Principal's News

It is not a bad thing to want incredible things for our children but sometimes we lose sight of the fact that it is the small, simple and mundane things that will provide the greatest impact on their lives. Recently I came across this verse on the internet and I felt it was too beautiful not to share, yet it left a lot to ponder. The poet is William Martin (from The Parent's Tao Te Ching: Ancient Advice for Modern Parents)

Make the Ordinary Come Alive
Do not ask your children
To strive for extraordinary lives.
Such striving may seem admirable
But it is a way of foolishness.
Help them instead to find the wonder
And the marvel of an ordinary life.
Show them the joy of tasting
Tomatoes, apples and pears.
Show them how to cry
When pets and people die.
Show them the intimate pleasure
In the touch of a hand.
And make the ordinary come alive for them.
The extraordinary will take care of itself.

Frenchville Observes Remembrance Day
On Tuesday Mr Dundas-Taylor led the school's Remembrance Day Service. The following is his short speech.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month is a significant day in our History. Originally known as Armistice Day - the day of surrender of the German Forces in 1918. Later it became Remembrance Day to honour all those who gave their life in order to give us the democratic freedom we have today. We need to remember, that since before Federation, the majority of the 100 000 who died and the 255 000 wounded Australians were volunteers with families and children, brothers and sisters just like you.

After the minute's silence the Ode was recited:-
They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

Book Club orders due 24/11/14

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Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome. P & C Email: pande@frenchviss.eq.edu.au

Great state. Great opportunity.
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.

Leaving Frenchville in 2015?
If your child will not be with us for the 2015 school year we would appreciate a call or note to our office so that we are able to accurately plan our 2015 classes.

Prep Open Day
Our Prep Open Day for new prep students in 2015 will be held on Thursday 4 December. Parents and students should report to the School Activity Centre at 8.45am. Students will move to their 2015 prep classroom with their teacher at 9:00am. 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 2015 book packs and uniform orders will be available for collection.

More Traffic Tales – Are you making our school into a disaster waiting to happen?
Parents complaining about other parents who are frequently and blatantly breaking the road rules and endangering children’s lives is becoming an all too familiar part of our week. This is simply unacceptable behaviour. When you choose Frenchville for your child’s education you do so realising we have a busy school zone and quite simply, not everyone can get a park in the zone and not everybody can fit in the drop off area or SAC carpark. Further up towards Pilbeam Drive there is a Council carpark which holds approximately 25 cars and there is also parking around Joyce Harding Park. The answer to the traffic issue at our school is improved driver behaviour. We couldn’t agree more with the sentiments of these parents who have taken the time to email us – the fact that we are using a quarter of our newsletter space to put in traffic messages is ridiculous but necessary.

A few emails from parents about parents received this week:

“I feel compelled to write to you with regards the behaviour of parents when driving in and around the school grounds.

It is a daily event that parents park their vehicles on and across the pedestrian crossing leading into the ‘drop off and pick up’ area of the school car park. It is a daily event that parents park their vehicles on and across the pedestrian crossing at the intersection where the lights are situated. This is dangerous as children and parents are having to walk around these vehicles (in front of and behind) to cross the road; all it would take is for a foot to slip and someone could easily become crushed between two vehicles.

Parents are constantly driving through the amber lights and today I witnessed children starting to cross the road on the ‘green’ pedestrian crossing to only be stopped abruptly because a parent decided to drive through the intersection on an amber to red light.

I myself have come close to being struck by a car as parents drive in to the ‘drop off and pick up’ area and do not stop or slow down at the pedestrian crossing.

I note that you are continually broaching this subject in the school newsletter and it pains me to have to write this email as it appears that your requests for careful and respectful driving seem to be falling on the deaf ears of some.”

And another. No, we’re not making this up:

“Just wanted to make you aware of a continual disregard for road rules that I see every afternoon at the traffic lights by many cars and today which nearly saw us cleaned up. We live at the Mt Archer end of Frenchville Road and each day I collect the kids and travel from the Dean Street end towards home travelling through the traffic lights. As you would be aware, there is a turning lane for vehicles turning right into Moyle Street. The problem I see every day is that drivers travelling through the intersection (i.e. continuing down Frenchville Road) overtake all the traffic in the left lane by entering the turning lane and then continue through the intersection and down Frenchville Road. They will sometimes do this from as far back as the staff car park gate which means they are crossing onto the wrong side of the road to overtake.

Today, I was the first car in the left lane and when the lights changed to green I drove off and three quarters of the way across the intersection, realised the woman in the car from the turning lane was still beside me also wanting to go down Frenchville Road. I had to hit the brakes to avoid her hitting me. Fortunately she braked also as she would not only have hit me but the vehicle in the lane turning the other way into the school.

This is so dangerous and I see it every afternoon as I said. Not just one car but many are doing this. People are just not patient enough to wait for the bottleneck from the drop off/pick up to dissipate. I understand this is not something you or the school can control but perhaps you may be able to raise it in the school newsletter or something or perhaps have traffic inspectors look at the lane situation (or book a few that are doing it!). Just trying to help make the roads around the school safer for all.”

QSchools Statistics – Growing all the time
Great job Frenchville mums and dads. Our usage stats on the QSchools App are growing. Thank you for downloading the app, favourising us and allowing push notifications.

Instrumental Music 2015
Applicants for Instrumental Music in 2015
Recruiting of instrumental music students for 2015 has commenced. Positions will be available in the areas of strings, woodwind, brass and percussion for students in years 4-6 in 2015. DETE (Department of Education, Training and Employment) provides specialist teachers who offer free group lessons during school time. More details can be found on the Application Forms which are available from the school office.

Laptop Program – Year 5 2015 Follow Up
Students in year 4 will have received information about laptops for year 5 by the end of this week.

Laptop Payments
As it is getting close to the end of the year and the exit of our senior students, all payments for the Year 6 & Year 7 laptop program need to be finalised by 21 November 2014. More details will follow regarding the laptop transfer.
**Some Amazing Reading Stats from Frenchville**

Would it surprise you to know that we have had an amazing 745 students who have achieved Page level or higher on our Knights Reading Program? Well done Frenchville readers.

In addition, our 2014 Book Fair was the second most profitable primary school book fair in the State.

This shows Frenchville kids love their reading. Well done everyone. We have another Knights Reading Challenge Celebration planned for December. Details will be out shortly.

**Senior Timelines and Dates**

Awards:
Applications for these awards are available on the school website or on the school's 'i drive'. Applications are due on 21 November 2014.

Senior graduation Ceremony:
Thursday 11 December 2014 from 9.00am.

Senior Graduate Dance:
Thursday 11 December 2014 6.30-7.00pm photos and parents welcome in the SAC, 7.00-9.30pm dance for year 6 & 7 Seniors.

**Dance Party News**

It was a great night for all on Friday evening. We really enjoyed seeing the children’s smiling faces, despite the fact that our glow products were lost in transit. Behaviour was wonderful. Thanks to the many staff and parent volunteers who assisted on the evening and to Kelly Mills for arranging the catering for the event and to Marita McArthur for her work with ticket sales. Overall profit for the evening was $4043. This money will benefit the students through future Parent Club donations back to the school for materials for the classrooms.

**Senior Graduate Dance: Thursday 11 December 2014 6.30-7.00pm photos and parents welcome in the SAC, 7.00-9.30pm dance for year 6 & 7 Seniors.**

**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 17 November
Monday:  J Connolly
Tuesday: Help needed
Wednesday:  J Pennell
Thursday:  K Buntain
Friday:  K Boyland, C Hinton, J Connolly
Christine Hills
Tuckshop Convener

**Firestorm Magazine**

Once again we are in the process of producing our annual school magazine, FIRESTORM. The “Firestorm” has over 90 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. A project consent form has been sent home this week requesting permission to use student’s names, images and/or work in the publication. Without a returned, completed form by Wednesday 05/11/14, your child/children cannot appear in the magazine. The signed permission form does not guarantee inclusion in the publication.

**FIRESTORM ORDER FORM**

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

Parent/Guardian Signature

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**Lions Peace Poster Competition**

This week Amber Phimmasone received news that she was the Lions Peace Poster competition winner at the school level. Her prize included a certificate and $25 voucher. Amber’s poster will now be judged at a district level. Congratulations Amber!

**P&C MEETING AND SAFESt MEETING THIS THURSDAY 13/11/14**

6.00pm for Safe School Travel (SAFEst) meeting
6.30pm Final P&C meeting for the year

**Agenda:**
- School dance party lighting
- New school sign
- End of year procedures
- Shade structure update
- Uniform supplier update
- 1:1 program 2015

**SPORT FIXTURES 14 November 2014**

**Cricket**
- Frenchville Seniors v The Hall Kalka Shades 5
- Frenchville Junior White v Mt Morgan Rocky Cricket Grounds 4
- Frenchville Junior 5’s v Gracemere Rocky Cricket Grounds 3
- Frenchville (Blue) v The Hall Juds Park
- FSS Minors v Bye

**Softball**
- Frenchville Year 7 v RGS 2 Frenchville
- Frenchville Year 6 v Crescent Lagoon Kalka Shades

**Hockey at Kalka Shades**
- 1.00-1.15pm Frenchville 2 v St Joseph’s PA 4 Grass 1
- 1.20-1.35pm Frenchville 4 v St Joseph’s PA 2 Grass 2
- 1.40-1.55pm Frenchville 2 v St Joseph’s PA 1 Grass 1
- 2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 3 v Crescent Lagoon 1 Grass 1

**Basketball at Hegvold Stadium**
- 12.30pm Frenchville 2 v RGS Wheatley Court 1
- 12.55pm Frenchville 1 v Allenstown 1 Court 1
- 12.55pm Frenchville 4 v Allenstown 3 Court 2
- 12.55pm Frenchville 6 v Allenstown 5 Court 3
- 1.20pm Frenchville 5 v Allenstown 4 Court 2
- 1.20pm Frenchville 5 v Allenstown 6 Court 3
- 1.45pm Frenchville 7 v RGS Black Court 3

**Community Notices**

P&C Fundraiser 28 November 6pm Master & Apprentice Café $15 per member to a maximum of $100 for a team of no more than 8 members. Bar open. Pizza can be ordered on the night. Prizes to be won. Register your team at the NRHS Tuckshop or call 49247818.

Debra Parker’s Academy of Dancing Christmas Cent Sale 23 November 2014 St Mary’s Hall, Rdobbs St, Berserker. Doors open 12.30pm. Free tea and coffee. Over 200 prizes plus raffles.

The Handmade Expo Market, Rockhampton Showgrounds Complex, Walter Pierce Pavilion, Saturday 18 November 9am to 2pm. Twilight Markets 29 November 3pm to 8pm. www.thehandmadeexpo.com.au