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Principal’s News

Last week was an extremely busy but satisfying week at Frenchville. One of the important elements of a great school is a culture that supports learning. This is the base of the pyramid which schools use to drive school improvement. Part of nurturing a great school culture is keeping students interested and engaged, making it fun to be at school each day, but also having a strong and unrelenting focus on learning. When I think back over last week I have some great images in my head:

- the reading knights ceremony and celebration on the oval for our students who have achieved the next levels
- the free dress day and the amazing donations collected by student council for families in Vanuatu impacted by Cyclone Pam
- the bucket filling metaphor and the take-off of this initiative in our classrooms as children understand how to apply it to their lives
- our very successful Walk to School day, with students receiving great prizes for participating.
- Mrs Schirmer in the TWIST encouraging our preps to bring along their teddy for Under 8s week.

All of these initiatives keep smiles on student faces and engage them in the life of the school. Thank you to our parent body for supporting us to deliver these wonderful projects, and to our staff team for making them a reality.

As I attended the reading knights celebration on the top oval last week I looked back towards the school buildings and felt proud of how great our campus was looking from afar. The massive clean up after Cyclone Marcia has paid dividends and our grounds are being repaired over time. I also noticed the positive efforts of teachers coaching sporting teams on the oval during break times. This commitment not only supports skill development, but also a strong team culture and pride in our school. Again, thanks to our teachers for taking the time during their break times to prepare our students for interschool sport.

My week finished with a meeting with a group of Indigenous parents as we talked about future possibilities for our 90 Indigenous students at Frenchville. One of the suggestions was the development of a reconciliation action plan, which will be our plan going forward. We also discussed case management to support improvement and achievement and ways of increasing cultural understanding and perspectives across the school. Another idea was hosting a dinner for our Indigenous parents, students and staff, and inviting a guest speaker along to share Indigenous culture. Mr Lynn and I will work on making these great ideas a reality. It was fitting to finish the week with this meeting, given it is National Reconciliation Week this week. We want to share culture, connect with community, stop racism and celebrate Indigenous success at every opportunity.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

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Prep 2016
We are requesting that younger siblings of all current students who are eligible for prep in 2016 complete the enrolment forms and lodge with the office as soon as possible. A reminder of the age rules for prep 2015: If you have a child born from 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2016 at Frenchville State School. Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School. FOR ENROLMENT FORMS: www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Click on the Enrolment section from the main menu to download forms. For more information please call the school on 49315333. There is now special provision for early entry for some students. Section 15 of the Education General Provisions Regulation 2006 allows early entry to the prep year for a child who:

EITHER
• will be at least 5 years and 5 months on 31 December in the proposed year of attendance at school (i.e. a child who turns 5 on or before 31 July); AND
• is considered ‘ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child’s attributes’;

OR
• had started education in another State or country that is equivalent to the Prep Year; AND
• is considered ‘ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child’s attributes’.

There is some additional paperwork that needs to be completed for your child to be considered for early enrolment to prep. Please contact Deputy Principal Donna Earle-Morrison to discuss this option if you believe your child fits into this special category. Often decisions about early entry are not made until much later in the year as parents and school staff want to be assured that the child is ready to attend.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:
• number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
• level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
• broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please contact Donna Earle-Morrison, Deputy Principal.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact Donna Earle-Morrison (Deputy Principal), Greg Muller (Guidance Officer) or Steve Hull (Head of Special Education Services).

Sports Day Help
Are you willing to help on Sports Day Wednesday 10 June 2015 by staffing food stalls? Pasties, sausage rolls, hot dogs, pies, ice cream and drinks will be available on the day. Below are areas and time slots. We need your help so we can all enjoy the day. Please phone Chris or Rhonda on 49315323 if you can help.

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School Sport
Please note, there is no sport for year 5 and 6 students on Friday 5/6/15.

Public Holidays Coming Up
Please remember there will be no school on the following public holidays:
Monday 8 June 2015: Queen’s Birthday holiday
Thursday 11 June 2015: Rockhampton Show holiday

P&C Meeting
Due to the Rockhampton Show holiday it will be necessary to change the date of the next P&C meeting. The meeting will now be held on Thursday the 18th of June at 6pm for the SafeST meeting with the general meeting commencing at 6.30pm.

Advertising Opportunity for Frenchville Businesses
Expressions of interest close Friday 29/5/15. If Frenchville families don’t take up this wonderful opportunity, we will offer it out to other Rockhampton businesses. The final product would look similar to the back of our newsletter.

Eisteddfod Performance Monday 1 June – Junior Choir
Students in the Years 1 – 3 choir will be performing in the Eisteddfod on Monday evening 1 June at the Pilbeam Theatre. Students are required to report to the Pilbeam Theatre at 5:45pm in the Frenchville music uniform as below.

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 hair clips and no jewellery please)

The approximate finish time is 7:00pm. Students will sit in the theatre as a school group during the session, including adjudication and trophy presentation. Students will be supervised by a staff member at all times.

Parents wishing to view the performance would be wise to book seats for the session through the Pilbeam Theatre Booking Office. Please do not purchase a ticket for your child. Students need to be collected promptly after the performance.

We wish the Junior Choir the best of luck for their performance.

Student Absence Line 49315366
Teddy Bears Visit the TWIST

Last Thursday and Friday, in celebration of Under 8s Week, Prep students brought a teddy bear or special stuffed toy along to their library lesson. Each Prep class was joined by a Year 4 buddy class to share teddy bear stories and talk about their cuddly companions. It was great to see smiles on faces and watch the positive social interactions between students. A special thank you to all of our Year 4 students for their participation and to Prep parents for letting the teddies visit for the day.

Drumming Workshops

Frenchville students are being given a wonderful opportunity to participate in an interactive drumming workshop in our school activity centre. Students will be working with their class and teacher in the session, led by Frenchville parents.

Drum circles have many positive effects including stress release, promoting self-expression and team building. The workshops also build stamina and attention span, as well as promoting learning about African culture.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer this experience to our students. Each workshop will run for between one and one and half hours, depending on the classroom timetable. It is up to teachers to elect to participate with their class. A separate note will be sent home to students in participating classes.
Traffic Awareness

Throughout Term 2 we will be highlighting some traffic issues around our school and creating awareness of correct procedures. This week we look at crossing the road.

**Issue:** Students and adults crossing roads between and around cars/buses → creating unsafe conditions for our students

Some of you may remember **Hector the Traffic Cat** from the 1980s.

**Hector said…**

“Look to the right. Look to the left. Look to the right again. Then if the road is clear of traffic, walk straight across the road, don’t run, walk straight across the road.”

**BUT…**

We have been getting reports of adults and students crossing when it has been perceived as unsafe – some crossing 1 lane, waiting in the middle, then crossing when the next lane is clear – students have been very close to moving traffic.

**What is the safe way to cross the road?**

- As much as possible use the controlled crossings around our school i.e. the traffic lights on Frenchville Rd and Geordie St with the crossing supervisor.
- If you need to cross other roads away from the school, choose an area where very few cars are parked and cross with a responsible adult.
- Never try running across the road to beat oncoming traffic – always wait until both lanes are clear.

**Remember…**

**OUR STUDENTS ARE SMALL AND ARE VERY HARD TO SEE IN AND AROUND TRAFFIC.**

**KIDS DON’T BOUNCE!**

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**Mater Hospital Centenary Teddy Bears’ Picnic**

Everyday of old fashioned play whilst raising funds for the Women’s Unit at the Rockhampton Mater Hospital

9.30am to 2.30pm

Sunday 31st May, 2015

at the Botanic Gardens
(Boonya Picnic area beside the ANZAC Memorial)

Free Entry

Kids come dressed as cowboys and indians and join in the fun!

- Prizes for best dressed cowboy/indian child & best dressed cowbow/indian teddy
- Special guests … Big Ted, Little Red Riding Hood, Balloon sculptor!
  - live music • performers • egg and spoon & sack races • bear hunt • craft • face painting • teddy bear hospital & much more!
  - prizes to win!
- Mums & Dads - food and drinks
- tea and coffee is available for purchase
- Bring your smiling face
- Teddy Bear and picnic blanket

This is a family activity. All children must be accompanied by an adult.


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**Victoria Park Gymnasium & Trampoline Club Inc.**

HOLIDAY FUN @ THE GYM

9AM-1PM DAILY

**WEK 1:**
- MON 29 JUNE
- TUE 30 JUNE
- WED 01 JULY
- THU 02 JULY

**WEK 2:**
- MON 06 JULY
- TUE 07 JULY
- WED 08 JULY
- THU 09 JULY

**CHILDREN:**

PREP – 13 YEARS

**FEES:**

$15 / child / session OR $50 / child. ENROLLMENTS ESSENTIAL. PLACEMENTS LIMITED

Victoria Park Gymnasium & Trampoline Club Inc. provides our community with a unique recreational experience utilizing gym & tramp equipment and fun activities.

Vici Park is offering the popular “Holiday Fun @ the GYM” school holiday program for kids. Participants dress - flexible, sporting but not baggy – no skirts. Clean socks. Morning tea required, water bottle optional.
## Frenchville State School

**SPORTS DAY - PROGRAM of EVENTS**

**Wednesday 10 June 2015**

8:20am  Mark roll, name tags (Prep-Yr6), depart classroom for House areas  
8:30am  **START OF PROGRAM – WAR CRIES**

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