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Principal's News

Thank you Parents
Thank you parents, for a tremendous job with uniforms. Our students are looking beautiful for the start of the year and teachers have reported a great response to booklist requests. If you still have booklist items you are waiting on, which shouldn’t be the case because we do not use a lot of textbooks at Frenchville, please chase these up this week. Every day without school requisites is a day when your child is potentially being disadvantaged. Our teachers work hard to make sure they make arrangements to work around students not having items but this cannot continue in the longer term.

Frenchville Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)
This annual planning document has been posted to our website. It explains key improvement priorities and school initiatives for 2015 and shows our school budget to the community. We believe in open and transparent communication with parents. Please see the strategic documents section of our website to download a copy of the AIP.

Life Membership Nominations P&C
Would you like to nominate somebody to be a life member of our P&C Association? The criteria for life membership is:
-a person has contributed ten years continual voluntary service or support to our school community and/or
-the volunteer has provided a service to our school (less than five years duration) where the school community has benefitted enormously and gone beyond the P&C’s expectations

Nominations are taken at or prior to our AGM and can be emailed to pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au.
Our P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 19/2/15 in the staffroom at the admin office from 6pm. The agenda is contained within this newsletter. This meeting is then followed by our first general meeting for the year. We’d love to see as many people at the meeting as possible. Involvement in the P&C helps you get to know key parents, our tuckshop convenor Chris and also myself as principal as I attend all of these meetings. Be warned: sometimes the first meeting of the year can be lengthy as we do have some routine matters we need to attend to at the start of the year constitutionally. However, we always try to stick to no more than a two hour meeting for our general meetings throughout the year.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

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

Great state. Great opportunity.
Staff Email Addresses

Email can be a useful form of communication in these busy times. We have added a ‘quick link’ to the home page of our website to make email addresses of staff members easier to find. The quick link is at the bottom left of the home screen, near the tuckshop menu and booklist link.

Messages to Classrooms

Increasingly parents are asking our admin officers to pass on messages to students about early collection, appointments or pick up arrangements. Our preference is that academic learning time is not interrupted. If you need a message passed through, an email to admin@frenchviss.eq.edu.au before the school day starts would be appreciated. If a genuine emergency arises, please call the front office. Help us protect teaching time from administrative interruptions by making arrangements before the school day starts.

Also, please be sure your child knows how he/she is to get home in the afternoon. This is a parental responsibility. Already, we have had a number of instances where students have been left at school, and we have not been able to contact parents. This is distressing for the child and an inconvenience to office staff.

Parent Information Sessions

Notes will be coming home from class teachers to attend these important events. We encourage all parents to attend to learn about the expectations regarding homework, routines, rules and curriculum and assessment tasks. Obviously we cannot please everyone with the timing of these events. We apologise in advance for disappointment if you are unable to attend due to work or clashing commitments. Please make arrangements with the teacher to have notes sent home about the information shared if you are unable to attend.

Prep:
- Monday 9 February 3.00pm Prep WH
- Tuesday 10 February 3.00pm Prep G
- Tuesday 10 February 3.00pm Prep LG
- Tuesday 10 February 4.00pm Prep LB
- Tuesday 10 February 4.30pm Prep B
- Tuesday 10 February 5.00pm Prep CH
- Wednesday 11 February 3.30pm Prep SR

Year One:
- Monday 9 February 3.00pm 1A, 1M, 1MF, 1W
- Wednesday 11 February 3.00pm 1H
- Thursday 12 February 3.00pm 1BF

Year Two:
- Monday 9 February 3.00pm 2M, 2NS, 2S, 2TN
- Tuesday 10 February 3.15pm 2D, 2F
- Tuesday 10 February 3.30pm 2JC

Year Three:
- Tuesday 10 February 3.00pm 3B, 3C, 3H, 3L, 3S
- Wednesday 18 February 4.30pm 3W

Year Four:
- Tuesday 10 February 3.00pm All year four classes.

Year Five:
- Thursday 12 February 4.00pm 5R, 5G
- Monday 16 February 7.00pm 5D, 5F, 5H

Year Six:
- Tuesday 10 February 3.15pm All year six classes

Staffing

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Digital communication in 2015

Digital communication is much more important at Frenchville this year. In the interests of sustainability and saving labour, we are now publishing newsletters in digital format each week. These are available from our website or can be pushed to you via the QSchools app or emailed to you via an email list. We generated 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. The QSchools app is compatible with Apple, Android and Windows devices and is free. Please don’t forget to download the QSchools app - it is free. You can always be up to date with the latest Frenchville news with this app. Here’s what you need to do to be able to receive push notifications to your portable device.

Download or upgrade to the latest version of QSchools to their phone/tablet from:
- Apple iTunes
- Google Play
- Windows store to their smart device or phone.

Open the QSchools app
- Select OK to receive push notifications
- Select School search > Name search
- Type in the school name
- Select the school
- Tap the grey star to favourite the school

Sand Toys – Any Donations?

We are seeking toys/containers for the sandpits. Students love to dig, build, measure, compare etc. using all sizes of containers.

Old plastic ware, saucepans (small), measuring cups, plus any toys for the sandpits you may no longer need in safe condition would be welcomed. We thought we’d ask the school community for donations and also buy some more from school funds. Donations can come to the office for sorting and distribution to prep, year one and two sandpit areas.

P&C AGM, Followed by General Meeting

NOTICE OF P&C AGM

The P&C AGM in 2015 will be conducted on Thursday 19/2/15 at 6pm in the staffroom. At this meeting all current positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken for the executive positions for 2015.

The Annual General Meeting agenda consists of:
1. Minutes from Previous Meeting
2. Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Tuckshop Treasurer
   f. Parent Club Committee
   g. Tuckshop Committee
   h. School Patrons
   i. Auditors
4. General Business
   a. 2015 Fundraising Calendar including a fete date.
   b. Life membership of the Frenchville P&C Association
   c. Endorsement of new model constitution
   d. Endorsement of 2015 school levies

General Meeting Agenda, following AGM:
   a. Great Results Guarantee funding
   b. AIP 2015
   c. Spellathon 2015

Religious Instruction 2015

Lessons commence on Thursday 19 February. Notes have been distributed to students and must be returned to the office by Friday 6 February. Children will be assigned to religious instruction groups according to current enrolment details or the information provided on this form.

Student attendance reminders

Student Absence Line 49315366
**Start of the Year Reminders**

**Signing In - ALL VISITORS** must report to the office on arrival at the school. This is a necessary measure to ensure the safety of students at Frenchville School. Likewise, if for some reason you need to sign out your student early, this should be done through the office so that attendance records are accurate.

**Manners** – We expect our students to use great manners. This is evident in how they speak to people during the school day, before and after school. We are pleased to report that even our youngest prep students are using great manners with ‘please’, ‘thank you’ and ‘excuse me’. Great to see. Please reinforce this positive message at home.

**Acceptable School Bed Times** – You may be surprised to know that experts advocate:

- 10 to 12 hours sleep each night for primary school children
- 9 to 11 hours sleep each night for secondary school children

Some students have trouble staying awake in class and are yawning at 9am in the morning. Please ensure your child is in bed early on a school night. As a general rule, 8.00-8.30pm is our advice for year 3 to 6 students, with younger students sometimes falling asleep even earlier after a big day at school.

**North Rockhampton State High School Information Night**

North Rockhampton High School will be running an information session on 19 February 2015. The information session is designed to introduce the school’s vision and values, as well as introduce some of the different faculties within the school to potential parents and guardians. This session is targeting current year 5 and 6 students and their parents.

**Place:** North Rockhampton State High School Library

**Date:** 19 February 2015

**Time:** 5.00 – 6.30pm

We encourage parents currently considering high school options to attend and learn about what NRSHS has to offer.

**Clothing Pool**

Donations for the Clothing Pool would be appreciated as stocks are getting low. Please bring donations to the office. We are also looking for some volunteers to open the clothing pool some mornings before school. If you are willing to offer a little of your time, please see one of the admin team. The clothing pool is located under E block, near the tuckshop. If you are looking for a way to become involved in our school this is an excellent way to start. Why not approach a few parents and volunteer for this important job as a team?

**Instrumental Music**

Welcome back to 2015 for our new and continuing students. All beginner students will have their first lesson this week. All continuing students will commence lessons in week 3 (9 to 13 February). Before school ensemble rehearsals will commence when your teacher advises your child.

Our teachers are: Mrs Robyn Everitt – Strings; Mrs Michelle Iott – Woodwind and Brass; and Mr Rogan Clancy – Percussion, Woodwind and Brass.

**Student Banking**

Student Banking will restart on Thursday 12 February. Any student with a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver Account can deposit their money at school every Thursday. Bring your deposit book and money to school and place in the class bank bag or take it to the office. Please write all details in pen on the deposit form and stub. The Rewards Program is back and details about 2015 rewards will be given out soon. If you wish to open a Youthsaver Account for your child, please visit any Commonwealth Bank branch or go online to commbank.com.au. Prep students will receive details about Student Banking in the coming weeks. In the past, Student Banking has been a great fundraiser for the school and we thank everyone for their valued support.

**Reading Knights Read Every Night**

Have you started your Reading Knights routine again? Remember, Reading Knights read every night. We encourage all students to become involved in this wonderful program which helps build a love of reading and solid reading routines. Students who love reading encounter more vocabulary and transfer this vocabulary to their school reading and writing activities. For more details, see Mrs Driscoll or Mrs Rosenberg at the TWIST or look on our website.

**Tuckshop Roster**

**Roster commencement Monday 9 February**

**Monday:**

- Tuesday: P Simpson
- Wednesday: K Smith
- Thursday: S Wood
- Friday: Y Taylor, J Connolly, D Wessling

Can you help in tuckshop this year? A notice has been sent home along with the new tuckshop menu.

Christine Hills, Tuckshop Convenor

**Community Notices**

**Confirmation/Eucharist Programme**

An information night for the Confirmation/Eucharist programme will be held on **Tuesday 24 February at 7:00pm** in the **Holy Family Catholic Church Hall**. Children do not have to be there but at least one parent/carer must attend. Families who participated in our 2014 Penance programme should receive a letter in the mail. For further information, please contact the Parish office (4928 2800) or beryl mills@gmail.com.

**For sale** - Enrico half size violin VGC $140 Ph. 0427316499.

**Bluebirds Softball Sign-on Day 7 Feb and 28 Feb 2-4pm at Bluebirds United Sports Club, Richardson Road, Nth Rockhampton. Season goes from March through to September. Any queries please call Julie 0417639819 or Tracy 0418183501 or email bluebirdssoftball.com.au.

**Bluebirds Netball Club** are calling for players born in 2006 and 2007 to join their Mini’s competition. Please contact Debbie Crane for more information – 0409622606.

**Frenchville SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre Sign on.** Tuesday 10 February 3pm-4.10pm (every Tuesday for 8 weeks). Venue: school oval.

**Cost:** $70. Phone Scott at AFL Old Capricornia 49273432, 0404896543 www.alfauskick.com.au

**Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association’s** coaching ($12/lesson) and fixtures ($10 weekly) 8am–11am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or phone 49271436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors employed.

**Milo in2 cricket** 8 week coaching program starts Tuesday 3 February 4.30-5.30pm North Rockhampton Cricket Club, Jud Park, Norman Rd. Program suitable 4-8 year boys/girls. New children or those wanting a green returning pack register http://in2reg.cricket.com.au/pages/clubfinder.aspx Any questions phone Brenda 0438 364 060.

**Play T20 BLAST Cricket for Frenchville Falcons (Under 10’s)** Rockhampton Cricket Ground under lights! Starts Friday 6 February 6pm-8pm. Equipment supplied. Qualified coaches. $25/8 week program. Contact Peter Wells Queensland Cricket peterw@qldcricket.com.au or 0407034164.

**Zumba kids** classes every Saturday 1.30-2.00pm $8 per class. Alma Lane (behind Thrifty Car Rentals. For class details contact Jessica Davis 0400741388 jazzinhoreography@live.com.au or zumba.com/kids.

**Come along and try Hockey** Park Avenue Brothers sign on Feb 13 from 3:30 at 161 Glenmore Road, or attend Get into Hockey, a come and try day Saturday February 28 at Kalka Shades, Water Street 9-11am, with fun games and sausage sizzle.

**Fun Keys** • piano/keyboard lessons; music theory • available times before and after school • Saturday lessons by arrangement • beginners aged 5 and upwards. Contact Pam Garven 0439766710.