Principal's News

Just before the school holidays our year six and seven students attended camp in Canberra. I would like to commend every student and teacher associated with our Senior Camp 2014. Our students attracted so many positive comments both in transit to Canberra and whilst at the various venues. We are regularly proud of our Frenchville students but it is extra special to have our positive beliefs about our students amplified by random members of the public and service providers. The students managed camp very well and whilst several developed the Canberra ‘coughs and colds’ whilst away, again the Canberra Camp proved a positive experience and a great way to culminate the many years of study at Frenchville. For those with younger students in our school, we encourage you to take advantage of the school banking service provided by the Commonwealth Bank and our parent banking volunteers and to start putting away a couple of dollars each week in preparation for your child’s attendance at Camp in their senior year because it certainly is a worthwhile investment. From 2015, year six students will participate in this activity with camp always being conducted in late term three or early term four. Once again, congratulations to all students who attended in 2014 and to our camp organiser Miss Shanks for her thorough and detailed preparations. Here are a few images of our students in our nation’s capital:

Two of our school captains pay respect at the closing ceremony of the war memorial. Very moving and my personal highlight of Camp 2014.

The view from on high, taking in the master planning of Canberra. It was a little chilly.

Standing outside Parliament House with our Seniors 2014. Another great moment for Frenchville SS.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

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Frenchville Falcons' Raffle

 TICKETS $2 Each DTH 1 for $5

1st Prize – Fully signed and framed 2013 ARIZAC Test Jersey (Valued $1000)
2nd Prize – Fully signed Qld Cowboys 2014 ‘Thar’ Jersey (Valued $900)
3rd Prize – Fully signed Brisbane Broncos 2014 Jersey (Valued $400)

Please note all proceeds are going to be used to cover the expenses incurred by our 2014 Falcons on their way to the State Title.

Twitter – Follow us

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/frenchvilless
Twitter is a great way of getting all the news and reminders from school. We have over 300 followers now. It would be great to think that we can sign up everyone in the parent body.

Best wishes Opti-minds Team at the State Finals

We wish the Fantastickers the best of luck as they head into the 2014 Opti-Minds State Final competition in Brisbane on 11 & 12 October. We are sure they will find this an inspiring, exciting and worthwhile experience and that they will enjoy meeting students from all over Queensland and Western Australia.

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Frenchville State School – 2 “The Crazy Bananas”
Division 1 – Social Sciences

Judges’ Comments:

Long Term Challenge: “It was wonderful that each team member had such an important role to play. You had some really complex ideas, which demonstrated great research and thought process. It was very entertaining and engaging to watch. Great script, enthusiasm, storyline and team work. Well done.”

Overall performance: Outstanding

Frenchville State School – 2 “Fantastickers”
Division 1 – Language Literature

Judges’ Comments:

Long Term Challenge: “You selected a highly relevant issue to explore. The choice to depict a variety of cultures was very suitable to your issue but just avoid reverting to cultural stereotypes. You tied the Magic Pudding character in very effectively. An enjoyable performance. Well done.”

Overall performance: Outstanding

Do you have any Spotlight Pictures?
We are interested in receiving some additional pictures from the concert. If you have any great shots you wouldn’t mind sharing, please email them to Mrs Driscoll on ldris1@eq.edu.au.

P&C Meeting this Thursday 9/10/14 6.30pm in the Staffroom
Agenda items:

– Term 4 Dance Party/Disco
– PE shade structure erection on oval
– Digital sign
– Prep open day uniform sales 4/12/14
– Subsidy requests to process
– Uniform supplier arrangements

Yarriilee State School Visiting Frenchville
Next Monday and Tuesday, Yarriilee State School teachers from Hervey Bay will visit Frenchville. Yarriilee teachers have been working on their maths improvement agenda, similarly to Frenchville. We are keen to host the teachers and share ideas and professional reflections.

Instrumental Music News
The students from North Rockhampton High String Ensemble played while the Cabinet members were having their afternoon tea at Community Cabinet last term. The Ensemble included previous Frenchville students Alice Everett, Steven Kyriazis, Sarah Coker and Georgina Daley with Abby Biles (formerly at Berserker St). Thanks North Rocky High.

Pupil Free Day Coming Up – Monday 20/10/14 (Week Three)
Don’t forget there is no school for students on Monday 20/10/14. Teachers and teacher aides will be working with consultant Louise Dempsey whom we are bringing from New Zealand to support writing improvement. This professional learning activity is the beginning of a new learning improvement agenda for Frenchville staff.

P & C notice to parents – book packs for 2015

In previous years, book packs were offered for sale on a “pre-paid” basis. This proved successful and we would like to do the same this year as we feel that the supply of book packs has been a popular service to the school community and an excellent fund raising venture. Early next term order forms will be sent home for book packs. As for previous years, you will be able to order either the whole book pack including textbooks or textbooks only.

Our preference for payment of the order would be in full, but a deposit of 20% can be made by this date. The remainder will be due for payment on collection of the packs. We hope to have everything ready for collection by Monday 8 December 2014. We are advising you now so that you have time to put the money aside for these items. It is important that you place an order if you require books, as only a limited quantity of extra stocks will be available.

M. Searford (P&C President)

Choir Rehearsals – Term 4
Senior Choir (Years 3-7) Monday 1.00pm
Junior Choir (Years 1-2) Wednesday 11.00am
There will be no rehearsals before school for this term. New students are welcome at these rehearsals.

Jo Hubner & Bronwyn Rae
Music Department

Congratulations Year One
Once again, our year ones entertained parents and had a lovely time together in the last week of school as they performed several dance numbers. As you can imagine, it is not easy to have 170 year ones dancing in unison. Congratulations to our year one team of students and teachers.
Need new uniforms in 2015?
Why not order now? We have an order form available on the home page of our website. Simply print, complete the form and return to our tuckshop either in person or by emailing a scanned copy to pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au. We will fill your order and advise you when it is ready for collection.

School Uniform Expectations
When students wear the Frenchville school uniform in public (eg. in shopping centres) outside of school hours, we would appreciate the uniform being worn proudly and respectfully according to the P&C endorsed uniform policy. That is, Frenchville striped shirt tucked into the royal blue shorts/shorts/skirts, and closed-in shoes with white socks. Your support in ensuring our uniform is worn appropriately in public will assist in maintaining Frenchville's strong reputation in the wider community.

We have noticed that some Senior students have been wearing black or multi-coloured socks. We would again like to remind everybody that the school expectation is white socks please.

We prefer black shoes but these are mainly for formal events such as choir and instrumental music performances or on formal occasions when students are representing the school. We discourage brightly coloured shoes. However, this is not a uniform code expectation that we actively check or address, except in preparation for formal events. Shoes without laces (slip ons) are dangerous in the school environment and should be avoided.

A school hat is also required every day. We are a sunsmart school.

Finally, nail polish and fake tattoos are not acceptable at school. Please avoid your child needing to attend the office in his/her lunch hour to remove these items by removing them at home before the school week starts. These items distract students from learning.

Hostile Parents
Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Frenchville State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

Congratulations Hayden Gillett
Hayden was selected to play in the Queensland Boys' Softball Team. This is an amazing achievement, especially given that Hayden had to choose between Senior Camp and the trials. Hayden is Frenchville's second Queensland rep player this year. Congratulations Hayden.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 13 October

Monday:  J Connolly
Tuesday:  P Simpson
Wednesday:  J Pennell
Thursday:  K Hawkins
Friday:  K Boyland, C Hinton, J Connolly

C Hills (Convenor)

SPORT FIXTURES
10 October 2014

Cricket
Frenchville Seniors v RGS Black  Rocky Cricket Grounds 3
Frenchville Junior White v Gracemere  Victoria Park 2
Frenchville Junior 5s v RGS Black  Kalka Shades 5
Frenchville Junior Blue v Allenstown  Kalka Shades 4
Frenchville Minors v RGS Red  Frenchville SS

Softball
Frenchville Year 7 v St Joseph's PA  Frenchville
Frenchville Year 6 v Mt Morgan  Frenchville

Hockey at Kalka Shades
1.00-1.15pm  Frenchville 2 v Crescent Lagoon 2  Turf 3
Frenchville 4 v Allenstown 3  Turf 4
1.20-1.35pm  Frenchville 1 v Allenstown 2  Turf 3
Frenchville 3 v St Joseph’s Wandal 2  Turf 4
1.40-1.55pm  Frenchville 2 v Allenstown 3  Turf 2
Frenchville 4 v Allenstown 1  Turf 3
2.00-2.15pm  Frenchville 1 v St Joseph’s Wandal 2  Turf 2
Frenchville 3 v Rockhampton Grammar 3  Turf 3

Basketball at Hegvold Stadium
12.30pm  Frenchville White v Allenstown Black  Court 1
Frenchville Black v Allenstown White  Court 2
1.40pm  Frenchville Red v RGS Red  Court 1
1.40pm  Frenchville Blue v Glenmore White  Court 2

Reading Nightly is Important!

Why Can’t I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student “A” reads 20 minutes each day
3600 minutes in a school year

Student “B” reads 5 minutes each day
900 minutes in a school year

Student “C” reads 1 minute each day
180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words

By the end of 6th grade Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school…and in life?

How many reading knights can we acknowledge this term? Reading knights read every night.