Principal's News

Cyclone Marcia provided many lessons. One of the obvious ones was that communication is limited in natural disasters. We cannot assume that text messages are read, voice messages are received or websites can be checked for updates. For some reason, social media was the most effective means of pushing out communication during this event and therefore, we have started a school Facebook page. Twitter is great, and we will continue to hold a Twitter presence, but Facebook has unlimited potential due to its capability to publish messages and pictures without character limits. It is also true that Facebook is much more popular than Twitter. This was obvious when our page had 365 likes by the day after it had been created. It took us three years of Twitter to reach a similar coverage. Search for Frenchville State School on Facebook and like our page and you will receive messages and updates from our school using this medium. We thank those who have provided positive comments about the page. It is clear that this site will improve school communication even further. Please note: QSchools will also still be maintained – this is the best way of getting the school newsletter directly to you.

Feedback is important to us and we take it seriously. Please be aware that feedback or queries about our school, positive or negative, do not need to be made in writing to be taken seriously. Complaints can be made in person, in writing (via letter or email) or via phone. However, we do not appreciate receiving negative comments via social media at any time. Similarly, anonymous complaints are difficult to deal with as the school has no way of seeking further clarification and no-one to direct a response to in relation to the complaint. When making a complaint, please clearly identify yourself, students who attend the school for whom you are responsible (this provides a context for the complaint) and provide full contact details so we are able to respond in a timely manner.

All compliments and complaints are managed and stored electronically by the school, particularly when the request is for the review of a decision or action of the school. We pride ourselves on dealing with complaints in a timely and fair manner. At all times, we aim to make the best decisions with the information before us at the time and we appreciate you bringing matters to our attention so that we can strive to do even better.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

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Prep Photos in the Morning Bulletin
We had to delay the Morning Bulletin photo feature due to Cyclone Marcia. A new date will be communicated once it has been negotiated.

Admin Carpark out of bounds
Please be aware that our admin carpark, between the dental clinic and H block prep area is out of bounds for parent parking. This is a small carpark and students also walk in through this entrance. It is extremely dangerous to be parking in this area. In addition, this area is used to provide ambulance access in the event of an accident requiring medical attention. Please respect the parking rules and avoid parking in this area unless you have special permission from the principal.

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 week 7 (9-13 March)
- forms and $ 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.

School Leaders host the Minister for Education Kate Jones
Our school leaders were delighted to host the Minister for Education, Tourism, Small Business, Major Events & The Commonwealth Games Kate Jones, and the State Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga last Friday. Lily, Dylan, Chloe and Brodie showcased some of the writing and art work our Frenchville students had undertaken after the cyclone. It was wonderful to have the support of these very busy representatives. We were also honoured to have Brittany Lauga attend our school leader investiture on Tuesday.

Special thanks to our School Community Cyclone Heroes
- Julie Bawden for being an early responder and assisting with clean up at Frenchville on the Saturday after the cyclone hit
- Kim Hanley for her thoughtfulness in sending in snacks for the staff when school returned. This helped many get through the day.
- Rebecca Ward for helping mop out classrooms and move tree waste on Sunday.
- Mary Unwin for helping with the ovals and basketball courts on Monday
- Jaren Goodman from BAS for coordination of the many trade services associated with the clean up
- Harry Walker for his tree lopping services and professional advice
- Whirlwind Electrical for assessing our electrical services before power was restored
- WHF contractors for helping clear our grounds of debris

These are just a few of the individuals and businesses who assisted us in our time of need. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Cyclone Trauma resources
The following resources collated by KidsMatter may be of use as we all continue to support the well being of students after Cyclone Marcia.
- KidsMatter - When times get tough
- Australian Psychological Society - Cyclones
- Better Health Channel - Trauma and children
- Headspace - Supporting yourself after a natural disaster
- Trauma, Loss & Grief Network – Disaster resources
- Women’s and Children’s Health Network - When there is a tragedy
- Youthbeyondblue - Dealing with stress

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 @Frenchvilliss.

A Swag of Tales
Performance for Prep – Year 6 students
Wednesday 11 March
$4.00 per child
Payment due by 10am Monday 9 March
No late payments will be accepted

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

School dance party dateclaimer
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 will be on sale soon. We will also be selling glowsticks and will be offering a sausage sizzle to support senior camp fundraising.

Do you know somebody who isn’t getting the newsletter?
This is our fourth newsletter for the year. The Frenchville Focus is now only being distributed electronically either via email directly to you, or via the QSchools App. A few hardcopies are available for collection at the office in the event of internet issues at home. Please, if you know somebody who isn’t receiving the Frenchville Focus, ask them to pop into the school office or email admin@frenchviss.eq.edu.au, to raise this issue with the admin officers. We need everybody to be receiving this important weekly communiqué.
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.

**P&C meeting 12/3/15**

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday 12/3/15. At 6pm 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.

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

Our P&C executive officers for 2014, 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 was nominated to receive 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.

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. Thanks.

Why do we skim and scan when we read?

You may hear your child talking about skimming and scanning before they read or when they are 'getting their knowledge ready'. What does this mean?

When we get our knowledge ready to read, we are activating what we already know about a topic and knowledge about how to read. Skimming is like bouncing over a text. We form an impression and start to speculate about what the text is about and what we already know about the topic based on a quick glance. Our mind starts to form questions that the text might answer and we build connections with the text.

When we scan, we hone in on specific details, like headings, captions, key words etc. We are looking in more detail and trying to confirm or deny some of our initial impressions. Students are taught how to skim and scan in class through teacher modelling and small group reading instruction. Our teaching supports all readers to value these strategies and cues them to do this independently when they read by themselves.

**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.

**North Rockhampton High School 2016 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
Time: 5:00–6:30pm
All welcome.

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Rocky Rep Muster 2015

The Rockyhampton 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.

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 Tuesday 25 March.

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

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 9 March
Monday: -
Tuesday: K Hawkins
Wednesday: S Parker
Thursday: -
Friday: J Connolly, Y Taylor
Christine Hills, Tuckshop Convenor

Community Notices

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

Southside United Football Club Junior Soccer training will commence tomorrow Thursday 5/3/15 at 4:30 pm, all new and returning players welcome, and we have places available in all junior age groups for both Male and Female players.

SIGN ON AND INFORMATION DAY SUNDAY 8th March 2015 Sports Oval, North Rockhampton High School, Cnr Dean and Robinson Streets, Frenchville (opposite North Rockhampton Police Station) Sign On from 11am to 1pm. Athletes from 5 to U17 years (Proof of age must be shown at time of registration if joining for the first time). Our first competition day of the year will follow the sign on commencing at 2pm. All new athletes can sign on for a 2 week trial ($10). For more information please contact Paul 0437022390 or view details at www.nrac.org.au or find us on Facebook “North Rockhampton Athletics Club.”

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”

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Tuesday 10 March Workshop 1 Strengthening Awareness Relaxation Session; Expressive Drawings; Emotions and the brain; Fear and Anxiety; Examining values and beliefs; Detach from outcome.

Tuesday 17 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.

Tuesday 24 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.

Venue: Allenstown State School The Annex, Caroline St Allenstown
RSVP: Tuesday 3 March
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm
Cost: Free for Allenstown School mums
Lunch: BYO Lunch
To Register: Please note no one is refused a service based on inability to pay. To register phone Melanie school Guidance Officer 0467815549.

1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING

Three 2 hour sessions. A program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2—12 years old. Topics covered include: How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking; How to sort out behaviour; How to handle challenging and testing behaviour; Choosing your strategy, the “three choices”; Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour.

When: Wed Mar 11 9.30am-12.00
Wed Mar 18 9.30am-12.00
Wed Mar 25 9.30am-12.00
Venue: Duhig Centre 147-149 West St, Rockhampton
RSVP: Wed 4 Mar, 2015
Cost of Book: $20
Please note no one is refused a service based on inability to pay. To register for any of the above programs complete registration form and email to registrations@centacare.net or phone 1300523985.

Australian Multiple Birth Association

Come & Celebrate Multiple Birth Awareness Week & Sign-On for the new membership year. All families with, or expecting multiples are Invited to attend the Event at your local town. Sausage Sizzle provided. Take home an information pack & membership form. BYO: hats, sunscreen, chairs. Closed-In shoes must be worn at the Rockhampton Event. Please RSVP for catering purposes: Contact Rockhampton Multiple Birth Association. www.facebook/RockhamptonMBA, call or text 0447491065 or email mmba07@gmail.com

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
Frenchville SS Disco Dance Party

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) 6.30pm – 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 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 “littles” 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 sold 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
Glowleis 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@z3.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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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)