Last week I promised I would share some NAPLAN results with you. Here’s the first of the Frenchville data sets associated with NAPLAN 2014. The story in year three is a great story. When considering the mean scale scores (average scores) Frenchville outperforms its like school grouping (schools deemed to be demographically similar to Frenchville) and Queensland State Schools in general, and in three of the five areas of NAPLAN we outperform the National mean scores. In numeracy and writing, our average performance in year three is flagged as being significantly above the National performance for the first time ever. We are very proud of these results.

We can also share with you the percentages of students who achieved above the national minimum standard in year three across all five strands of NAPLAN and the percentages of students who achieved in the top two bands. Six bands are used to rank student performance in year three NAPLAN, with band one being the lowest band (students in this band are achieving below the national minimum standard) whilst bands five and six represent the top two highest bands of achievement. The Department of Education, Training and Employment expects us to keep track of the percentage of students in the top two bands to monitor our highest achievers and to make sure we are supporting students in the lower bands to enhance performance.

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As stated, these results tell a positive story for year three performance in NAPLAN. However, we know that this data is already ‘old data’, with the tests being undertaken back in May. Recent classroom data also tells a story about your child’s performance. Individual student NAPLAN reports will be sent home this week. If you have any questions about your child’s report, please speak with your child’s teacher or a member of the admin team. Next week I’ll share some year five NAPLAN data.

Congratulations Falcons – NRL Development Cup finalists. The team will play in the finals on 6/9/14 in Townsville at 1300 Smiles Stadium, as a curtain raiser for the Cowboys/Marly game. This team has therefore proven themselves to be one of the top two teams in Queensland in rugby league this year. Best wishes for the finals boys, and top effort Coach Denning and assistant coach and ‘hydrologist’ Mr Fogwell.

Congratulations Optiminds Teams – both teams competed last weekend and did themselves proud, but the great news is that The Fantasisers are off to Brisbane to the State finals. Great job team. More details inside this newsletter about our Optiminds teams and their efforts. Students performed on assembly this week for their peers.

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

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. Interviews are being conducted throughout September.

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.

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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.

Upcoming Senior Camp to Canberra

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR OUR CANBERRA CAMP

Year 6 & 7 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of this camp, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the camp.

Our school would like to formally thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme. We are sure the camp will be a rewarding experience for all students.

Senior Camp
Miss Shanks is seeking size 14 or size 16 shirts and jumpers or trackpants in good condition for students to take to camp. Any donations can be left at the office.

Lost property
Please check the lost property collections under C Block and opposite the Tuckshop. A large bank of items has accumulated, particularly jumpers.

Congratulations Optiminds Teams
Last weekend Frenchville’s Optiminds teams competed at the Central Queensland University Campus in the regional finals. The Crazy Bananas team did very well in their long term challenge. Unfortunately they did not win any awards, but should be very proud of themselves for their great performance.

The Fantastickers won the Regional Final in the Language/Literature category and received an invitation to the 2014 Opti-Minds State Final in Brisbane on 11 & 12 October at the University of Queensland St Lucia campus. Team members: Esandi, Karla Mooney, Dom Chavasse, Sansuka De Silva, Proma Ali, Nikita Nunn & Alicia Kyriazis.

Special thanks to staff members Louise Gleson and Mary Pitman for supporting our teams and their preparations.

Student absences
Three students were absent from school on Monday 29/8/14. This number is lower than is usually reported.

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Thanks Supporters
Hayden and Blake Gillett’s grandparents kindly donated team branded sports bags to the Falcons before their semi-final game last week in the Development Cup. These bags will be treasured by the boys as a reminder of their Falcons experiences this year. Thanks Sandy and Dallas Beckett. We appreciate your generosity.

Sporting Representatives
Congratulations to Corey Cunningham and Aare Hirsimaki, who have been selected in the Capricornia District 12 Years and Under School Rugby Union Team to compete in the State Titles at Sunnybank in Brisbane from Friday 29 August until Sunday 31 August.
Community Cabinet is visiting Frenchville 14/9/14

We are excited to have our Premier and cabinet members visiting Frenchville on Sunday 14/9/14. Unfortunately, due to school camp, senior leaders will miss the opportunity to welcome members of the government to our school. Similarly, we won’t be providing entertainment on this occasion as our senior band and strings students will be in Canberra.

We have however, been approached to cater for the event. P&C is hoping that parents of Senior students away on camp might volunteer to take this event on, with all profit raised going back to camp fundraising efforts. We have been asked to provide basic tea, coffee, biscuits and fruit. If anybody in the year 6 or 7 parent community feels able to take on this activity, setting up catering for 200 people, please call or email Leisa Neaton directly. The event is only expected to go for a couple of hours and Gary Lynn, our deputy principal, will be on site to support your efforts. We would like parents to take on the set up for the catering and assist on the Sunday from approximately 1pm to 3.30pm. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Year 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN Reports

Earlier this year in May, all Frenchville students in Years 3, 5 & 7 joined students from across Australia to participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. Every student who took part in these tests receives an individual student report containing their results.

Your child’s 2014 NAPLAN individual student report will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 29 August 2014.

These results provide you with information about how your child’s performance in literacy and numeracy from the NAPLAN tests compared with the results of students from across Australia. The tests provide an important point-in-time snapshot of your child’s results and should be considered along with the range of other performance information collected by our school. Should you have any questions about the student report please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Fathers’ Day Stall – Time to send in gifts

FATHERS’ DAY STALL
FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
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 fundraiser and special activity provided for the children.

Walking to School Tips

When you arrive at the crossing on Geordie Street, please obey the School Crossing Supervisor (SCS) instructions.

• Parents please set a good example for your children and do not use the crossing unsupervised.

• Wait behind the halt line (yellow or white) but not directly behind the SCS

• When the supervisor walks to the centre of the road, do not follow

• With the STOP sign facing the stopped traffic, the supervisor will blow two whistles – now it is safe for you to cross

• Walk briskly across the road with your children.

• One whistle or a hand raised means STOP do not enter the crossing, if you are already on the crossing continue to the other side

• Parents please follow the same rules when returning to your cars and do not use the crossing unsupervised.

Choral Festival

Every year the Frenchville Senior Choir joins with other Rockhampton State Primary Schools to present the Choral Festival. This year’s concert will be on Monday 8 September at the Rockhampton Baptist Tabernacle – 7:30pm start. Our guest conductor for 2014 is Paul Jarman, who worked with students a few years ago to compose our school song.

Workshop 08 September

• Students are required to be at the Rockhampton Baptist Tabernacle between 8.00 and 8.15am. Parents are required to transport student directly TO the Baptist Tabernacle.

• Rehearsals will take place from 8.30am to 11.30am. Children will return to school by bus.

Afternoon Rehearsal 08 September

• Students are to meet at the Baptist Tabernacle at 4.45pm.

• Please ensure children have eaten BEFORE they come back to the venue at 4.45pm.

• Rehearse at the venue from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

• Children then sit in the Baptist Tabernacle.

• Children are not allowed out of the venue at any time.

Dress

• Blue school shirt
• Blue shorts (boys)
• Blue skirts / skorts (girls)
• Black shoes
• Long white socks
• Hair ribbons (if worn) royal blue
• Girls – long hair should be worn in ‘Pollyanna’ style (half up / half down) (No butterfly clips and no jewellery please)

Audience tickets to the festival are available from the Frenchville school office or at the door on the night. Adults, children and all concessions $5 per ticket; Children under 4 are free. Further details have been distributed in a note to all Senior Choir students.

Book Week from our Librarian Mrs Driscoll

Wow! What a wonderful couple of days to celebrate Book Week for 2014 and induct the avid readers who have reached the Knight Master level in our Reading Knights program. We had two very busy days to celebrate Book Week with the theme being ‘Connect to Reading’. We are very proud of our reading efforts at Frenchville State School. Our Reading Knights program is a way that we connect to reading in the home and wider community. Children borrow weekly from our library collection and we turn over a large number of books on a regular basis. It is this level of support and interest of which we are most proud.

We have a large number of children participating in out Reading Knights program and are very pleased with the level of support provided in the home with this initiative.

One of the things I enjoy most about Book Week is the enthusiasm and the great conversations that children have in regards to who their favourite characters are and why they love them. This also forms part of a library display where we examine the features of our favourite characters and this again ties in with the vocabulary work we do in our classrooms in our everyday curriculum. The children’s enthusiasm and participation is wonderful. All the children who dressed up looked magnificent.

A very big thank you to all the families who made time to prepare costumes. They looked great.

The Prep to Yr 2 children enjoyed a day of book activities from making majestic crowns, windy windmills, dirty dinosaurs and one minute challenges. A special thank you to our guest presenters Sister Donna and Sister Jessica (from Madeline), local author Mark Svendson, as well as the very enthusiastic “Pirates” from North Rockhampton High School. These students have just recently performed in their musical
and many of them were ex-Frenchville students. A very big thank you to Laura, Katelyn and Mathew for returning to entertain us with some pirate ditty’s. We were also fortunate to have the Medieval Society perform for us before we knighted our new “Knight Masters”. This is a regular activity we conduct as part of our Reading Knights program. A great time was had by all... especially the teachers.

You may have spotted some fairies, knights, Harry Potters, dragons, bears, queens, pirates, spiders, and all the characters from ‘Hairy MaC Larry’ (Prep ladies), the tuckshop even turned into the houses from ‘The Three Little Pigs’ with wolf and piglets too. There were lots of other crazy characters around. We will be putting a photo display up in the TWiST next week for you to have a look at. Everyone is welcome to come and do some “character spotting”.

Once again thank you to all our Frenchville families for supporting and encouraging our children’s reading every day in every little way.

Mrs Driscoll

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Congratulations Frenchville Falcons!

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 1 September
Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: K Askew
Wednesday: Help needed please
Thursday: M Mackenzie
Friday: I Stevens, K Rawiri, J Connolly
C Hills (Convenor)

Community Notices
GETin2CRICKET 9 week program starts Monday 13 October 2014 at Frenchville State School (top oval) 3.30-4.30pm. Cost $70. Contact Murray Harsh by email mandgharch@optusnet.com.au. Please note that all money paid goes to In2Cricket (Cricket Australia). This is a volunteer run program organised and delivered by volunteers and parents.

Interested in 5 a Side Football (Soccer) Social Fun Competition?
On Wednesday nights - under lights starting term 4 at Norbridge Park Field 4. $25 per player for registration and $35 game fees. Taking team nominations now. Please call Simon 0419793581 or Gwen 0407038440.
Frenchville Spotlight Concert
6:30pm Wednesday 3 September
Important Information

Our talented students will be performing in our Frenchville Spotlight Concert on Wednesday 3 September in the School Activity Centre, commencing at 6:30 pm. Entry will be a gold coin. The program this year includes the Junior Concert Band, Senior Choir, Paganini Strings, Junior Choir, Senior Concert Band and the String Orchestra. Students who are performing in the Spotlight Concert need to report to the following locations at 6:00pm.

CONCERT REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER
FRENCHVILLE STATE SCHOOL

ALL STUDENTS TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 6:00 PM

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Please come along and support our talented students.