Principal's News

Last week we looked at behaviour and effort ratings in our end of semester one report cards. This week I’d like to share some data about ‘A-C’ ratings on report cards. This data can tell us how we are tracking towards our targets for student achievement. We have been watching this data as we have commenced implementation of the national curriculum over the last few years. This is because the standard of work expected in the national curriculum is higher than has been expected in previous syllabi and the pace of learning has increased. We use this type of data to make decisions about where support should be injected to assist learners. For example, it can be seen in our year level summary below that a significant number of students in some year levels require support with English. This can take the form of learning support programs, additional teacher aide time and special programs to help learners move towards a ‘C’ standard of achievement or better. Teachers also differentiate for the learning range in their classroom, adjusting reading text levels to help learners take the next step. Other modifications include assigning a buddy to support with reading of instructions, simplifying or decreasing the amount of work expected in a time frame or extending the time allocated for work completion, as well as teaching and revising specific reading strategies. Parents are also part of this picture, supporting us through home reading, homework completion and in some cases seeking external tutoring to support their learner to make positive gains. There are some further tips in this newsletter from the Federal government about how parents can assist schools at home.

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If your child is achieving a ‘D’ or ‘E’ in English, please discuss strategies with your child’s teacher to support improvement. Intensive effort injected in the early years can make a large difference, as this data shows. Early support means improvement gains.

Leisa Neaton
Principal
Prep 2015
We are requesting that younger siblings of all current students complete the enrolment forms and lodge with the office as soon as possible. A reminder of the age rules for prep 2015: If you have a child born from 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2015 at Frenchville State School. Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School. FOR ENROLMENT FORMS: www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Click on the Enrolment section from the main menu to download forms. For more information please call the school on 49315333.

Nb. We are not accepting any new out of catchment enrolments for prep 2015 at this time.

School Opinion Survey – closing date extended until Friday 8 August
Earlier this term, all families received an invitation to participate in this year’s School Opinion Survey. Full details regarding survey access were provided on a blue information sheet sent home with the eldest child. The online survey completion date has been extended until Friday 8 August 2014. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Donna Earle-Morrison on 49315333.

P&C News
• Next meeting Thursday 14/8 in the staffroom in the admin block. We will have our SafeST committee which meets to discuss school travel and safety issues from 6.00pm and then our regular P&C meeting from 6.30pm.

Senior Camp Meeting for Parents
An information meeting for parents about our school camp to Canberra this year will be conducted in the school activity centre from 7pm on Tuesday 12/8/14. All parents of senior students attending this year’s camp are advised to attend. Students have also commenced weekly meetings so they are aware of their responsibilities in the lead up to and during camp.

Be calm in the traffic zone
Again, we have received complaints about parent behaviour in the school zone including:
-parents running lights
-parents pulling out without checking the surrounds
-parents letting students out in the middle of the road
-parents gesturing to students to cross the road in unregulated areas.

This is disappointing and could result in significant injury or accidents.

Students are reminded that if they are walking any footballs, soccer balls, netballs or tennis balls should be held still. It is extremely dangerous to be bouncing a ball in the traffic zone.

We again ask that dogs not be bought into the school area. Dogs could easily become distressed or agitated with the commotion in the area at the end of the school day. A bite to a child could be devastating. We appreciate parent assistance with this matter.

Cut off dates for school payments
Thank you to parents who regularly send in payments on time. We have cut off dates to allow us to plan and meet our financial responsibilities. We need to notify visiting performers of numbers for example, and it takes time to run reports to provide this information. Banking must also be processed and money taken to the bank to meet end of day financial processes. Please observe the cut off dates for performances and excursions to avoid disappointment. We don’t like to see students miss out but sometimes this is beyond our control.

Central Queensland U/11 Hockey Championships
Last weekend, twelve Frenchville students represented Rockhampton in the Central Queensland U/11 Hockey Championships played in Mackay. Four Rockhampton teams participated in the event. Congratulations to the following students:
Rockhampton Wallabies: Kadence Lenzina, Jayden Lenzina, Cooper Mackenzie, Max Morrison, Macauley Plant, Aaron Woods
Rockhampton Roos: James Maloney, Matthew Speechley
Rockhampton Girls 1: Breannah Mackenzie, Lily Morrison
Rockhampton Girls 2: Tamika Anno, Taryn Anno

The Rockhampton Wallabies won the Division 2 competition with both girls’ teams placing third and Roos placing fourth in their respective divisions. Congratulations to all players!

Fun Run – Wednesday 13 August 2014
Fun run is a fantastic way to raise funds for the school and have fun and get fit at the same time. As our Aussie team leaves Glasgow after their fabulous effort in the Commonwealth Games, our Frenchville students are being challenged by the green and gold fun run at Frenchville, to be run on Wednesday 13/8/14 from 9am to 10.15am on the top oval. There’s prizes for the highest individual fundraiser, the best dressed class and the highest fundraising class. See the package sent home a few weeks ago for further details. Sponsorship tips are included in the package. This is a whole school event and will be a great school activity. We encourage all classes and students to get involved and play their part in the 2014 fun run. Classes will run supervised by their teacher and with a buddy class to enjoy the fun run.

Wear green and gold for the fun run or come as an Aussie athlete. Fun Run: 13/8/14.
Don’t forget to collect sponsors.

2014 BOOK WEEK BOOK BASH
Wednesday 20 August - Prep
Thursday 21 August - Years 1-7
Come dressed as your favourite book character.
Prizes for best dressed in each class.

Who are you going to dress up as? You don’t need to buy a costume, you can make one at home. We’ve had fairies, princesses, Disney characters, pirates, animals – so many brilliant costumes in previous years. We love seeing our students so excited during Book Week and we have many staff who also choose to dress up to get into the Book Week spirit. Please plan ahead to make your Book Week day an enjoyable experience.

Reading Knights will also be recognised in Book Week with a special ceremony planned for our Knight Masters who have reached this wonderful level of achievement. An invitation will be issued shortly to these students.
AFL at Metricon Stadium this week

Yesterday the Frenchville Falcons AFL Team travelled to the Gold Coast for the State Finals of the Gold Coast Suns Primary School Cup. Our first game was against Edge Hill SS of Cairns. In a closely fought game, Edge Hill SS came out on top by 6 points. Our second game of the day saw a very lopsided affair against Marymount College of the Gold Coast. Marymount College dominated and they won comfortably by 67 points. The boys really showed off the skills they have developed over the last couple of months. Many thanks to Scott Smithwick from AFL Queensland who travelled down with the team to provide assistance, Mr Harch (Coach) and Mrs Weatherhead (Manager). Thanks also to the parents who travelled and provided support and encouragement from the sidelines.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 11 August
Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: P Simpson
Wednesday: K Smith
Thursday: S Wood
Friday: K Boyland, R Grant, J Connolly
C Hills (Convenor)

SPORT FIXTURES

08 August 2014

Rugby League

Major Semi-Finals

1.45pm FSS 7A v Cresso/Allies Victoria Park Bottom
12.45pm FSS 6A v St Anthony’s Rocky High Top
1.45pm FSS 6C v Parkhurst Rocky High Bottom

Minor Semi-Final

12.45pm FSS 5A v RGS Brosnan Oval #2

Preliminary Final

1.45pm FSS 5C v St Anthony’s Brosnan Oval #2

Soccer

1.35pm FSS 7A v RGS Red McLeod Park 2
FSS 6A v Bye
1.40pm FSS Yr5 Blue v FSS Yr5 White Norbridge Park 6b

Girls 1/4 Finals

12.40pm FSS Girls v Berserker 1 Norbridge Park 1

Netball

1.10pm Frenchville Jnr A v Heights College Court 6
Frenchville Snr A v Bye
12.30pm Frenchville Junior B v St Joseph’s PA Court 9
12.30pm Frenchville Senior B v RGS Dodgers Court 11

Midgets Netball

12.30pm Frenchville Blue v St Paul’s Red G 25
1.10pm Frenchville White v Heights College White G 23

Tennis

Frenchville 1 v RGS 2 Court 15
Frenchville 2 v RGS 1 Court 18
Frenchville 3 v MT Archer 1 Court 11
Frenchville 4 v RGS 3 Court 24
Frenchville 5 v Allenstown 3 Court 23
Frenchville 6 v Allenstown 4 Court 14

Mental Computation Tips

Splitting numbers to multiply

Multiplying two digit numbers by a single digit number can be made a little easier by splitting numbers into their parts and multiplying each part separately before joining them back together. Take this example: 12 x 5 can be broken into 10 x 5 and 2 x 5. All of the sudden the numbers don’t seem quite so difficult to manage. 10x5=50, 2x5 is 10. Add both parts together and we get 60. Try this example: 26x4. Think 20x4 and 6x4, and then add the parts together to get the answer.

Thanks to St Hilda’s Junior School for their mental computation resources referred to in recent newsletters.

Student Sport Representatives

The following students were selected in the Rockhampton District Athletics team participating in a carnival held at Farnborough this week:

William Banwick, Nicholas Savage, Tevita Toloi, Laura Guley, Brooke Hooper, Olivia Massingham and Isabel Kielly.

Congratulations!

Literacy and Numeracy Week Tips

Did you know that what you do at home can help your kids do better at school?

When parents are engaged in their children’s education — take interest in what they do at school and share the importance of learning with them — students tend to do better. Coupled with quality teaching, parental engagement is a key ingredient in helping students succeed, which is why they are both pillars of the Australian Government’s Students First approach.

Some ideas for getting engaged with your child’s education are:

- Sharing the value of education with your children.
- Encouraging and supporting your children to do and learn about what they are interested in.
- Discuss with your children what they are learning at school and what happens in their day.
- Helping your children take responsibility for their study and learning.
- Encourage and set up good study habits, problem solving and research skills.
- Reading with your children – talk about books and stories to help children develop language skills.
- Spending quality time together and talking about a range of topics.
- Challenging your children to relate these topics to what they learn at school.
- Encouraging a range of interests, friendships, a healthy diet and good sleep patterns.
- Praising your children for all their achievements whether they are big or small.

It is important to remember that parents don’t need to have all the answers about school work. Parents can however, have hopes for their children’s future, and these hopes can assist in creating the right environment for their children to have a clear positive school experience.

Source: Australian Government: National Literacy & Numeracy Week

This helpful resource was Facebooked by a parent:

Community Notices

Frenchville Junior Football Club still have spaces available on our junior football teams for boys and girls born in the years from 2000 to 2004. Registration covers insurance and competition fees and includes training strip and socks. For further information please contact the Sports Manager Terry Kennedy 0418794161.

Rockhampton Basketball is running a 6 week program for Prep to Year 6 students. First session Friday 8 August 3.45pm-4.45pm at Hegvold Stadium. For more information phone 49225544.