**Principal's News**

On Tuesday, a film crew from Channel Ten visited Frenchville to film the trailer for our Showcase finals. All filming was taken in the TWIST with a number of teachers and classes demonstrating our school's approach to the teaching of reading, as well as the incorporation of ICT's like ActivExpression devices which are used to collect data about student performance. Students from 1RB, 3B, 4A, 6H and the Unify project were filmed along with their teachers. Members of the Admin team and some of the new teachers to our school were also filmed showcasing our 'Blue Book' and induction materials which now include digital resources using iPad applications to demonstrate the school's teaching approaches. Our school's collegial feedback model will also feature in the Showcase trailer.

Last Thursday and Friday our school celebrated Book Week with students and staff members donning an incredible array of creative and imaginative costumes. Mrs Driscoll, Miss Kirk and our library aide Mrs Rosenberg planned some wonderful activities to promote reading. We also launched our 'Knight Reading' program to our Prep – Year 6 students. Your child/ren should already have their first recording sheet as they work toward the 'Page' reading level with 25 nights of reading. Please see inside the newsletter with some tips for setting up a home reading routine. Remember -

**Reading Knight Read Every Night!**

Finally, a huge thank you is extended to all of our families for supporting our Book Week activities. We truly appreciate the time and effort you devoted to getting your child/ren ready for the dress-up days. The costumes were magnificent and it was wonderful to see the fun and happiness which exuded from our students’ faces throughout these special days. Your support made last Thursday and Friday truly memorable for all!
Enrol Now for Prep 2014

If you have a child born from 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2014 at Frenchville State School.

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- Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School. Your early notification of your intention to enrol your child in prep at Frenchville in 2014 is appreciated as it will assist us greatly with our staffing and facilities planning. Frenchville catchment restrictions will apply.

- For ENROLMENT FORMS: www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au.

- Click on Our Enrolment Pack from the main menu to download forms.

- Our website contains more information about the enrolment management plan.

Setting Up A Home Reading Routine

Young readers need regular rehearsal, practice and encouragement. Reading needs to occur EVERY night.

Conditions for Home Reading:

- Set up a quiet spot and remove distractions. Turn off the TV, don’t answer the mobile phone. Dedicate this time wholly and solely to your child.

- Set up a good routine from the start. Your child should be responsible for bringing the book to you each night or afternoo

- If you are held up encourage him/her to look through the book independently. Tell him/her to see what the book is about, observe the pictures and check for words he/she already knows. This is a great confidence builder.

- Make sure you are in a good state to hear reading. Your frustration will go through to the child. If he/she senses that you are getting cross, reading will not be a joyful, fun activity. Be calm, encouraging and warm so that your child associates learning to read with good times.

- Be sure to sign off on the ‘Knight Reading’ sheet so that the teacher knows the child has read with you. This is a line of communication between you and school.

- Be ready to PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE. Be positive about your child’s attempts and successes. Nothing breeds success like success. Phrases like, “I liked the way you reread that”; “Great job on that tricky word”; “You worked very hard on that book – I’m very pleased”; “You’re really improving each day.”

Getting Started

- Give your child two minutes to look over the book. Ask questions such as:

  What do you think this book is about? What is the title? Can you see who might be in the book? (referring to characters)

- If your child is struggling, read through the book with the child for the first reading. You read, the child listens. More confident readers do not need this step. After this initial reading, check if the child has understood the text by asking questions like:

  Who were the characters in the book? (if fiction) What was the book about? What happened in the end?

WIN A MARQUEE

The Morning Bulletin is currently running a competition for schools, sporting groups or community organisations to win a marquee. Tokens will appear in The Morning Bulletin every day (except Tuesday). Help our school win a marquee by collecting as many tokens as possible and bring into the office please.

Drakes Supa IGA Community Dollars Initiative Programs

Drakes IGA Supermarkets have introduced the ‘Community Dollars Initiative Program’. For every $1 spent, Drakes IGA Glenmore will donate 1c back to our school. For every $20 spent, 20c is then donated back. Parents or family members simply have to present the ‘community dollars tag’ when making a purchase at Drakes IGA Glenmore.

Dental Clinic

Free dental treatment from the Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service is available to children 4 years of age and children in prep to the year 10. Frenchville State School Year 6 students only are now being offered treatment at the Dental Clinic. A consent form for a dental examination and information sheets on dental check-up & dental x-rays have been sent home with your child. If you have not received these forms please contact staff at the Frenchville Child & Adolescent Oral Health Service Clinic or the school office. Please complete this form and return to the school office by 12 August 2013. Child and Adolescent Oral Health staff can be contacted on 49262874.

Year 7 Camp

All outstanding camp payments are to be sent to the office by 12pm Friday 30 August.

Choral Festival

Every year the Frenchville Senior Choir joins with other Rockhampton State Primary Schools to present the Choral Festival. This year’s concert will be on Monday 16 September at the Pilbeam Theatre. Our guest conductor for 2013 is Paul Jarman.

Workshop

- Students are required to be at school by 7.50am to depart Frenchville by bus at 8.00am.

- Rehearsals at the theatre from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Afternoon Rehearsal

- Students are to meet in the back lane at 4.45pm.

- Please ensure children have eaten BEFORE they come back to the theatre at 4.45pm.

- Rehearse at the theatre from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

- Children then sit in the theatre.

- Children are not allowed out of the theatre at any time.

Dress

- Blue school shirt

- Blue shorts (boys)

- Blue skirts / skorts (girls)

- Black shoes

- Long white socks

- Hair ribbons (if worn) royal blue

- Girls – long hair should be worn in ‘Pollyanna’ style (half up / half down) (No butterfly clips and no jewellery please)

Permission note with $13 is to be sent to the office by 10am Monday 2 September 2013.

Audience tickets to the festival are available from the Pilbeam Theatre. Adults $12, all concessions $10, family (2 adults & 2 children) $35.

Spirit of Opti-MINDS Winners!

Frenchville State School participated in the Opti-MINDS Creative Sustainability Challenge on Sunday at the CQU. This was an inclusive team problem solving challenge lasting six weeks, culminating in a ten minute dramatised presentation of the solution. There was also a spontaneous challenge on the day that had to be solved in ten minutes. Our team consisted of Nabila Ali, Danielle McCarthy, Esandi Kalugalage, Abbey Downing, Kate Pennell, Georgia Jenkins and Dharma Brosnan. Although the girls were unsuccessful in their division, their wonderful team spirit won them an overall ‘Spirit of Opti-MINDS Award’ as one of the few teams that embodied the qualities that Opti-MINDS was all about – ‘Team Spirit’ through open, effective communication and collaboration while having fun and enjoying what they did. Congratulations girls!!
Book Week

WOW! What a wonderful couple of days to celebrate Book Week and launch our Reading Knights program. All the children who dressed up looked magnificent. A very big thank you to all the families who made time to prepare costumes. Thank you! They looked great. The Prep to Yr 2 children enjoyed a day of book activities from sailing boats, making peacocks and suitcases to creating elephant masks and making the loudest elephant noises they could. A special thank you to our guest presenters Emma Girle and Louanna Larose from the Party Shop. A great time was had by all…… especially the teachers. You would have spotted some fairies, knights, Harry Potters, bears, Queens, pirates, spiders and lots of other crazy characters around. We will be putting a photo display up in the TWIST next week for you to have a look at. Everyone is welcome to come and do some “character spotting”.

Mrs Driscoll

Father’s Day Stall

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Friday 30 August

BRING & BUY

Only children who donate a gift may buy one

Children are asked to donate a gift valued at approximately $2.00.

If your child does not wish to purchase a gift from our stall, you may still wish to donate one in support. Please do not send dangerous items such as lighters, razors, pocket/craft knives or unsealed food (ie loose lollies).

Please wrap gifts in clear (non-coloured) cellophane

If you have any spare plastic shopping bags at home please send them into the office for the Fathers’ Day stall.

• Assistance is required to help run the stall on Friday 30 August anytime between 8.00am and 1.00pm. Any period of time that you can assist would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting this successful fund-raiser and special activity provided for the children.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 02 September 2013

Monday: J Copcutt, J Connolly
Tuesday: K Askew
Wednesday: Help needed
Thursday: T Pirie, J Hall
Friday: I Stevens, S Carrington
C Hills (Convenor)

Book Club Orders are due Friday
6 September 2013

Sport Representatives

Last week, 5 Frenchville SS students were selected to represent Greater Rockhampton District in cricket at the Capricornia Trials this weekend in Mackay. They are Brandon Cooke, Matt Clarke, Max Joncour, Benjamin Pole and Hayden Gillett. Good luck at the Capricornia Trials this weekend boys!!

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