Principal's News

Of course, whilst the end of the year is approaching, learning continues until 2.45pm on Friday 13 December 2013. It is important to us as educators that every minute is made of every school day and whilst there are some necessary changes to routine such as end of term events, our teachers will be working with students right up until the end of the year to keep routines in place. Your assistance is appreciated in keeping our standards high. Please support us by:

- Ensuring students wear full school uniform (including sensible footwear) every day and observe the jewellery rules.
- Ensuring belongings, homework etc. continues to come to school every day.
- Ensuring punctuality continues every day and that students are here every day at school, on time.
- Ensuring afternoon pick up routines remain in place and are known to students.
- Ensuring students are not in the school grounds out of school hours without permission from the Principal.
- Ensuring morning drop off times are reasonable. We are unable to provide early morning supervision. Schools Out can assist with before school care if you would like to accept this option. Please make responsible arrangements for your children before school.
- Reinforcing the school rules below.

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

Frenchville school bags are now available for purchase from the school tuckshop. The bags have a fifteen year warranty and a three year warranty on the zips. See the bag on display in the tuckshop. Price: $45

Book Packs will be available for collection in the last week of term.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/frenchvilless

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Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
Report cards are currently being written by teaching staff so your child may report an increased amount of assessment including running records (reading assessments) which are very time consuming to undertake but very beneficial in terms of sharing reading progress with students and showing their gains throughout the year. These assessments must be done one on one, which means students are working semi-independently while the teacher is engaging with individual students.

End of term assessments and projects are also being marked to finalise overall grades. Please be sure your child is aware of items she/he has due so they have every chance of achieving to their full potential. Teachers obviously look back on the semester’s work too in making their determinations about a child’s ratings in each of the areas and the assigned comments.

Report cards also aim to provide some feedback about what the child needs to do to improve further. This extra information is being provided to assist parents and students to continue working towards improvement over the holiday break. It also makes clear what particular strands or concepts a child may be having difficulty with which has prevented him/her from achieving at a higher level. For example, a child may be an excellent reader, but may not punctuate or proof read at the standard required to achieve an ‘A’ on the report card overall in English. In order for a child to grow and improve further he/she needs to be aware of these areas for improvement.

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### Student Awards

#### Year 1-2 Academic Awards
The Academic Awards parade for Year 1-2 students will be conducted on Tuesday 3 December in the SAC at 2:00pm. Along with stickers, parade certificates, verbal praise and report cards, these awards are another way for teachers to celebrate student success and give feedback to students.

#### Year 3-6 Academic Awards
The Academic Awards parade for Year 3-6 will occur on Monday 2 December in the SAC at 2:00pm. Please see the awards criteria below.

#### Sports Parade
The annual sports parade will be conducted in the SAC on Wednesday 11 December at 2:00pm. Trophies are awarded to the best and fairest players of school based sport. Pennants are awarded to students who have represented Rockhampton, Capricornia or Queensland for school sport. Trophies are awarded for players of the year for cricket, netball, softball, tennis, soccer and rugby league.

#### Yr 7 Graduation and Awards
Parents, families and friends of Year 7 students are invited to attend the Year 7 Graduation on Thursday 12 December at 9:00am in the SAC. During this ceremony trophies and pennants will be awarded. Students must be well presented in school uniform. All students from Prep to Year 7 will attend the ceremony.

For the remainder of the school community, please be aware that the traffic situation will be very congested on this day due to the numbers of prep students and the fact that most will likely travel by vehicle. If you can park out of the school zone and walk the remainder of the way, or use the drop off zone on this day we’d encourage you to do so.

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### Awards Criteria

#### GOLD ACADEMIC AWARD
- A minimum requirement of two ‘A’ achievement levels in the areas of ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE.

**AND**
- At least three ‘A’ achievement levels in other curriculum areas. (If the student achieves ‘A’ in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science only two ‘A’ achievement levels are required in other learning areas.)

**RECIPIENT MUST HAVE AT LEAST FIVE ‘A’ RESULTS ON THE SEMESTER TWO REPORT CARD.**

#### SILVER ACADEMIC AWARD
- A requirement of two ‘A’ achievement levels in the areas of ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE.

**AND**
- At least two ‘A’ achievement levels in other curriculum areas. (If the student achieves ‘A’ in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science only one ‘A’ achievement level is required in another learning area.)

**RECIPIENT MUST HAVE AT LEAST FOUR ‘A’ RESULTS ON THE SEMESTER TWO REPORT CARD.**

#### BRONZE ACADEMIC AWARD
A minimum requirement of three ‘A’ achievement levels.
**Prep Open Day**

Our Prep Open Day for new prep students in 2014 will be held on Thursday 5 December. Parents and students should report to the School Activity Centre at 8.45am. Please ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle.

Uniforms will be available for sale at the School Activity Centre during the morning. Card facilities will be available. Prep 2014 book packs and uniform orders will be available for collection.

**Battle of the Brains**

Battle of the Brains will be conducted in the SAC on Tuesday 10 December 2013. This is a student event conducted by teachers. We do not require parent assistance on this day.

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**2014 Opening Times**

Tuesday 21 January to Friday 24 January
9.00am – 12.00pm

Christine Hills
Tuckshop Convenor

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**Firestorm 2013**

The “Firestorm” is off to the printers and we have requested a print run of 500 copies, which means if you would like to order one for your family, you need to do so ASAP. The “Firestorm” has over 80 pages of annual highlights from Frenchville, including a page for every class. The photographic and editorial content has largely been done by our junior Firestorm reporters. The final copy will be professionally printed. The cost for the magazine is $10 due to the fact that we have sourced a cheaper supplier. Once the 500 copies have been sold, there will not be any further opportunities to purchase this great magazine. Please preorder on the form below.

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**FIRESTORM ORDER FORM**

NAME: …………………………………………..
CLASS: ………………………………..
NUMBER TO BE ORDERED: …………………
PAYMENT ENCLOSED: …………………….. ($10 per magazine)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 2 December

Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: K Askew
Wednesday: Help needed
Thursday: T Pirie
Friday: I Stevens, S Carrington, J Connolly

Pre-ordered uniforms are available for collection.

Frenchville State School Backpacks $45.

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**Softball Grand Final**

Junior A Final

10.00am-11.30am Frenchville v Gracemere Kele Park

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**Cricket**

| Div. | Team 1                  | Team 2                  |
|------|-------------------------|
| 1    | Mt Archer              | Kalka Shades 1         |
| 3    | Mt Morgan              | Rocky Cricket Grounds 4|
| 1    | The Hall               | Kalka Shades 2         |
| 2    | Allenstown             | Juds Park              |
| Minors | Mt Archer          | Frenchville SS         |

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**Tennis Rockhampton** will be running three weeks of **school holiday clinics** for Juniors over December and January. For more information phone 49225181 / fax 49220041 or email info@tennisrockhampton.com.au

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