grow or what they need to be able to grow. There have been lots of observations, detailed scientific drawings and journal writings identifying how their seeds or plants have changed and grown. Some predictions have been correct while others haven't, and this has left us to wonder why their inquiry didn't work as expected.

Along with our plant inquiries the students have begun to work out ways that they can recycle and make the soil in gardens healthier. They have worked out that worms help keep the soil healthy and some composting worms can turn our scraps into food for plants. We have got up close and personal with some earthworms, before building a new home for the worms. The children are now busy making sure that the scraps from fruit time are cut up small and fed to these very hungry worms.

From Rose's desk...

Office Hours:

The office will be attended Friday this week, Monday, Wednesday & Thursday next week. Thank you.

Can You Help?

We need to collect 12 large milo tins- preferably the 1kg value pack size, to make drums for our music sessions.

Please drop them into the K/P/1 class if you can help. Thanks!

SH Fax Machine

The school has a Brother Fax 2820 fax machine, in good working order that they no longer require. If you can make use of it or know someone who may need one, please contact the school office.

Price: donation

Congratulations to all our MJR Award Winners



Kindy / PP / Year 1 **Hannah Thomas**

For being a responsible and reliable class member. We can always count on you to do the right thing!

Years 2 /3 **Sienna De Campo**

For being a responsible member of our class! You always listen to what is being asked of you and try to do it straight away! It is great to see you becoming more independent. Thank you for your hard work!

Year 4 **Charlie Omodei**

For being a responsible member of the school, both in class and outside of class. If you see a problem, you work to diffuse the situation rather than escalate it. Great work Charli!

Years 5/6 **Rhiannon Gibbs**

For keeping the peace during the lunch time dodgeball games. You are a fair and calm referee amidst all the chaos.

Celebrating their birthday

Sunday 17 November
Kelvin Stirling



We hope you have a great day

P & F News.....

Canteen Roster:

Tues 19 Joo Kim Ebsary

Tues 26 Helen Ng



Pemberton VFRS Open Day



We've had a refresh and you are invited to our official opening and 50th Birthday!

Got a burning question? Come and join us to learn more about how you can be better prepared for the coming bushfire season.

Date: 16 November 2019 **Time:** 10 am
Location: Pemberton Fire Station, Hepple St

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!

Volunteer Firefighters from Pemberton Volunteer Fire and Rescue Brigade will be there to provide expert advice on:

- Assessing your level of bushfire and home fire risk
- Lessons learned from previous incidents
- Fire Chat & Bushfire Planning Toolkit advice and assistance
- Preparing your property and keeping informed during a bushfire
- Home fire escape planning
- Emergency Kits and Protective Clothing
- Using local networks to keep safe

For further information please contact
Craig Martyn on 0419 045 362







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CHRISTMAS MARKETS

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 30 2019
9AM – 1PM

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BOOK A |
STALL?

CONTACT DEANNE VENTRIS

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

Fri 15	Assessment Books go home
Mon 18	Class Newsletters go home
Wed 20	Yr 4 Mass 10 AM
Sun 24	Feast of Christ the King Mass 10:30 AM
Wed 27	School Community AGM 7 PM

Graduation Mass 2019



All welcome to join us to celebrate
this very special occasion.

WEDNESDAY 4TH December
10:00AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH
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Wednesday
11th December

CAROLS CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT 2019

Saint Joseph's Pemberton
6.00pm Food Available
6.45pm Concert Begins

Mill Hall, Pemberton

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Spring High Tea
Help create a cancer-free future

Join us at the Pemberton Mill Hall
Thursday 28th November at 10am (doors open 9.30am)
Get in early. Tables of 8.

- ❖ Gourmet sandwiches
- ❖ Freshly baked sweet and savoury delights
- ❖ Fashion parade of preloved clothes (all for sale \$5 ea.)
- ❖ Raffles and great prizes

Tickets \$25. Contact Judy 0458 854 767
Limited numbers, so be sure to organise your table early!

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10 - 17 November 2019

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SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

COME ALONG
TO A FUN-FILLED DAY

TO CELEBRATE OUR APPRECIATION OF
PEMBERTON'S PRECIOUS PIONEERS

PEMBERTON MILL HALL

10.00AM MORNING TEA & PHOTO DISPLAY
11.00AM MOVIE – THE WATER DIVINER
12.30PM LUNCH
2.00PM BUS TOUR OF HISTORICAL FARMS
3.30PM AFTERNOON TEA



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