It was lovely to arrive back at school last week to happy and smiling student faces. The uniform standard has been positive and we thank those parents who have also taken the time to check school supplies over the break to see which items may need to be topped up or replaced ready for term four.

Positive Learning Spaces
When working with our visiting maths coach Mrs Ann Baker last week, I was again reminded of the importance of positive learning spaces. Ann talked with us about celebrating the learning opportunities and valuing the incorrect attempts in classrooms. Sometimes it can seem that we are always focused on marking things right or wrong, based on ticks, crosses or dots on corrected work. However, in actual fact, we are looking for much more than this. Common error patterns are a great way to address particular learning needs of individuals and groups within the classroom. Examining mistakes and ‘thinking aloud’ to see how these mistakes were made is an excellent addition to any lesson and we should thank the child who makes the error for the subsequent learning opportunity.

I like this summary from teachfactory.com about positive classroom environments:

**IN OUR CLASSROOMS:**

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We are so proud of our Opti-minds team who took second place in the finals on the weekend defeating other schools from Western Australia and Queensland. Frenchville has never taken out a prize at this level of competition before. Well done team, Mrs Pitman and Mrs Gleeson. A truly wonderful result.

Leisa Neaton, Principal
In 2015 the Queensland Government is investing $183 million in Great Results Guarantee funding for state schools. Here at Frenchville State School our estimated 2015 allocation is $330000 which we will use to continue the great work we started this year to improve our students’ performance. www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/frenchvillesw 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 everybody in the parent body.

Orders close 29/10/14. Please note: the book order form comes at no expense to our school. If you have not yet downloaded the QSchools App to your smart phone or ipad we encourage you to do so. Select our school to follow (you can follow multiple state schools if you wish) and information will be pushed to you.

This is a huge benefit to us as we now have the capacity to push whole school reminders to parents about cash collection end dates, changes to school routine, messages that emerge after the newsletter is printed etc. The messages can only be brief (120 characters) but still, we are pleased with this possibility which comes at no expense to our school. If you have not yet downloaded the QSchools App to your smart phone or ipad we encourage you to do so. Select our school to follow (you can follow multiple state schools if you wish) and information will be pushed to you.

There is capacity for us to push routine information notifications as well as emergency notifications. We strongly encourage all parents to get on board with these technological advances.

A reminder that next year our newsletter will only be published digitally. The QSchools app also pushes newsletters to you.

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The dance party date has been confirmed for 7/11/14. Details are in this newsletter.

Order forms were sent home last week. We hope to have everything ready for collection by Monday 8 December 2014. Orders close 29/10/14. Please note: the book pack order form and book list for 2015 are now on the website for your information. on the home page (bottom left, quick links section).

Chances of you are higher if you exercise in today’s world.

Frenchville Road and action will be taken shortly. Thanks Neal Fisher for following this up for our students.

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.

Recently we have had complaints about magpies. Regional Council has been out to inspect the areas of concerns on Frenchville Road and action will be taken shortly. Thanks Neil Fisher for following this up for our students.

Below are some magpie safety tips:

Avoid the zone defended by the magpie if you can (about 110 metres around the nest if you’re on foot or 150 metres if you’re on a bike). If you have to go through the defence zone follow these safety tips:

• Wear a hat and sunglasses or just hold something like a school bag or umbrella over your head.
• Some magpies only swoop at cyclists. If you get off your bike and walk, the magpie should leave you alone.
• ‘Spike up’ your bike helmet with a few cable ties to scare magpies away.
• Magpies are less likely to swoop if you walk in a group. Team up with others if you walk through a nesting area.
• Watch magpies. If they know they’re being watched they are less likely to swoop.
• Don’t fight back. Throwing sticks at a magpie will only make it more defensive next time.
• Never approach a young magpie that’s out of the nest. The parents may think you’re trying to harm it. Rescuing baby magpies is best left for wildlife rescue groups to carry out after dark. Watch out for the baby magpies. When they leave the nest, the parents stop swooping. Magpies only swoop for around six to eight weeks: from when the eggs are laid until the young leave the nest. If there are large young in the nest, it should only be a few days before they leave and the swooping stops.

For further information Visit www.eph.qld.gov.au or phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

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Pupil Free Day Coming Up – Monday 20/10/14 (Week Three)

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Thanks to the Dundas-Taylor family for this picture.
Frenchville Falcons’ Raffle Results

1st Prize – Rachel Sampson
Fully signed and framed 2013 ANZAC Test jersey (valued $1000)

2nd Prize – Rick Davies
Fully signed NQ Cowboys 2014 ‘Thor’ jersey (valued $500)

3rd Prize – Sandy Beckett
Fully signed Brisbane Broncos 2014 jersey (valued $400)

Dance Party

Disco / Dance Party
Theme: Summer Glow

Dress up in your coolest summer outfit.

Friday 7 November 2015
Prep – Year 3 (only) 5.30pm – 6.45pm
Year 4 – Year 7 (only) 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Cost: $5 single or $10 Family (Parents and small children free)

Conditions: Tickets must be purchased through newsletter by Wednesday 5 November or at school on Thursday 30 October, Friday 31 October, Thursday 6 November and Friday 7 November outside the tuckshop. Tickets will be on sale from 8.15am – 9.00am.

No tickets will be available at the door.

We would appreciate children being collected by 6.45pm and 8.30pm respectively.

Year’s 4-7 children are not permitted at the “littlies” dance party and no supervision can be provided for years 4-7 children arriving before 7.00pm. Children will not be allowed to leave the hall until collected by a parent. We would ask that you come in and collect your child.

Poor behaviour will not be tolerated. We want all the children to enjoy themselves (as they have in the past) without being affected by unacceptable behaviour. Poor behaviour may lead to a child being barred from attending the next disco or sent home.

“Foreign” objects are not allowed to be brought in to the disco, eg. MP3 players. Large bags which can be used to conceal objects will not be allowed in.

Parents of younger children are welcome to stay and enjoy the dance party with their children.

Chips & drinks will be on sale for $2.

P-3: These can be paid for by parents at the door (children’s hands are stamped for what they purchase).

Years 4-7: Bring money to buy from the canteen.

Glowsticks and other glow products will be on sale during the night and also presold as we have some special glow items available. More details soon.

Pre-Purchasing Tickets (Return form below to Office) an envelope with your tickets will be sent home with your eldest child attending the dance party.

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Dance Party Help: Adults are needed for various duties at the dance party. Please complete your details below if you can help out on the night.

Adult Volunteer Name:
Prep – 3  5.30pm-6.45pm □ (Please tick time slot
Year 4 – 7  7.00pm-8.30pm □ (you can help at)

Free Dress 30/10/14

The Free Dress Day for Daniel is on Thursday 30 October. Gold coin donation. Wear RED! Normal school hats and footwear must still be worn. Remember the usual rules – clothing must be sunsmart and free of inappropriate slogans.

Replacement IGA Barcodes available at the office

These tags originally came home earlier this year from Drakes Supermarkets. The barcode is scanned when you make a purchase and an incentive comes back to P&C through this process via the Community Cash program. Apparently some of you have experienced difficulty with the tags as some aren’t scanning. Please collect a replacement tag from the office if this is the case because the company has provided replacements.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 20 October

Monday:  Student Free
Tuesday:  Help needed please
Wednesday:  T Pirie, J Hall
Thursday:  K Buntain
Friday:  R Grant, J Connolly

Hockey at Kalka Shades

1.00-1.15pm Frenchville 2 v Allenstown 1 Turf 1
Frenchville 4 v Rockhampton Grammar 2 Turf 2
Frenchville 1 v Rockhampton Grammar 3 Turf 1
Frenchville 3 v Rockhampton Grammar 1 Turf 2
1.40-1.55pm Frenchville 2 v Rockhampton Grammar 2 Grass 2
Frenchville 4 v Frenchville 3 Grass 3
2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 1 v Rockhampton Grammar Grass 2

Basketball at Hegvold Stadium

12.30pm Frenchville 2 v RGS Wheatcroft Court 1
Frenchville 4 v RGS Jardine Court 2
Frenchville 6 v RGS Red Court 3
12.55pm Frenchville 1 v RGS Wheatley Court 1
Frenchville 3 v Allenstown 2 Court 2
Frenchville 5 v RGS Black Court 3
1.45pm Frenchville 7 v Allenstown 5 Court 3

Rockhampton Heritage Village Halloween Friday 31 October 2014.

Get your whole family dressed in their best Halloween costume and head off into the dark on a tour around the Village grounds – all in a safe, but very spooky environment. Bookings essential. Pilbeam Theatre Box Office Dial’n’Charge 49274111. www.seelive.com.au

Rockhampton Heritage Village Shearing Shed Halloween Bash Saturday 1 November from 7pm. Tickets $50 per person available from the Pilbeam Theatre Box Office, Dial’n’Charge 49274111.

Frenchville Falcons Cricket Club T20 Blast (modified cricket program for Under 10’s) Ryan Park (Frenchville Sports Club) under lights. Starts Friday 17 October 2014 6-8pm Cost $25 season. Contact Terry Kennedy or Reception at Frenchville Sports Club 4926 1828.