**Principal's News**

**P&C Appreciation**
Friday 23 May is P&C Day. This day, held each year during State Education week, is a chance for us all to recognise the contribution made by the hardworking volunteers on the P&C. Our P&C executive members all work full-time and give generously of their time to ensure that school priorities are addressed and that parent concerns are considered and discussed. This commitment really makes a difference for the students at our school. Nearly 25 000 P&C members volunteer nationwide in our country’s schools and turn over something approaching $250 million annually to support school communities. Our P&C is no exception. Current P&C projects include staggering a plan to resurface and improve irrigation on our ovals and purchasing more school signage and improved school accesses, as well as our prep play area. Every time you buy a raffle ticket, support tuckshop, purchase uniforms, sponsor students or attend P&C events you are assisting us to make our school a better place. To Matt, Pam, Jodie, Angie, Kylie and also our Parent Club reps Kelly and Marita, we say a huge thank you for your work and extra support on our Frenchville P&C committee. Details of our P&C term 2 raffle are inside this newsletter. Your support with returning these raffle tickets is appreciated. Every bit helps to achieve our P&C fundraising targets and ultimately, our school goals. Together we shape tomorrow.

**Education Week – Book Fair**
Frenchville kids love to read and we are excited again to host our Education Week Book Fair. Show your child's love of reading by allowing him/her to purchase a book at the Book Fair, which is set up in the TWiST Science Lab. We have a range of titles to suit all readers. Regular reading supports your child’s educational achievements. An A-Z guide of tips for supporting your child’s education is also included in this newsletter. The everyday activities of families can go a long way in supporting students to understand the relevance of what they are learning in school and to apply it to real everyday situations. Happy education week.

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Leisa Neaton
Principal
**Scabies Alert**

It has been brought to our attention that some students in the school have been identified with scabies and are currently receiving medical attention.

Scabies are mites which burrow into the skin, particularly between the fingers, around the wrists and elbows, the armpit and other sensitive areas of the body. Sometimes the only symptom is an itch, without a rash. Usually the itch is worse at night and after a hot bath or shower. There may be raised red lumps. Scratching can remove the tops of these lumps causing open sores, which can become infected.

It would be appreciated if all parents check their children to see if there are any indications of scabies. If so please see a doctor as soon as possible. A doctor may need to make a diagnosis and prescribe medication. Infected children can return to school after treatment. It is also recommended that all members of the family are checked and that bedding is thoroughly washed and dried.

**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.

**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.

Mrs Hewitt and Mr Muller are offering a second walking point, departing from the corner of Davey Ave and Frenchville Road for the children who are walking from this direction to school. Again, meet at 8.00am sharp on Friday this week to accompany these teachers to school.

**FREE DRESS**

**Wear Bright Colours Day to Support Camp Quality**

**Free Dress Day Thursday 29 May**

Camp Quality believes in improving the quality of life for children living with cancer and their families through unrelenting optimism and the healing power of laughter. They provide many services for Central Queensland families. The Student Council has chosen this as our local charity to support with our first Free Dress Day. Please wear Bright, “happy” colours to school on Thursday 29 May and also bring along a gold coin to donate to this charity.

Remember the usual rules – clothing must be sunsmart and free of inappropriate slogans. Normal school hats and footwear must still be worn. Proceeds go to Camp Quality.

**A Cool Place to Discover Hot Books**

**Book Fair is on at the TWIST**

19-23 May in The TWIST (Science Room) from 8.00am-3.30pm.

Book 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!

**Term 2 Major Fundraiser for P&C – Raffle**

P&C’s major term two fundraiser is a raffle and parents should have received a book of five tickets last week with the newsletter. Tickets 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. P&C thanks you for your support.

**Message from Rockhampton Regional Council**

Rockhampton Regional Council would like to advise residents that wild dogs and dingoes have been sighted within the Frenchville area. Unlike those exhibited in Zoos under controlled conditions, these animals are wild. Council will be working with State Government to actively take steps to remove the animals through the use of traps and other mechanisms, and are asking residents to take extra care should they encounter them.

- Do not approach any wild dog or dingo.
- Keep children and small dogs close at hand while outside in the mornings and late afternoons.
- Do not encourage wild dogs or dingoes to come on to your property.
- Remove food scraps from front and back yards, and ensure your mobile bin is closed and not overflowing.
- Do not feed or harbour wild dogs or dingoes. This is illegal in Queensland.

Any resident who sees a wild dog or a dingo should call Rockhampton Regional Council’s Customer Service Centre on 1300 22 55 77 or 4932 9000 during and after hours.
Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 26 May
Monday: Help needed
Tuesday: J Spyve
Wednesday: T Pirie, J Hall
Thursday: Help needed
Friday: K Boyland, G Harch
C Hills (Convenor)

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.

SPORT FIXTURES
23 May 2014

Rugby League
1.45pm FSS 7A v Cresso/Allies Browne Park
1.45pm FSS 6A v Mt Archer Frenchville SS
12.45pm FSS 6C v Gracemere Giants Frenchville SS
1.45pm FSS 5A v Gracemere Giants St Paul’s Gracemere
12.45pm FSS 5C v Gracemere Giants St Paul’s Gracemere

Soccer
1.35pm FSS 7A v Parkhurst Norbridge Park 3
12.40pm FSS 6A v Parkhurst Norbridge Park 3
1.35pm FSS Girls v St Anthony’s Norbridge Park 2
1.35pm FSS Yr5 White v RGS Red Norbridge Park 6b
12.40pm FSS Yr5 Blue v Berserker Norbridge Park 6b

Netball
12.30pm Frenchville Jnr A v Waraburra Court 6
12.30pm Frenchville Snr A v Mt Archer Court 1
1.10pm Frenchville Junior B v St Peter’s Court 6
1.50pm Frenchville Senior B v St Mary’s Court 1

Tennis
Frenchville 1 v Frenchville 2 Court 18
Frenchville 3 v RGS 3 Court 13
Frenchville 4 v Allentonsw 1 Court 24
Frenchville 5 v Frenchville 6 Court 21

Community Notices
Would you like to work part time in the aged care industry in Rockhampton? Work is currently available. The State Government will pay 100% of the course costs for you to complete a Certificate III in Aged Care. Students pay $50 ($25 with a Concession Card). Eligibility criteria will apply. For more information, call Gayle on 1300 286 694

Rocky River Run–Can you get fit and raise funds for us at the same time?
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 Walk or 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.
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.
River Run Reminders:
1. It is imperative that participants bring their eTickets when they come to register. Each eTicket will then be exchanged for an event bib. This year’s registration centre will be at the Frenchville Sports Club on Saturday 24 May between 10 am and 3 pm.
2. Merchandise will be for sale.
3. Parking will be available at the Rockhampton Showgrounds on Sunday morning. Online entries close at 5 pm on Friday 23 May.