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Principal’s News

Eisteddfod Congratulations
Our Frenchville students did an excellent job at Eisteddfod competitions last week, with our string orchestra being placed first and our concert band taking out third place, missing out by only half a point for second. It takes a lot of persistence and practice to achieve high quality technique and musicality with an instrument and these students put in hours of practice at rehearsals, lessons and at home. Congratulations to all students who participated at the eisteddfod and special thanks to our music staff and instrumental music staff for their support of these students. Frenchville has a proud history of cultural achievements and these students and staff have continued to uphold this positive reputation. The discipline shown by students was particularly noticed by the adjudicator. To quote from the strings adjudicator’s report: “A lovely blend of sounds. Good effort with the dynamic contrasts! Intonation was pleasing. You are a very talented group and I enjoyed the musicality and accuracy in your performance today. Well done, I loved the way you came on and off the stage”. As we always say, nothing provides better promotion for our school than our Eisteddfod performances.

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NAPLAN Testing Program
The other news this week of course is the NAPLAN testing program. Our year 3, 5 and 7 students will have completed their external testing program for this year by the time you receive this newsletter. Tests are sent away on Friday to be externally marked and students will receive an individual report showing their standing when compared to the nation’s students later in the year. Similarly Frenchville as a school will receive a report comparing its performance to schools with a similar demographic and the nation’s schools as a whole. The NAPLAN test is only a point in time assessment and sits alongside class assessment pieces to form an overall picture of student achievement. NAPLAN tests do not influence semester one reports as the NAPLAN results are not returned to school until later in the year.

Partnerships
Thanks to the many parents who have made their time available to speak with teachers about student progress at recent parent/teacher interviews. We really appreciate your concern about your child’s learning and I’m sure parents appreciate the efforts teachers go to in order to plan for these interviews before and after school. Evidence shows that for students to have the best chance at educational success parents and school need to work together. We understand with the shorter days in winter it gets hard to finish household chores and supervise homework tasks. However, we also know that many parents manage to hear their child’s reading, check the homework tasks and supervise the learning of spelling each and every week, plus encourage nightly reading. We are committed to helping your child achieve the best he/she can – with your regular support we can work successfully with your child to move them towards positive learning goals. Learning success is not as easy without this support. Attendance and punctuality are also crucial pieces in the achievement puzzle.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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P&C news

- P&C endorsed Jan Plumb (Fenning) as a school patron. Jan was formerly the deputy at Frenchville State School. Congratulations Jan. Many students involved in choir will know Jan because she regularly volunteers her time to support rehearsals.
- New P&C Purchasing Policy was adopted and contains clear guidelines from DETE about how to conduct major purchases. P&C appreciates this guidance.
- Jodie Grayson has replaced Pam Jeffery as P&C secretary. Due to work and study commitments Pam is unable to continue in the role. We’d like to thank Pam for her service to the school in the role of secretary over a number of years.

Parking Blitz

Police and Council Officers have been regularly patrolling Frenchville streets and have observed many unsafe parking offences including double parking and parking in no standing zones. We have been informed that tickets have been issued to parents for offences. We understand that parking in the school zone is frustrating – have you considered parking further from the school and walking into the school zone? Parents can expect further patrols. We appreciate the support of law enforcement to keep all children safe.

Mother’s Day Events Wrap Up

Thanks to Kel and Marita plus their band of willing helpers who staffed the Mother’s Day stall last Friday. We had sufficient gifts and the event was another success for the Parent Club. Thanks to families for sending in gifts.

Special thanks to Deb Wessling for all of her efforts in organising the Mother’s Day high tea which was conducted on Saturday. This event raised $3671 for senior camp fundraising, making us almost half way to our fundraising target. It was also an entertaining event and a fun afternoon. A huge lot of work went into creating this event. Thanks to all who assisted through donations of prizes, buying tickets, attending the event and supporting Deb with set up and pack up.

Remember: the camp fees are subsidised by fundraising efforts to keep prices at a minimum. We assume a fundraising target of $12000 usually. With the double cohort attending this year, the target for 2014 fundraising is $20 000 as we have been able to achieve some economies of scale with the larger group. Icy cup sales, the high tea profits, Easter raffle, sausage sizzles and other parent fundraisers organised by year 6 and year 7 parents need to achieve the target or fees will need to be increased. We are about half way there and P&C has given approval for a trivia night later in the year to support fundraising efforts specifically for camp. We need your continued support.

Term 2 Major Fundraiser for P&C – Raffle

P&C’s major term two fundraiser is a raffle and parents should receive a book of five tickets this week with the newsletter. Ticket cost $1 each. We appreciate parents requesting more books if you are able to sell more than five tickets. You can request extra books through the office staff. All tickets need to be returned sold/unsold by the due date. Prizes are as shown above. Hopefully there is something for everybody in the prize options. P&C thanks you for your support.

BOOK FAIR

A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books

Book Fair is coming to the TWiST next week
19-23 May in
The TWiST
(Science Room)
from 8.00am-3.30pm.

Your child will bring home a Book Fair invitation, which contains information about Book Fair. The Fair provides a wonderful opportunity for children to find exciting new books to read for your home libraries. Frenchville State School is committed to helping your child inspire a lifelong love of reading and the Book Fair is another way we try to do this. A percentage of all sales flows straight back into our Library as well. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!

Staying safe around bats

Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. However, children should not try to hunt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a bat or flying fox that is hurt call:

- RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
- your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.

National Walk Safely to School Day 2014

Once again this year our school will be participating in the National Walk to School Day. We will meet at Eichelberger Park on Eichelberger Street from 8:00am on FRIDAY 23 MAY. We will start our journey to school up Frenchville Rd at 8:20am. Students and parents from all year levels are welcome to walk with supervising staff.

Staff Leave

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FRENCHVILLE STATE SCHOOL P&C

2014 MAJOR RAFFLE

1st Prize: LG Froboking 2 scoops vacuum cleaner (valued at $200) OR YSBS limited edition 1:25 model (valued at $80) OR choice
2nd Prize: GoPro Silver Edition with 32GB micro SD card (valued at $40)
3rd Prize: Hooded BBQ (valued at $20)

Tickets $100 each. Tickets to be returned by Friday 26 June 2014.

Drawn 13/06/14

Winners notified by phone
**ICAS Competition Dates – May / June**

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**Falcon Footy Doubles**

The Falcons are selling footy doubles for the upcoming State of Origin 1 game. Doubles cost $2 each with the prize being $150 cash. Please see Mr Fogwell ASAP if you would like to purchase some.

**Sporting Representative Congratulations**

Hayden Gillett selected in the Rockhampton Primary Boys Football Team.

Alysha Barnett, Olivia Harrison and Lillian Walters selected in the Rockhampton Primary Girls Football Team – Black.

Hanna Bourke selected in the Rockhampton Primary Girls Football Team – White.

Lachlan Plant, Calum White and Regan Weatherhead all made the Under 12 Capricornia Boys Hockey Team.

Akaysha Muggeridge selected in the 12 years and under girls Capricornia Basketball Team.

Shantelle Rigg selected in the 10-12 years Girls Rockhampton Primary Schools Football Team to compete at the Capricornia Regional Trials in Moranbah at the end of May.

**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 19 May

Monday: A Gottardi
Tuesday: K Rawiri
Wednesday: J Pennell
Thursday: Help needed
Friday: C Hinton, D Wessling
C Hills (Convenor)

**SPORT FIXTURES 16 May 2014**

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**Tennis**

Tennis Draw was not available at time of printing. Students will be advised of game details when received.

**Clothing Pool**

The Clothing Pool is open Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.20am under E block. Donations welcome. Items generally cost $2 per purchase, many are in excellent condition. All proceeds go to our P&C Association and are invested back into our school. Your payment on the day in cash is appreciated.

**Community Notices**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT**

Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

**Hosting - An Experience for Life**

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

or call 1300 135 331 for more information

**1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING**

A program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2—12 years old.

Three 2 hour sessions: Tues 20 May 9.30-12.00, Tues 27 May 9.30-12.00 and Tues 3 June 9.30-12.00.

Venue: Centacare-Rockhampton, 10 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton.

**Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month**

Do you know someone affected by domestic and family violence? This year’s campaign is **MAKE THE CALL** (Queensland Government–Department of Communities). The campaign encourages the friends, family, colleagues and neighbours and especially non-physical form of violence – such as stalking, threats, verbal abuse or controlling behaviour.

**Children’s Festival Mini Expo**

Tuesday 20 May 2014 from 10am-12 pm **Cost: FREE!** At the Children and Family Centre Cnr Charles and Bawden Streets, Berserker.

**School Fundraiser!!!**

We get $2 for every entrant registering online with your school’s name!

(This includes students, parents, siblings, friends, neighbours etc.) The Frenchville Sports Club Rocky River Run, proudly conducted by the Rotary Club of Rockhampton, raises funds for local charities with a specific focus on the prevention of youth suicide. Events in the Rocky River Run are:

-2 km Run/Walk/Wheel **
-5 km Run / Wheel **
-5 km Run / Team Challenge
-10 km Run
-21 km Half Marathon

**Wheeled events are for wheelchairs and prams/strollers only. No other transport will be permitted for safety reasons. This means no bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades etc.**

- Online entries close at 5 pm on Friday, 23 May.
- To register, go to the website www.rockyriverrun.com and select our school from the drop-down list. Every online registration entitles Frenchville SS to a $2 refund payment.