Principal’s News

Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It’s important that children are at school all day, every day.

OK reasons to stay home:
1. sick
2. natural disasters

It’s NOT OK to skip school to:
1. shop
2. sleep in
3. finish an assignment
4. go on holidays

MATERIAL is NOT acceptable as a reason for absence.

 EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight = Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day’s learning builds on what has been learnt before.

Good attendance begins in Prep. It’s where good habits begin.

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

What parents can do

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Support homework
- Ask about your child’s day
- Volunteer to help in the school

We can do better than this!

Please ring the office to clarify any student absences and provide absence reasons. We need to tidy up our attendance records in preparation for printing end of year report cards.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

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

Great state. Great opportunity.
Our new digital sign

As shared in last week’s newsletter we are in the process of manufacturing a new Frenchville digital sign which we will have in place for the new school year if everything goes to plan. This sign was designed by a parent and P&C member Mr Errol Meyer. Here’s a basic image of the new sign superimposed over the top of the existing sign. The existing sign will be pulled down as it is no longer serviceable due to age.

The digital panel has picture, movie, text and colour capabilities, meaning our regular digital communication with parents will improve further. The sign is operated wirelessly from a computer, which makes it possible for us to instantly keep you up to date with the latest Frenchville news. Our P&C Association is funding the sign, with profits from fundraisers in 2014. Best of all, local manufacturers are making the sign’s structure.

Staff Leave

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Our last newsletter for 2014 & Digital Communication in 2015

Our last newsletter for the year will be published on 3/12/14, coming home to parents on 4/12/14.

Remember, from 2015 digital communication will become much more important at Frenchville. In the interests of sustainability and saving labour, we will be publishing newsletters in digital format each week. These will be available from our website or can be pushed to you via the QSchools app or emailed to you via an email list. We will generate this email list from One School records. Please ensure your records are completely up to date to be sure you don’t miss out on the communication available.

Also, please don’t forget to download the QSchools app. The QSchools app is free. Currently 445 individuals in our school have downloaded the app to their smart phone, or tablet and have favoured Frenchville, but only 250 of you currently receive push notifications. We can see these statistics and therefore we know that quite a few of you are missing out on important news. Push notifications allow us to communicate brief reminders, safety messages, and emergent news efficiently and effectively. You can always be up to date with the latest Frenchville news. Here’s what you need to do to be able to receive push notifications to your portable device.

Without this service, we have no other way of communicating emergent critical information. For example, if ever the holidays we sustain flood damage and need to inform you of classroom damage, we would do so via QSchools app. If we had to evacuate the school for any reason eg. bush fire, we would notify you of where we would assemble via the QSchools app. 

Whilst communication in emergencies may also be provided via local radio stations or TV stations, the information you would receive from the QSchools app comes directly from us to you and would be the most accurate and current information. At the moment there is limited reason for us to push notifications as only a quarter of you would receive them and in addition, we only want to use the notifications in the event of an emergency or for whole school reminders. Please, please download the app and favour us, enabling your device to accept our push notifications. Remember, you must have the latest update to receive notifications successfully. We are planning a test notification next Friday 5/12/14. Hopefully, we can improve on the number of users who will receive the notification. Currently, only 250 of you would receive it, as reflected in the statistics below.

Current Frenchville parent stats for QSchools:

Remember: the QSchools app is compatible with Apple, Android and Windows devices and is free.

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.

Report Cards coming home

Written report cards will come home to students on Monday 8/12/14. Please be sure if your child is in a situation where parents do not reside together, that we have your arrangement details eg. have you arranged for an email copy or a duplicate copy to be provided through the office? We are more than happy to assist where communication has been provided to us.

From 2015, report cards will be emailed home to parents. Again, please be sure your email details are up to date to avoid disappointment. We are providing a lot of lead in time for this change so that you have the opportunity to make plans to have a current email address with us at school on file.

We are sending home a slip with this newsletter to enable you to update your details in preparation for the increased digital communication in 2015. Please return it so we can update your email address details. Our digital communication ability is only as good as the details you provide to us.

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.
**Student Awards**

**Year 1-2 Academic Awards Assembly**
The Academic Awards parade for Year 1-2 students will be conducted on Tuesday 2 December in the SAC at 2:00pm.

**Year 3-5 Academic Awards Assembly**
The Academic Awards parade for Year 3-5 will occur on Monday 1 December in the SAC at 2:00pm. Please see the awards criteria below.

**Sports Parade**
The annual sports parade will be conducted in the SAC on Wednesday 10 December at 2:00pm. Trophies are awarded to the best and fairest players of school based sport. Pennants are awarded to students who have represented Rockhampton, Capricornia or Queensland for school sport. Trophies are awarded for players of the year for various sports.

**Senior Graduation and Awards**
Parents, families and friends of Year 6 & 7 students are invited to attend the Senior Graduation on Thursday 11 December at 9.00am in the SAC. During this ceremony trophies and pennants will be awarded. Students must be well presented in school uniform including appropriate footwear (black or white shoes which may include minor colours that support the uniform standard, and white socks). All students from Year 2 to Year 7 will attend the ceremony. No Prep and year one students will not attend this year due to the high numbers of parents expected to attend. However, if a younger sibling of a graduating student wishes to attend from these year levels, please inform the child’s teacher beforehand and take him/her with you to the ceremony.

**Senior Timelines and Dates**

**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.

**Laptop Payments**

All payments for the Year 6 & Year 7 laptop program are now overdue and need to be finalised as soon as possible.

**Laptop Ordering Year Four Students**

**2015 Year 5 BYOx Laptop Program**
An information package was sent home to all Year 4 students last week. Along with an overview of the program, the package contains details for ordering the device and anti-virus. We are aware that the anti-virus site is not working – it works from school on the departmental network, but not at home. This fault has been communicated to the department – when the problem has been solved we will inform parents. Until then, our district technician has advised that the Windows Defender security (low level) that comes with the device will suffice until the Norton anti-virus becomes available. When ordering your laptop you may have noticed there is no “Warranty” tab – all warranty options are now included on the first tab when selecting the device (remember to order a minimum 2 year warranty and accidental damage and theft protection).

We’ve had advice that the NAPLAN testing program will be moving online in 2016. Again, our careful planning is paying off. We know our students will not be disadvantaged by this change thanks to the BYOx option we now offer. We will do some further planning to examine how we can best prepare all learners for online NAPLAN in preparation for the national change in 2016.

**Student Banking Update**

Last day for the year for student banking is Thursday 4 December. If you wish to order a reward item, please do so as soon as possible: Shark keyrings, scented pencils, moneybox, projector cup and sea streamers are all available. Handball and swimming bag will be out of stock soon. If you deposit money and earn your 10th token on 4th December, please send in your order with the other 9 tokens on that day. The bank has advised us that all students’ leftover 2014 tokens will be carried to 2015 and can be used towards next year’s reward items. Thank you banking students and parents for your wonderful support throughout the year.

**Lost Property**
Please check the lost property collections under C Block and beside the Tuckshop. A large bank of items has accumulated. Recently a Frenchville staff member generously took the lost property Frenchville uniform items home, washed them and returned them to the uniform clothing pool to eliminate the backlog of items which had amassed in the area. Without this happening, the items constitute a fire hazard.

**SPORT FIXTURES**

**28 November 2014**

**Cricket Grand Finals**
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11.30am FSS Junior White v Mt Archer Kalka Shades 4
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**Softball Grand Finals**
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**Hockey at Kalka Shades**
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Best wishes to Frenchville teams playing in the finals and a huge thanks to mums and dad for all of the transport assistance in 2014.

**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 1 December
Monday: Help needed
Tuesday: Kim Askew
Wednesday: Help needed
Thursday: M Mackenzie
Friday: Iris Stevens, J Connolly
Pre-ordered uniforms are now ready for collection.
Christine Hills
Tuckshop Convenor

**Firestorm Magazine**

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**FIRESTORM ORDER FORM**

**NAME:** ..........................................................

**CLASS:** ......................................................

**NUMBER TO BE ORDERED:** ......................

**PAYMENT ENCLOSED:** ......................... ($10 per magazine)

Parent/Guardian Signature