**Principal's News**

In the last week of term one Frenchville will host a team of school reviewers. The new reviews for Queensland State schools are a key part of the Department of Education & Training’s school improvement agenda, with every state school, including independent public schools, to conduct a review at least every four years. Frenchville is due for a full school review because we need to write a new strategic plan. The feedback we receive as a result of the review will inform the new plan’s development. The review team will also examine several pieces of important information including:

- student attendance data
- school opinion survey data
- academic performance data including NAPLAN results and report card ratings
- information from social media, websites and other feedback channels

Several parents will be interviewed about our school as part of the review, as will many of our teachers, teacher aides, student leaders and admin staff. At the completion of the review, the team will present their findings to our leadership team. A written report will follow, with more detailed information to support the school’s improvement agenda. In addition, our assistant regional director Mr David Roach will be given a copy of the report and will work closely with us in response to the findings.

We are looking forward to the review, which is conducted by three officers not known to our school.

The review team would like to hear from our school community, and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, we have scheduled a before school ‘walk around’ session on 31/3/15 and you may like to speak to one of the reviewers at this time. If you would like more information about the review process, please speak to our administration team. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework.

We are also currently conducting an online parent survey, which can be completed by families with children at the school. The link to access the survey is: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTBSRSB](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XTBSRSB). This is another way of providing feedback to us.

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**Leisa Neaton, Principal**

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[www.facebook.com/FrenchvilleStateSchool](https://www.facebook.com/FrenchvilleStateSchool)

Like us on Facebook.

Thank you for the positive comments about the Facebook reminders. We are enjoying this communication tool too.

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

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**Great state. Great opportunity.**
Prep Class Photographs – New Date
Class photographs for The Morning Bulletin have been rescheduled. A photographer from The Morning Bulletin will visit the school on Monday 16 March to take the photographs.

The special liftoff, “My First Year of School”, will be inserted in The Morning Bulletin on Wednesday 15 April.

News from our Crossing Supervisor Tracey
Tracey is concerned that parents are parking right on the crossing, not leaving room for pedestrians and herself. A safe distance from the crossing must be maintained. Safety must come first. We are endeavouring to get halt lines painted before the crossing to give motorists clearer safe limits. Until we can get this done, please be sure to leave sufficient distance on both sides of the crossing to enable our students and the crossing supervisors to use the crossing safely.

Spellathon – Our first fundraiser for the year
We are having another Spellathon this year! Previous spellathons have shown that these events are a great way of improving school work and raising funds for our school at the same time. The Parents and Citizens’ Association is keen to continue to support our school with improvement to school accesses, and support for more classroom resources. A successful spellathon will definitely put us on the path towards our priorities.

Dates for spellathon are as follows:
- spellathon tests will be conducted in rooms in week 7 (9-13 March)
- forms & $ back by week 8 (no later than 20/3)

Please note: we have adjusted these dates due to Cyclone Marcia’s disruption, following parent feedback.

Newsletter change
Our Frenchville Focus will now only be distributed electronically via the QSchools App or a Facebook link. A few hardcopies are available for collection at the office in the event of internet issues at home. We need everybody to be receiving this important weekly communiqué. Email simply isn’t working for us as we are having over 100 bounce back messages every week, due to the following:
- incorrect email addresses (either due to data entry errors or incorrect and out of date email addresses)
- timing out of some email addresses & email addresses that can’t access emails from our system in a readable form
- holiday or out of office email responses

We gave it a try but we are just having too many difficulties with this process. We encourage all parents to download the QSchools App or follow us on Facebook and the newsletter will come directly to you as a link. Today will be our final email newsletter, apart from those sent out to members of the community via email who do not have children at the school.

EarlyAct
EarlyAct is a school wide service club for primary school students. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary Clubs in the township in which the school is located. Rachel Sampson, year six teacher, convenes this club. EarlyAct promotes active community service and senior school students who join EarlyAct will be invited to develop service projects to improve our school and community. Mrs Sampson will be holding an EarlyAct meeting each Wednesday at first break and senior students who are not part of our student council or who do not hold badged leadership positions are invited to attend. Thanks to Mrs Sampson for her initiative with this venture.

Please follow us on Twitter
Our school has a Twitter address. We try to pop in updates and reminders to assist with communication and promotion of up and coming events. Please follow us @Frenchvilleless.

School dance party date claimer
Our first school dance party of the year will be held on Friday 20/3/15. Two dances are scheduled: Prep to year 2 5.30-6.45pm and year 3-6 7.00-8.30pm. Tickets are now on sale. We will also be selling glowsticks and will be offering a sausage sizzle to support senior camp fundraising. See the attached flyer for full details.

Writing Tips
Writing is one of our key improvement agenda priorities for 2015. We are supporting learners to develop their ideas, manage components of writing including spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, cohesion, paragraphing, vocabulary, character development and audience awareness.

The recent cyclone has provided us with some rich material to stimulate writing, but classes are also working on key curriculum tasks. For example, in year two students are writing retell responses to quality literature including Old Pig and Lucy Goosey, which is helping them with narrative structure and sentence control.

The writing process for major pieces of work is reflected in the diagram above. Please note: not all pieces of writing use the entire process. In fact, you may have heard your learners talk about ‘quick writes’ this year. Quick writes are demand writing activities which require a writer to quickly analyse the requirements of the task and then write, usually within a restricted time, and with a certain amount of personal pressure. We try to make our quick write activities highly engaging and fun to support positive learner disposition towards writing. Our aim is to instantly hook students into the writing stimulus and apply themselves to the task.

After writing tasks, we encourage writers to revise their efforts. We know many parents will have seen comments on report cards about needing to reread or edit writing. We are trying to build a stronger audience awareness in our learners and a commitment to editing.

We are encouraging learners to self-edit, peer edit and seek assistance from the teacher when editing. Recrafting is particularly important. The posters shown here provide useful tips about our school editing & recrafting processes. These processes help improve writing quality.
School Photos
School photos will be taken on Thursday 26 March and Friday 27 March. A timetable for class photos will appear in next week’s newsletter. School photo envelopes were sent home on Wednesday 11/2/15. Attached to this newsletter is “A Note From Your School Photographer” which outlines the process for parents. Please note: since we are a large school, we only offer sibling photos, not friends photos. Sibling photos are only for siblings attending Frenchville State School in 2015.

Welcome to our new Chaplain
We’d like to give a warm Frenchville welcome to our new chaplain Melissa Frost, who will be working at Frenchville every Tuesday and Thursday. We are very keen for Melissa to involve herself in our school activities and to get to know our students and families. Melissa has already confirmed she is really enjoying her time at our school.

Cross Country Training & Date Claimer
Cross Country training: Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings 8.05am - 8.20am every week until cross country.

Our school cross country carnival will be held on Thursday 2/4/15 from 8.50am. This carnival is for students in years 3 to 6 only and will be run in age groups, with eight year old year threes running for participation only, and older age groups running towards age champion places. Our fun run later in the year promotes broader participation and involves the whole school.

Years 3 & 5 National Assessment Program
Week 4 Term 2 (12-14 May)
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted from 12-14 May. Prior to the testing program, all Principals must have finalised student participation in the NAPLAN tests. All students in Years 3 & 5 are required to sit for the tests unless they are withdrawn by parents/carers.

Where parents/carers do not want students to participate in the test, they must advise the Principal of their request. Students who are withdrawn from the tests will have no result recorded and no report will be provided.

Adjustments may be permitted for students with a disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. Teachers and parents will identify students who qualify for adjustment. Parents of students who have been identified as requiring adjustments will receive a letter prior to the Easter vacation period.

If you have any questions regarding the NAPLAN tests please contact Donna Earle-Morrison on 4931 5333.

Easter Egg donations
If anyone is in a position to donate Easter eggs for the senior camp raffle (tickets are sold by Senior students only) we would greatly appreciate it. We realise that some members of the student body may not be in a position to donate right now. Any donations can be taken up to G block upper classrooms, 6SS.

Thank You from Prep/1B
Prep/1B would like to thank Mr Ross Borg at Trend Interiors for donating a piece of carpet to use on our cyclone damaged floor in front of the IWB.

Also thanks to Mrs Belinda O’Brien for approaching him and delivering the carpet to us.

Thanks.

P&C meeting 12/3/15
Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday 12/3/15. At 8pm we will conduct our SAFESt meeting. This meeting addresses traffic issues around the school and promotes education campaigns to manage these issues. This committee includes representatives from Dept of Transport and Main Roads, as well as Council. SAFESt stands for Safe School Travel. At the meeting we will revise our strategic plan for further traffic reform.

Our general meeting will commence straight after SAFESt at 6.30pm.

General meeting agenda:
- Great Results Guarantee funding expenditure review
- Dance Party 20/3/15 & Spellathon fundraising
- Schools Out agreement review
- Annual Implementation Plan summary
- Digital sign finalisation
- Frenchville admin block footpath entry, Frenchville Road – redesigning for safer access
- Shade needs following Cyclone Marcia

Our P&C executive officers for 2015, as elected at our AGM are:
- President: Mr Matt Sleaford
- Vice President: Mr Errol Meyer
- Secretary: Mrs Jody Grayson
- Treasurer: Mrs Kylie Coombe

We appreciate the support of these parents with P&C management issues this year. It is our pleasure to collaborate with parents and to seek your input at our general meetings. Together we can build an even stronger Frenchville.

It is also the committee’s pleasure to announce that immediate past vice president and previous president Angie Zahra has received life membership of our association. Congratulations Angie and thank you for your contributions to our school throughout Connor and Liam’s time with us. We look forward to recognising Angie’s contribution at a future school event.

Congratulations
The Kelso Family welcomed a baby boy 8lb 15oz Monday 16 February.

The Booth Family welcomed a baby girl Isabella Mia, born 6.15am Friday 6 March, 5lb 9oz.
Competition Reminder

UNSW (ICAS) COMPETITION DATE CLAIMERS

Digital Technologies – Tuesday 19 May
Science – Wednesday 3 June
Writing – Monday 15 June
Spelling – Tuesday 16 June
English – Tuesday 28 July
Mathematics – Tuesday 11 August

Nominations and payments to enter the 2015 ICAS competitions in English, mathematics, science, spelling, writing and digital technologies are due by Friday 27th March.

Letters with details of these competitions were sent home on February 13. Please contact Gary Lynn or the office with queries. Please note – no late entries can be accepted.

How do we connect what we read to what we already know?

You may hear your child talking about making connections with what they read. There are three types of connections:

- text to self
- text to text
- text to real world

When we get our knowledge ready to read, we are activating what we already know about a topic and our knowledge about how to read. Our mind starts to form questions that the text might answer and we build connections with the text. By actively building connections with the new texts, we help our brain get ready to take in the new knowledge and give this knowledge a life beyond the reading episode. When reading at home with your child, encourage him/her to make connections. See the example below with The Little Red Hen text:

Thank you

The Frenchville State School Music Department would like to extend a big thank you to Sonny Young in 6SH and his family for the very generous donation of a half sized guitar. This will be most useful in forthcoming Classroom Music Lessons when we will be adding guitar parts for our budding guitarists in the middle and upper school to our song arrangements in the near future. Thankyou Sonny ☺

Ms Rae, Classroom Music Teacher

Parking on Frenchville Road near Schmidt Street

A Rockhampton Regional Council employee popped in this week to remind us about the new parking on Frenchville Road near Schmidt Street. There are eight short term parks there for parent pick up and drop off. Please consider using this area if you have older students who have sufficient road sense to either walk down towards the lights to cross or cross to the shop and then use the regulated crossing. We realise this option does require at least one unregulated crossing option so please be aware of the implications.

Raffle Tickets

FRENCHVILLE STATE SCHOOL P&C (ABN 77 636 607 640)
Easter RAFFLE Drawn Wednesday 01 April 2015
1st Prize: Easter Hamper (Value $200)
2nd Prize: Easter Hamper (Value $125)
3rd Prize: Easter Hamper (Value $75)
Tickets: $1.00 each. Drawn 01/04/15. Winners notified by phone. Tickets are available from the front office

All tickets, sold or unsold, must be returned to Frenchville State School Administration Office by Friday 27 March 2015.

Thank you for your support. All proceeds are put to Senior camp fundraising for the trip to Canberra, reducing costs for families.

Classroom Makeover

Help our school win a $5000 room makeover. Simply collect the tokens which appear daily in The Morning Bulletin until 16 March. Send the tokens into the office to give Frenchville State School a great chance of winning the $5000 makeover.

Rocky Rep Muster 2015

The Rockhampton Primary Schools Rugby League Representative Muster is on again this year FOR BOYS AND GIRLS. The information is as follows:

Venue: Rockhampton State High School Ovals
Date: Sunday 15th March 2015
Time: 9am - 12pm
Gear: Footy gear appropriate to train/play in. All players should bring footy boots and mouthguards.

Who: Top players interested in representing Rocky
Boys – 10, 11 and 12 years
Girls – U/12

This Muster will give players the opportunity to be invited to the RPSRL “Coaching and Development Camp”. This camp will take place at RSHS on Saturday 21st March. It is from this camp that the 2015 Rockhampton Rep sides (Boys 10yr, Boys 11yr, Boys 12yr and Girls U/12) will be finalised.

If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to contact Paul Fogwell (RPSRL President) on 4931 5333.

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?
Religious Instruction for Ecumenical, Anglican and Catholic students – Thursday 26 March

On Thursday 26 March, Quiz Worx will be visiting the school to speak to the Ecumenical, Anglican and Catholic religious instruction students in their regular religious instruction time. Quiz Worx is an interdenominational ministry from NSW that performs a puppet show to 20,000 children throughout Australia every year. They exist to share the message of Jesus from the bible to kids, especially within State Schools. They teach children that Jesus brings friendship, forgiveness and foreverness.

All Ecumenical, Anglican and Catholic students will attend the 30 minute session with Quiz Worx, unless you withdraw permission for your child/ren to attend. To withdraw permission for your child, please communicate your request to the school office by 3:00pm Wednesday 25 March.

Senior student sausage sizzle helpers

Thanks to Naomi Jeffrey, parent & GRG staff member, who is co-ordinating the sausage sizzle at the Senior Dance. Anyone who sends in a response offering to assist will hear from Naomi directly.

North Rockhampton High School 2015 Information Session

North Rockhampton High School will be running an information session 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.

Where: North Rockhampton High School Library
When: Wednesday 11 March 2015 – that’s tonight!
Time: 5:00 – 6:30pm

All welcome.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 16 March
Monday: -
Tuesday: -
Wednesday: -
Thursday: K Smith
Friday: J Connolly, C Hinton
Christine Hills, Tuckshop Convenor

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.

Icy Cups

only 50c
available in the H Block covered area Monday and Thursday afternoons

SPORT FIXTURES

13 March 2015

Soccer
1.35pm Year 6 v St Joeys PA Touch Fields 3
12.40pm Year 5 v St Joeys PA Touch Fields 3
1.35pm Girls v St Joeys PA Touch Fields 2
12.40pm Social v Glenmore Touch Fields 2

Softball
Year 6 Frenchville 2 v St Joseph’s PA Kele Park 1
Year 6 Frenchville 1 v RGS 2 Kele Park 4

T-Ball
Year 5 Frenchville v RGS 2 Kele Park 8

AFL
12.30pm Frenchville v The Hall SS Kele Park 3
1.30pm Frenchville v Crescent Lagoon SS Kele Park 3
Kele Park (Entry via Millewa St, West Rockhampton).

Community Notices

Frenchville State School accepts no responsibility for errors with community notices as information is provided by community organisations.

CQ Taekwondo / Doug’s Dojang - 2 wks free. NRHS Hall, Mon & Thurs 6-7.30pm. Family discounts. Email cqtkd@yahoo.com. Phone Evan Pritchard (Instructor, IV Dan) 0431133857.

Kayla’s Studio of the Arts
Classes for all genres of performing arts including: drama, signing, cheerleading, pom, modern/jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, tap, as well as fitness and conditioning classes. All ages and skill levels welcome. For more information contact Kayla 0437324897 or www.ksa-cq.com.au

For Sale: ‘King’ Eb Alto Saxophone in good condition. Yeppoon Rockhampton area. $750 Phone 0402 857 596.

For Sale: Jupiter Clarinet, music stand and Standard of Excellence Book 1 & 2 contact 0407119586.

LIVE LIFE TODAY SERIES

Come and join like-minded women in small group workshops. Explore the positive ways of improving your life in a fun one day Workshop. The aim of this workshop is to increase your self-awareness, topics covered are listed below.

Friday 13 March Workshop 1 Strengthening Awareness Relaxation Session; Expressive Drawings; Emotions and the brain; Fear and Anxiety; Examining values and beliefs; Detach from outcome.

Friday 20 March Workshop 2 Ambition to meaning Relaxation Session; Expressive Drawings; Healthy relationships; Identify your life’s purpose; What is coincidence; Incorporating small changes; Motivational strategies.

Friday 27 March Workshop 3 Change your thoughts change your life Relaxation Session; Expressive Drawings; Can we heal our lives; The power of vulnerability; We become what we think; Change your thinking; Motivational strategies; Affirmations and motivated thinking.

Where: Umbrella Network 254 Eldon Street, Rockhampton
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm
RSVP: Friday 6 March
Cost: $20/workshop BYO Lunch
To register email registrations@centacare.net or phone 1300523985

“Fees are negotiable and no one is refused a service based on an inability to pay. Please speak to the facilitator if you have concerns about the fees”

Student Absence Line 49315366
Theme: You’re boring Marcia!

Dress up in your brightest fluoro gear and bright colours to chase away the cyclone blues.

Friday 20 March 2015 in the School Activity Centre

Prep – Year 2 (only)  5.30pm – 6.45pm
Year 3 – Year 6 (only)  7.00pm – 8.30pm

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

Conditions: Tickets must be purchased through this form/newsletter by Wednesday 18 March 2015 or at school on Friday 13 March, Thursday 19 March and Friday 20 March 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 3-6 children are not permitted at the “ littlies” dance party and no supervision can be provided for years 3-6 children arriving before 7.00pm.

Rules for the evening:

Children will not be allowed to leave the school activity centre until collected by a parent. We would ask that you come in and collect your child. 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 event or sent home early. “Foreign” objects are not allowed to be brought into the disco, eg. MP3 players. Large bags which can be used to conceal objects will not be allowed in. Phones will be confiscated from students and kept for the duration of the dance party if they are found switched on or being used during the event. No phone cameras may be used by students.

Parents of younger children are welcome to stay and enjoy the dance party with their children. Parents who wish to assist with supervision (all ages) are welcome to do so.

Chips & drinks will be on sale for $2.

Prep- Year 2: These can be paid for by parents at the door (children’s hands are stamped for what they purchase).

Years 3-6: Bring money to buy from the canteen on the night.

Special Glow Products on Sale for the Dance Party

We are offering a range of glow products at our dance party and all proceeds will go towards senior camp. These will be presold with tickets on 19 & 20 March by student leaders under the covered area and can be worn at the dance party. Any unsold items will be sold on the night:

- Glowstick caps $4.50
- Glow smiley necklaces $3
- Glow dreadlock wigs $6
- Glow eye shades $4
- Glow leis for around the neck $5

Sausage Sizzle

We understand the early start time makes it difficult to organise dinner on dance party night. Our Senior parents are offering a sausage sizzle as a convenience to parents. All proceeds will go towards the senior camp to Canberra. Sausages on bread can be purchased for $3. If you can assist with the sausage sizzle on the night, please email Karen Shanks on kshan16@eq.edu.au.

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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Ticket Amount: _______________

Dance Party Adult Supervision

Adults are needed for various duties at the dance party. Please complete your details below if you can help out on the night and return the strip to the office.

Adult Volunteer Name: _______________

Prep – 2  5.30pm-6.45pm □ (Please tick time slot
Year 3 – 6  7.00pm-8.30pm □ (you can help at)
A NOTE FROM YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

School photos are almost upon us again! The school has engaged MSP Photography to create your school photographic records for this year and you are invited to purchase prints of your child.

On photo day, **every student will be photographed** regardless of whether you are purchasing or not.

Your child will bring home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those of you ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) to enter your child’s shootkey.

Additional order envelopes are available from the school office for **separated parents, blended families and grandparents**. You will need to collect these on or before photo day and give it to the photographer on photo day. Be sure to write “Mum’s order” or “Dad’s order” on top of your envelope.

To **order a sibling or friends photo**, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online **at least 24 hours in advance**. **Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.**

If your child has been photographed in a **special group** (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information when they will be available.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355.

Thank you for your co-operation and we look forward to a great photoday.

**Keep smiling!!!**