Principal's News

Year five NAPLAN results are another great story for Frenchville. When considering the mean scale scores (average scores) Frenchville outperforms its like school grouping (schools deemed to be demographically similar to Frenchville) and Queensland State Schools in general, and in two of the five areas of NAPLAN we outperform the National mean scores. In reading and grammar and punctuation, our average performance in year five is flagged as being significantly above the National performance for the second year in a row. We are very proud of these results.

We can also share with you the percentages of students who achieved above the national minimum standard in year five across all five strands of NAPLAN and the percentages of students who achieved in the top two bands. Six bands are used to rank student performance in year five NAPLAN, with band three being the lowest band students can achieve (students in this band are achieving below the national minimum standard) whilst bands seven and eight represent the top two highest bands of achievement. The Department of Education, Training and Employment expects us to keep track of the percentage of students in the top two bands to monitor our highest achievers and to make sure we are supporting students in the lower bands to enhance performance.

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<th>% of learners above the national minimum standard in 2014</th>
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<td>Writing</td>
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Individual student NAPLAN reports were sent home last week. If you have any questions about your child’s report, please speak with your child’s teacher or a member of the admin team.

Whilst writing results were down across the Nation and at Frenchville in some year levels, we have already planned a strategy to encourage better writing results. We are bringing an expert from New Zealand to work with us on a writing improvement plan.

Good luck Falcons for your game in Townsville on Saturday. Win, lose or draw your efforts to reach this level of competition are a credit to you all. You will hear us cheering from the hill at the stadium.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

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Prep 2015
Don’t forget about these important dates for new prep enrolments for 2015.

Parent Interviews – This is your opportunity to share any particular needs/interests of your child. Contact the office to book an appointment and collect an interview form to complete. Interviews are being conducted throughout September.

Please, if you have a child who is prep age eligible in 2015, you need to complete the enrolment paperwork and submit to the office.

Prep Interviews
Over the next few weeks, members of our admin team will be consumed by prep interviews for new students in 2015. We also have two members of the admin team on camp in the final weeks of term. We will do our best to return any calls and see parents as soon as possible, but we may not be able to always provide ‘same day service’. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

Pre-Prep Programs 2015
The State Government is keen to promote pre-prep programs such as quality Kindergarten to improve readiness for school and promote positive early childhood partnerships. The table below shows dates for kindergarten eligibility. Please note: at Frenchville we do not offer a kindergarten program due to space limitations on our campus.

When can my child attend kindergarten?

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Special Thanks to our Support Staff
In the busy world we live it we sometimes take for granted the services of our school support staff. This hard working team make it possible for the wheels of our school to keep on turning. What school support staff do matters. Without school support staff hundreds of thousands of young Queenslanders would not have a quality education.

Without these fantastic members schools would not open! There would be no enrolments, no phones answered, no excursions, no play areas or ovals freshly mown and safe, things would stay broken, computers would no longer be networked or effective educational tools, no school farms, no science experiments, no outdoor education and literally no lights on if the bills weren’t paid!

School support staff are in many ways the unsung heroes of our school system. That’s why it is time to celebrate our school support staff.

The first week of September is School Support Staff Recognition Week. This week is an initiative Together members have created to facilitate some more recognition for the great work they do.

This year the Director General of the Department of Education, Training and Employment has joined with us in supporting this week and encouraging celebrations and finding opportunities for acknowledging support staff.

Spotlight Concert Wednesday Night
At the time of printing we were looked forward to our Spotlight Concert. More news from this cultural event in next week’s newsletter. Many students had cheery, smiling faces as they prepared for this event Wednesday mornings at rehearsal.

Frenchville Falcon’s Raffle
The Falcons are running a raffle to raise money for our NRL Development Cup expenses. We have 3 great prizes: signed/framed Australian Jersey, signed Cowboys jersey and signed Broncos jersey. Ticket are $2 each or 3 for $5 available from Mr Fogwell and the front office.

Senior Camp
By this time next week our Senior students will be on camp in Canberra. This year both year six and seven students were invited to participate and this will be our largest group ever to attend. Year 7 students will be travelling to Canberra on Wednesday 10 September 2014 and returning to Rockhampton on Monday 15 September 2014. Year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra on Thursday 11 September 2014 and returning to Rockhampton on Tuesday 16 September 2014 but for most of the time the students will be together and we are staying in the same location.

We are very excited to be taking our wonderful Seniors to our nation’s capital. A huge thanks to Miss Shanks and the teachers and admin team attending camp. The following staff members are attending and this will mean changes to regular classes:

Mr Smith
Mrs Neaton
Miss Shanks
Mr Fogwell
Mrs Sampson
Mrs Briggs
Mrs Sauer
Mr Guinan
Mr Dundas-Taylor
Mrs Hubner
Ms Fox
Miss Hagan (student teacher intern)

Australian Government Support for our Canberra Camp
Year 6 & 7 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of this camp, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the camp.

Our school would like to formally thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme. We are sure the camp will be a rewarding experience for all students.

Staff Leave

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Fun Run Summary
We have had a great response to fun run. Results by year levels are as follows:

- PREP $1,849.00
- GRADE 1 $2.333.95
- GRADE 2 $2.057.30
- GRADE 3 $1,319.00
- GRADE 4 $1,193.00
- GRADE 5 $821.30
- GRADE 6 $893.00
- GRADE 7 $443.50

NO CLASS ON FORM $10.00
That makes a whopping total of $10920. Highest fundraising classes were 5R and 2D. 2D also won the highest spellathon total class earlier in the year! The highest student fundraiser overall was Shayla Kitching in 1ZB who raised $136. Great effort Frenchville. Icy cup vouchers for everyone who returned a form.
with over $20 will be distributed to students this week. These can be redeemed for an icy cup when they are on sale under the covered area in the afternoons.

Community Cabinet is visiting Frenchville 14/9/14

We are excited to have our Premier and cabinet members visiting Frenchville on Sunday 14/9/14. Unfortunately, due to school camp, Senior leaders will miss the opportunity to welcome members of the government to our school. Similarly, we won’t be providing entertainment on this occasion as our senior band and strings students will be in Canberra.

We have however, been approached to cater for the event. P&C is hoping that parents of Senior students away on camp might volunteer to take this event on, with all profit raised going back to camp fundraising efforts. We have been asked to provide basic tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit. If anybody in the year 6 or 7 parent community feels able to take on this activity, setting up catering for 200 people, please call or email Leisa Neaton directly. The event is only expected to go for a couple of hours and Gary Lynn, our deputy principal, will be on site to support your efforts. We would like parents to take on the set up for the catering and assist on the Sunday from approximately 1pm to 3.30pm. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

No P&C Meeting in September

The meeting planned for 11/9/14 will not proceed due to the absence of the principal due to camp. We will catch up at the October meeting.

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 8 September at the Rockhampton Baptist Tabernacle – 7:30pm start. Our guest conductor for 2014 is Paul Jarman, who worked with students a few years ago to compose our school song.

Workshop 08 September

• Students are required to be at the Rockhampton Baptist Tabernacle between 8.00 and 8.15am. Parents are required to transport student directly TO the Baptist Tabernacle.
• Rehearsals will take place from 8.30am to 11.30am. Children will return to school by bus.

Afternoon Rehearsal 08 September

• Students are to meet at the Baptist Tabernacle at 4.45pm.
• Please ensure children have eaten BEFORE they come back to the venue at 4.45pm.
• Rehearse at the venue from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.
• Children then sit in the Baptist Tabernacle.
• Children are not allowed out of the venue 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)

Audience tickets to the festival are available from the Frenchville school office or at the door on the night. Adults, children and all concessions $5 per ticket; Children under 4 are free. Further details have been distributed in a note to all Senior Choir students.

Lost property

Please check the lost property collections under C Block and opposite the Tuckshop. A large bank of items has accumulated, particularly jumpers.

A red bike has been found in the grounds, please contact the office 49315333.

Fathers’ Day – Best Wishes to our Frenchville Dads

This Sunday is Fathers’ Day. We wish all of our Frenchville Dads and Grandads the best of days. Thank you for all you do to support our Frenchville learners. We hope you receive some lovely gifts and some great time with your family.

Green Thumbs welcome Councillor Fisher

Councillor Neil Fisher is a great supporter of Frenchville school and he recently visited our year two Green Thumbs students to assist them to plant out some special trees he had selected as being significant to this part of Rockhampton. The Green Thumbs students and two of our school captains Esandi and Lachlan planted out the trees in the carpark garden. These trees were donated by Councillor Fisher. Each tree was named by Mr Fisher and the children were told of its significance to the Frenchville and greater Rockhampton area. Green Thumbs really enjoyed this experience. Thanks to groundsmen Mr Turner and Mr Drummond for their support with this project too.

Sports Results

Tennis:  
A Grade: FSS Team 1 were defeated by Grammar
C Grade: FSS Team 5 won over FSS Team 6

Soccer:  
no teams in Grand Finals

Netball:  
Junior A made semi’s but was knocked out (equal third)
Senior A were runners up in the GF.

Rugby League  
6A defeated St. Anthony’s
6C defeated Parkhurst
7A defeated in extra time by a combined Crescent Lagoon / Allenstown team

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 8 September
Monday:  
J Connolly
Tuesday:  
P Simpson
Wednesday:  
K Smith
Thursday:  
S Wood
Friday:  
D Wessling, Y Taylor
C Hills (Convenor)

Community Notices

National Threatened Species Day Rockhampton Zoo will be at Stockland Rockhampton Saturday 6 September 10am - 2pm Meet some snakes and lizards and hear zoo keepers talk about native wildlife that need our help. Learn about what small actions you can take to have a big effect on saving these species.

Futsal:  
Players and teams wanted. YWCA Sports and Recreation Centre Robinson Street Frenchville.
For more information contact Jen 0407088893 or email Jennifer.klower@yq.org.au.