Principal's News

We are all looking forward to our dance party this Friday night. Dance parties are organised by our parent club members for student and community enjoyment. Whilst there is a charge to attend, the night is more about community than fundraising. We enjoy seeing the delight on student faces as they engage with their teachers in a social setting at school. Parents, don’t forget you are welcome to get up on the dance floor and join in the fun with your children. This year, DJ Smith and our P&C Association members are keen to bring you improved lighting, with a new lighting bar purchased by P&C to add to the fun. We’ve also recently upgraded our PA system to enhance enjoyment at the dance party. See you Friday night.

**Friday 20 March 2015 in the School Activity Centre**

| Prep – Year 2 (only) | 5.30pm – 6.45pm |
| 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)

Wear bright colours to cheer everyone up and purchase some glow products ahead of the event under the tuckshop area before school. Sausage sizzle also available, $3 for sausage on bread, with all funds going towards Senior Camp.

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**News Calendar**

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[www.facebook.com/FrenchvilleStateSchool](http://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.
Admin Links and our Executive Team Members

A reminder that we have three deputy principals at Frenchville, plus our Head of Special Education, Head of Curriculum and now a Master Teacher in our executive leadership team. Our Business Services Manager coordinates finance, resourcing and facilities issues. The principal and deputy principals are responsible for the following year levels:

- Prep and Year One: Donna Earle-Morrison
- Year Two: Leisa Neaton
- Year Three & Four: Gary Lynn
- Year Five & Six: Bill Smith

In most instances, the admin links will directly manage issues arising in their year level. However, from time to time, we manage issues outside of our direct responsibility areas if one of our team is away at a meeting or not available due to another commitment.

Enrichment Centre related issues for students with disabilities can be directed to Steven Hull.

Student Council related issues can be directed towards Lisa Driscoll, along with any issues related to the TWIST and Reading Knights.

Issues related to invoicing or financial concerns can be raised with our business services manager Michele Bailey. An appointment is suggested, as she is often out around the school with contractors. She can also be contacted on the admin@frenchviss.eq.edu.au email address.

Spellathon – Our first fundraiser for the year

Forms and money raised are due back by the end of week 8 please if you wish your child to be considered for the spellathon incentives. (no later than 20/3)

Newsletter change – yes, another one

The great news is that our school has migrated to 365, a new email solution. Whilst we had a few issues during the changeover after migration, we are now feeling confident a more reliable email service has been restored. This means we will again attempt to email our newsletter out to all families. We will also still distribute it via the QSchools App and Facebook link. A few handcopies are available for collection at the office in the event of internet issues at home.

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 in her 6S classroom 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.

We are very excited to confirm that Rotary Capricorn has again supported our prep book giving initiative in Literacy Week. This means our seniors will be presenting every prep student with a book before the Easter holidays and will spend time reading this book with the prep student. We had wonderful feedback about this initiative last year form all involved.

School dance party date claimer

Our first school dance party of the year will be held this Friday night 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 flier for full details.

Don’t forget to take our Survey

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. This is another way of providing feedback to us.

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.

Please see the timetable below regarding testing dates and test focus during each of the sessions.

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

Expect a note home from your child’s teacher about parent teacher interviews. These interviews are conducted by teachers before and after school, and provide an opportunity for parents to hear about student progress. Interviews are being conducted either in the last two weeks of term or the first two weeks of next term. Please respect that the interview time is to be no longer than 20 minutes in total as teachers have many parents to see. We also ask parents to be on time for their pre-arranged appointment, as lateness impacts on the teacher’s ability to keep the interviews running to time, potentially inconveniencing other parents.
Hats are needed every day at school

Whilst we have a 'no hat no play' policy we are finding increasing numbers of students who do not have hats at school. At the moment, our shade is limited due to cyclone damage. PLEASE, HATS ARE NEEDED FOR EVERY SCHOOL DAY. In addition, PE classes require hats. We cannot have students missing lessons because they do not have a hat as they need to be taught and assessed for report cards. We are not prepared to waive our Sunsmart responsibility. Therefore, we have just purchased hats for PE lessons for students who do not have one so that these students can still participate even without hats. Be aware: these hats will be given to students who do not have hats so they can participate each PE lesson. If you do not want your child to share a hat with others at PE, please send them with their own hat each and every school day.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 26 March and Friday 27 March. 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.

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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.

Student Banking Update

We have had a great start this term with many new and returning students saving their money each week – well done! By now, students should have received the 2015 Rewards Card (please keep this card and tokens earned in a safe place). Current rewards are Planet Handball and “ET” DVD. If your child would like one of these, please send the completed reward claim and 10 tokens to banking and allow 1-2 weeks for delivery. For those who banked last year, we have placed in his/her deposit wallet a note which shows the number of 2014 tokens that can be put towards claiming rewards in 2015. If your child has extra tokens above this number, use them to claim rewards from previous years. Please see us if your child wishes to do this.

If you want to open a Youthsaver account for your child, visit your local Commonwealth Bank branch or the Bank’s website. The Bank has announced an exciting competition for the year – the prize is a trip to Disneyland. A flyer will be given to banking students soon. Thank you for your continued support.

P&C meeting 12/3/15 Update for Parents

The P&C meeting endorsed the following strategic documents:
- The school annual implementation plan: this has previously been circulated to the executive team and was discussed at the meeting. It is also on our website for parent reference.
- The Great Results Guarantee Plan which will spend $330 000 on teacher aide support in classrooms, extra speech therapy time and classroom resources, as well as teacher release time to support with tracking of reading and assessing student data gains.
- The behaviour data for 2013 and 2014 was shared and the P&C endorsed the revised Responsible Behaviour Plan.

Water Supply

If you have any concerns about the town water supply, please arrange for your child to bring water from home which has been boiled or purchased. The water we provide at school has not been boiled or purchased. The water we provide freely on disco night will not have been boiled or purchased. Please feel free to send your child to the disco with a bottle of water if you feel a need to do so.

Measles Notification

Please be advised that an 11 year old boy who attended the District rugby league trials at Rockhampton State High School on Sunday 15 March has since been confirmed as having measles. This same venue was used for 10, 11 and 12 year old boys and girls rugby league trials.

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 want to share the message of Jesus from the bible to kids, especially within State Schools. They teach children that Jesus brings friendship, forgiveness and forever-ness.

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.

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How to build student reading confidence with new vocabulary?

As they read, students meet new vocabulary, tricky sentences and difficult words. We teach students a range of strategies to support with decoding and comprehension. Some of these are shown below:

![Assisting Reading Diagram](image)

When we learn new words we use a variety of strategies. Sometimes we are quick to go to a dictionary first, but we are really trying to move away from this as our first strategy, following our work with John Munro from the University of Melbourne. Try these strategies:

- Select unfamiliar words (up to 5)
- Say each unfamiliar word (syllabify and stretch out to hear)
- Read each unfamiliar word
- Spell the word
- Work out what new words mean (no dictionary)
- Find synonyms for the unknown word
- Visualise images of the meaning of the new word
- Use the new word
- Revisit before end of reading. Revisit on another day.

By encouraging students to build their own definition, we are helping them make links with what they already know and to rely on these links, rather than external sources. Many times, a student prediction about the meaning of a new word is very close to what it actually means. Student generated definitions are usually more easily retrieved because they are more meaningful to the learner. This doesn’t mean we never use dictionaries – we are simply trying to avoid using the dictionary as our first strategy. We want to activate student prior knowledge about what they already know and to try to help them connect this knowledge with the new words. Rereading, slowing down the reading, predicting what the word might mean based on the words around the unknown word and the picture cues are all useful strategies to support vocabulary growth.

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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

Thank you for your support. All proceeds are put to Senior camp fundraising for the trip to Canberra, reducing costs for families. These tickets are only distributed to Senior students. However, anyone can purchase a ticket through the office if you’d like the chance to win some great Easter hampers.

Earth Hour is exactly 2 weeks from today! Here are my top 4 tips for how to celebrate Earth Hour on Saturday 28th March with your friends and family:

- **Host a candle-lit dinner in the dark** - either inside, or under the stars!
- **Get the kids involved** - with lantern making or a shadow puppet show at home, or get active at school with Earth Hour Schools Day.
- Get creative! Make a halloween-style carved vegetable with the 60+ logo and put it in your window to spread the word.
- Screen the Earth Hour documentary Appetite for Change to learn more about how global warming affects **Aussie food and farming**.

Check out the video below to find out why it’s so important you’re involved: Remember: Earth Hour is only two weeks away, so register your dinner in the dark - or other plans to celebrate - here.

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Harmony Day 21/3/15

Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.


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P.S. Did you know that 1 in 3 Australians turn off their lights for Earth Hour? It’s amazing - there’s no other movement as large in this country. So don’t miss out: register your event or find a community event near you here: [https://earthhour.org.au/get-involved/#register](https://earthhour.org.au/get-involved/#register)
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.

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
Capricornia District Crime Prevention Unit
Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Qld 4700
PO Box 1161, Rockhampton, Qld 4700
TELEPHONE (07) 131 444 FAX/MEME (07) 49222302

CRIME ALERT

Vehicles in the street outside homes are particularly being targeted by offenders.
Offenders are often simply opening unlocked doors to allow themselves easy access to vehicles.
The offenders are stealing valuables from within the vehicle that have been left in plain sight.
These offences are mainly being committed by opportunist thieves and, in order to combat theft by these offenders,
the public needs to adopt or combine different preventative strategies.
Police are encouraging all persons to lock their vehicles and either remove or lock away any valuables in cars that are left in an area accessible to offenders.
We all need to leave our vehicles unattended, but we never need to leave them unlocked.

If possible, park your vehicle in your yard rather than on the street.
When doing so, a few points to remember are:
• Try to park in a well lit area at night.
• Always wind up windows and lock car doors.
• If you see a suspect person loitering near a vehicle
• or hear smashing glass in the vicinity of a vehicle,
• please ring 000 immediately to advise Police.
• If you find your car has been broken into, ring PoliceLink on 131444 to report it.

Police need your help in the fight against car theft crime.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 23 March

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Apple Slinky Reminders – Please send a plastic bag in with apple so that it can be carried safely back to the eating area.

Christine Hills, Tuckshop Convenor

SPORT FIXTURES

20 March 2015

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Softball

| Year 6 Frenchville 2 | v RGS 1 | Western 2 |
| Year 6 Frenchville 1 | v St Mary’s | Western 3 |

T-Ball

| Year 5 Frenchville | v Glenmore | Kele Park 8 |

AFL

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Kele Park (Entry via Milieua St, West Rockhampton).

Closing the Gap Day – 19/3/15

Equal access to healthcare is a basic human right, and in Australia, we expect it. So what if we told you that you can expect to live almost 20 years less than your next-door neighbour? You wouldn’t accept it. No-one should.

But in reality, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People can expect to live up to 10—17 years less than non-Indigenous Australians. Learn more about why the health gap exists.

Working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is one of the critical success factors. With continued support from the public, we can ensure the Australian Government continues to work with Indigenous communities, recommit additional funding and invest in real partnerships.

Information sourced from:

Community Notices

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

Archer Park Rail Museum Family Fun Day 26th April 2015
9am—1pm $2 entry—under 14yrs free / $2.50—Tram Ride. Ride on the world’s only Purrey Steam Tram (operates 10am to 1pm), look through a variety of rail rolling stock, rail memorabilia and exhibits, live music, market stalls, vintage cars, and lots more. Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle as well. Come along and enjoy a fun morning!

Handmade Expo Saturday 21 March 9am—2pm Rockhampton Showgrounds Walter Reid Pavillion. Free parking. Free entry

PCYC Easter Party Disco Friday 27 March 2015. Primary school students 6.30pm-9.00pm. $5 (entry and sausage on bread) at PCYC Stapleton Park Bridge St, North Rockhampton. For more information contact 49277899 or pcyc.org.au/Rockhampton.

Tennis Rockhampton Junior Coaching Clients that have catch up lessons following dates and times are available, please call the centre or email to register.
School Holidays: Tuesday 8 April 2015 3.30pm—4.00pm Red Ball 30 min lessons / Wednesday 9 April 2015 4pm–5pm Green & Yellow Ball 60min lessons. If you cannot make these dates please let us know and we will endeavour to accommodate.
Tennis Holiday Camp Monday 13 April—Wednesday 15 April 8.30am-3.00pm $150 for 3 days or $60 per day. Coaching drills, match play, giveaways. Morning Tea and lunch provided each day. More information is available from the website www.tennisrockhampton.com.au
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
Adams 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 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 photoday. 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 photoday. 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!!!

MSP photography