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**Principal's News**

Last week I shared some A-C report card data in our newsletter for the English key learning area. As stated, it showed that the earlier we intervene when students have difficulty meeting year level expectations, the greater likelihood there is that we can close the gap and lift achievement. We also know that students who attend school regularly and who complete their work to the best of their ability make continual progress over the course of the years. Students who find work demands difficult need regular opportunities to revisit previous content and require more rehearsal and practice. That’s why routines like learning spelling each week and nightly reading are important. They support students to set goals and to be resilient as they strive for improvement. They demonstrate that effort can result in improvement. It’s gratifying to hear students sharing how they have moved forward with learning targets.

We also know that injecting additional support in the form of teacher aide time can provide students with extra assistance. We have invested $180 000 this year in additional teacher aide time and teacher time to support prep, year one, two and three classes. The Great Results Guarantee funding program has supported this enhancement. Our wonderful team of teacher aides (GRG aides and permanent aides) provide students with regular targeted support. Our GRG teacher aide funding will cease in week eight of this term in year one and two (5/9/14). We will then review our support programs ready for term four.

Another piece of the achievement puzzle is curriculum. Currently, Frenchville staff members are re-examining our school English program. We have not been entirely satisfied with the results obtained through using the Curriculum to Classroom materials (C2C). Experienced Frenchville staff have identified some issues which we feel are having an impact on outcomes. This includes attempting too many spelling patterns at the one time or not giving sufficient time for revision and consolidation, limited time for the explicit teaching of handwriting and some assessment tasks that take too much time away from the teaching component of the unit. Staff members are re-examining the scope and sequence in English to address these issues looking at what has worked well in the past. We are using the national curriculum materials to guide this revision. Whilst we will continue to use some elements of the Curriculum to Classroom materials such as some of the wonderful literature this program has introduced, we will complete the revision of our English program by the end of this term. This is exciting work and we look forward to rolling out these revised materials to our teaching team. We are fortunate to have experienced teachers at our school who are dedicated to continual improvement and curriculum development.

**Congratulations to the Falcons who scored a 46-4 win against St Pat’s in Gympie on Monday. How far can they go in the 2014 Development Cup? Down to the top four in the State now. Well done team and coaches.**

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

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**Recorded Events**

**August**

- 14 SafeST Committee Meeting
- 14 P&C Meeting
- 19 Combined Schools Concert
- 20-21 BOOK WEEK BASH

**September**

- 3 SPOTLIGHT CONCERT
- 4 Free Dress
- 11 P&C Meeting
- 19 Term 3 Last Day

**Senior Choir Date Claimer**

- **CHORAL FESTIVAL**
  - **8 September 2014**
  - Performance uniform required
Prep 2015
Don’t forget about these important dates for new prep enrolments for 2015.

Information and Enrolment Evening – Wednesday 27/08/14
6pm to 7pm in the School Activity Centre, on Frenchville Road.
Meet our prep staff, hear about the prep curriculum, routines, uniform and booklist items. Please do not bring children to this event. Even parents with current students enrolled at Frenchville are encouraged to attend this event as details change slightly each year.

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 – the completion of this form is best to be undertaken as close to the interview time as possible. Interviews are being conducted throughout August/September/October.

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. This helps us form classes and assign teachers. The earlier, the better.

Toilet use by parents and adults
Please be aware that the junior school toilets are for students only. An adult using a toilet in our school could frighten students as they are not expecting strangers to be in there. You also leave yourself open to accusations. Please refrain from using these toilets to avoid these issues. In an emergency situation, we have a toilet facility inside the admin block which is available for use.

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 first from 6.00pm and then our regular P&C meeting from 6.30pm.
  
  Agenda:
  - photo decision 2015
  - digital school sign
  - prep playground renovation plans
  - oval renovations update
  - subsidy request – scouting trip
  - one to one program 2015
• P&C recently purchased four additional outdoor aluminium seating sets. Councillor Fisher also contributed towards the cost of this seating. The aluminium seats will be installed by our ground staff in the near future. Two will be installed near the concrete slab behind 6S and 6B classrooms (with a temporary shade erected over the top) and two have been installed under B block near year one. This seating provides more open break out spaces and places for parents and staff working with small groups. These spaces are very much appreciated. Thanks P&C and Mr Fisher.

Maths Team Challenge
On Wednesday 06 August, 10 students represented Frenchville State School at the annual Maths Team Challenge. The Challenge involves children working in a team of 5 to solve a range of mathematics problems, competing against over 30 Year 7 and 8 teams from across the Rockhampton area. Team 1 consisted of Esandi Kalugalage, Hayden Gillett, Lachlan Plant, Ky Taylor and Angus Stephenson while Team 2 was Lionel Mann, Esther Elder, Alex Somerfield, Trent McKenzie and Kate Pennell. Both teams, along with 15 other students, have been training for many weeks prior to the Challenge. At the end of Round One, Frenchville Team 1 was in second place. At the end of the Challenge, Team 1 was in 4th place and Team 2 in 11th place – a great effort against so many teams. Congratulations to both teams who represented Frenchville on the day – their team work and attitude throughout the day was commendable. I would like to also thank Mrs Dea Stewart who again this year gave up her time to help on the day. It is greatly appreciated.
Karen Shanks
Maths Team Challenge Coordinator.

Attendance Report by Year Level as at 11/8/14

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Student Absence Line
Absences can be called through to the student absence line directly on 49315366. This number is only for student absences. If you dial directly to this number, you will be able to leave a message on our answering machine, without going through the office switch message.

Please leave your child’s name, class, and a reason for absence. This information is entered into departmental records to track attendance. If you do not leave a reason for the absence, we will need to make further contact with you to ensure your child’s attendance records are accurate and meet departmental requirements.

If you take your child to the doctor and then realise he/she may need a longer period away from school, please ring again to keep us informed. Thanks.

Congratulations to Hunter and Tyrin – Year 7
Hunter Brown and Tyrin Careless have been accepted to attend a special camp called Agoonoree, which is a scouting camp for scouts with physical and mental disabilities. The boys are attending as mentors and helpers. No one from the Capricorn region has ever attended before. The boys are truly representing the spirit of Scouts and also demonstrating active local and global citizenship, one of our school’s pedagogical principles.

There are Agoonoree camps conducted all over the world and it is an honour to have our boys selected to help at one of these camps, representing Capricorn region and Wariparri Scouts at the Queensland event in Samford in the first week of the holidays. The boys will only be home from school camp a few days before departing again for this week long camp. Well done boys – we are proud of your contribution to the Scouting movement and broader Australian community.

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 planning 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.

Fun Run Sponsorship forms and money due now to the office please.
Spotlight Concert – Wednesday 3 September 2014

The Frenchville Spotlight Concert will be held in the School Activity Centre on Wednesday 3 September from 6:30pm. The concert will feature performances from the school choirs and instrumental music groups. Please mark this date in your calendars. Entry to this event will be a gold coin donation. Performing students will be required to wear the Frenchville performance uniform. Further information will be communicated closer to the event.

Student Sport Representatives – a message from Wayne Redsell, President of Glenmore Bulls

Hi, we would just like to pass on our congratulations to the Frenchville Falcons AFL boys that travelled to the Gold Coast yesterday. One very close game with Cairns and going down to the local Gold Coast boys is a fantastic effort for a group of boys from Rockhampton. It would have been a great experience for the staff and students who travelled down to Meticon Stadium, along with the opportunity to meet Brownlow Medallist Gary Ablett.

Wayne Redsell
President Glenmore Bulls AFC

Fathers Day Stall – Time to send in gifts

FATHERS’ 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 5 September 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.

Fun Run a Huge Success

The Frenchville fun run was a great success on Wednesday. It was lovely to have a morning out of the classroom together at this whole school event. The smiles on faces as students lapped the oval, dancing, running, jogging and walking, were priceless. The green and gold spirit was on show for all to see and we were thrilled to be joined by recently returned Commonwealth Games athlete Alanna Bowles. Alanna is just 16 and recently came fourth in her swimming event at the Glasgow Games. Students were abuzz with excitement — thanks to our staff members for their support and supervision at this event and to mums and dads for supporting with costumes. Fun, fun!

Instrumental Music News

Combined Schools Concert

All instrumental music students will be involved in the Combined Schools Concert at North Rockhampton High School on Tuesday night. Students will need to bring their instrument, music and own stand to the rehearsals and performance. Please see the pink note for additional information. A summary of the commitment for next week is as follows.

Monday  String Students  Rehearsal in SAC
Monday  Band Students  Travel by bus to Park Avenue for rehearsal
Tuesday All Students  Travel by bus to North Rockhampton High for rehearsal

The students have been preparing their pieces for their concert and we know it will be a great night of entertainment.

Thanks for the Puzzles

We have distributed these to year two classrooms and are sure the teachers will share them as appropriate. Thank you for your generous donations.

Newsletter to be distributed digitally in 2015

In 2015 we will only be producing a digital newsletter. You will be able to access this newsletter via the website, by providing an email address (we will email it directly to you) or via the QSchools App. This is a significant change for Frenchville as we have been used to paper based newsletters every Thursday for some time. Please ensure you have a current home email address registered with the office so that you receive the newsletter.

Report cards will also be distributed digitally in 2015. We are providing this information ahead of time so that families have time to prepare for this change.

Thank You

Prep WH would like to thank JoAnne Humphreys and the Bartley family for a fantastic donation of 5 books containing approximately 80 fables.
With thanks
Prep WH

Chaplain News

The Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge is on Saturday 6 September 9am-12noon next to Tucker’s Velodrome. Students from years 4-7 can ride. Great prizes for each year level. Registration essential before Monday 1 September 2014. For more information and registration please see Chappy Deb Arnold.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 18 August
Monday:  A Gottardi
Tuesday:  K Rawiri
Wednesday:  J Pennell
Thursday:  K Buntain
Friday:  J Connolly, C Hinton
C Hills (Convenor)

SPORT FIXTURES

15 August 2014

Rugby League Preliminary Final
1.45pm  FSS 7A v RGS  Victoria Park Bottom
12.45pm  FSS 6A v Gracemere Giants Victoria Park Bottom
1.45pm  FSS 6C v Gracemere Giants Victoria Park Top

Netball Semi Finals
1.30pm  Frenchville Snr A v St Anthony’s  Court 4
12.45pm  Frenchville Jnr A v St Anthony’s  Court 10

Tennis
Frenchville 1 v RGS 1  Court 15
Frenchville 2 v RGS 2  Court 18
Frenchville 3 v The Hall 2  Court 24
Frenchville 4 v The Hall 1  Court 11
Frenchville 5 v Other 3  Court 19
Frenchville 6 v RGS 5  Court 16

Community Notices

The Rockhampton Musical Union Youth Choir encourages children aged 10-18 to audition for roles in Aladdin scheduled for the Pilbeam Theatre in early December. Auditions August 16 at the RMU Hall, book at secretary@rmuyouthchoir.org.au. Information night 6.30pm August 12 at RMU Hall. Details via Sonya Acutt at secretary@rmuyouthchoir.org.au or 49263722 / 0412721549.

Frenchville Falcons Cricket Club Junior sign on / training session. Cricket Nets, Frenchville Sports Club 2pm-4pm Saturday 16 August and Saturday 13 September.
