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Principal's News

Welcome to the 2017 school year. Our vision statement is ‘Together we shape tomorrow’. Indeed, the design on this newsletter symbolises that vision, with the figures in the Indigenous print showing how we all work together for the same goals: a brilliant future for our young people, the school and community we live, study and work in. Without you and your support, we can only accomplish so much. Please be sure to be a presence in our school – to work with the educators who want so much for your child. Partnerships are important at Frenchville. Regardless of your child’s current learning level, we expect all students to make at least twelve months’ worth of gain during this schooling year. We can only accomplish this when home and school work together.

I am pleased to welcome all new families to our wonderful school, and also to welcome our new staff members:

- Ms Sandra Oram 4O
- Mrs Lisa Nelson 2LN & Mr Shane Nelson 6N
- Mrs Toni Turner, our acting Head of Special Education for the next 12 months
- Mrs Wendy Goldston 4/5G
- Welcome back to PE teacher Mrs Anna Wright

We wish all students a productive 2017 and look forward to working with you to achieve even greater things ahead. Welcome to all of our new Frenchville family members and particularly to our new prep students. You are now ‘Frenchville kids’. We are very proud of our students and we have high expectations of you all.

Leisa Neaton, Principal

2017 Date Claimers

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Student Attendance Reminders

- It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.
- If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school.
- You will receive a text message from us at around 9.15am if your child has not arrived at school for the day. It is important that your child is here on time to avoid getting messages unnecessarily.
- If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expects to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal BEFORE you travel away.
- It is not acceptable to take your children out of school for holidays. Families should plan their holidays to coincide with school holidays.
- We have included 2017 school holidays in this newsletter to assist your forward planning.
- We have a student absence line that you can call any time to record your child's absence reason.

**Student Absence Line 49315366**

### Term Dates

**TERM ONE** (10 weeks)

- Easter Vacation: 3 April – 14 April 2017

**TERM TWO** (10 weeks)

- School Recommences: 18 April 2017
- Winter Vacation: 26 June – 7 July 2017

**TERM THREE** (10 weeks)

- School Recommences: 10 July 2017
- Spring Vacation: 18 September – 29 September 2017

**TERM FOUR** (10 weeks)

- School Recommences: 03 October 2017
- School Finishes: 08 December 2017
- Summer Vacation: 11 December 2017 – 19 January 2018

### Public Holiday Dates 2017

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Please be aware of traffic issues around our school

Parents and carers are being urged to slow down in the school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place. Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school. The flashing school zone lights are a reminder of the speed limit in the zone.

Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some basic tips:

- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways and discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to school.
- avoid gesturing your child across the road in unregulated crossing areas

### School Banking

School Banking will commence in Week 2 next Thursday 2/2/17, with a brand new theme and lots of exciting savings rewards.

### Start of the Year Reminders to Help the School Year Run Smoothly for Families

**Medical Alerts** - At the start of each year we prepare extensive information for teachers about student medical conditions. This information includes a picture of the child with the condition, details of how the condition presents, and emergency treatment of the condition. We have a number of children in our school with anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma etc. and it is crucial we have full and current information on all children with these and other serious conditions. Please check in at the TWiST this week to update details. Any new medications, updates etc. should be communicated with Ms Swadling.

**Hats** are needed every school day. No hat, no play. Please be sure your child’s hat is named and clean, and that it is in the school bag every day.

**Sunscreen** - students are encouraged to bring a small roll on sunscreen in their bags and to apply it before play times. We are a sunsmart school.

**Uniforms** - At Frenchville we wear our shirts tucked in. We also try to stick to white socks and black or white shoes. Let's keep up this great standard all year. We also like our students to wear their uniforms with pride after hours. If they don't want to wear their shirt in and keep their shoes on after school, we prefer students change out of the ‘blue and white’ before heading to shopping centres etc.
Jewellery is discouraged, apart from a watch if needed, small earrings for pierced ears (studs are preferred), or a piece of jewellery of special significance eg. religious cross worn under uniform. Medical bracelets are encouraged.

**Thanks** Mums and Dads for the effort with book list items, covering and labelling of the school requisites. We appreciate your support.

**Parent Evenings and Afternoons** - Notes will be coming home from class teachers inviting parents to learn about classroom expectations, homework, routines, rules and curriculum and assessment tasks. Obviously we cannot promise everyone with the timing of these events. We hope in advance for disappointment if you are unable to attend due to work or clashing commitments. Please make arrangements with the teacher to receive emailed information if you are unable to attend.

**After School Arrangements** - Please be sure that your child is familiar with after school arrangements for pick up time. Please also ask your child to report to the office if they are ever concerned they have missed the bus or are unsure of what to do after school. In 2017 we will be asking students to wait at the drop off zone on Frenchville Rd until 3.30pm if parents are running late. A teacher aide will be on duty with these students. If you are still not here at 3.30pm they will be escorted to outside the office in D block and the office staff will attempt to make contact.

**Punctuality** - Instruction begins at 8:40am on each school day. It is essential that children arrive on time. If children are consistently arriving at 9:00am, they are missing a significant proportion of quality learning time. Both late arrivals and student absences are monitored carefully. Lateness can be a big reason for failing to thrive at school and can impede learning. When considering who we offer additional support to we also consider the support given to us by our parents to ensure that every minute during the school day is respected and that students are on time and in regular attendance.

**Temporary Admin Block** – Currently, admin services and our deputies and principal are located in D block, ground level. This is our temporary location until the Admin Block work is finished. Please be aware that the pedestrian gates beside admin are not available to us for the first six months of the year due to the construction work.

**Access to Teachers** – Please respect the need for teachers to commence instruction on time at the start of the day to avoid disruption to classes. At the parent information session teachers, will provide details of the best times to catch them if you need to share important information about your child. We are increasingly finding that email is an effective way of arranging appointments with teachers or sharing routine information. Teacher email addresses are provided on our website and every teacher checks his/her email at least once a day. Email is not the tool to use though in more complicated or complex circumstances. If you have an emergency situation or the need to convey something after the start of instruction, you can drop into the school office where a member of the admin team will record details and convey them to the teacher. If nobody is available to meet with you we will certainly get back to you before the end of the day.

**Updated Contact Details** – Please, if your details change (eg. home address, phone number at work or home or mobile, emergency contacts, email address, custody situations), keep us informed. In emergency situations we need to be able to contact you. Routine matters may also necessitate a call to your workplace or mobile. Your assistance with keeping our records current is vital.

**School Communication** – This newsletter is the best place to learn about what is happening at Frenchville. It is distributed electronically every Wednesday. If you do not have internet access, additional copies are available in the school office for your child to access. The weekly newsletter is also uploaded to the Frenchville website and can also be accessed on the departmental app ‘Q Schools’. Liking us on Facebook may also be a good idea to get little snippets of emerging information.

### P&C AGM Notice of Meeting

The P&C AGM in 2017 will be conducted on **Thursday 16/2/17 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 2017. All new parents are welcome – you are not expected to take on a position if you don’t wish to, so please don’t let this deter you from coming along.

The Annual General Meeting agenda consists of:

1. **Minutes from Previous Meeting**
2. **Reports**
3. **Election of Office Bearers & Positions**
   - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tuckshop Treasurer, Parent Club Committee, Tuckshop Committee, School Patrons, Auditors
4. **General Business**
   - a. 2017 Fundraising Calendar and year six camp fundraising
   - b. Life membership of the Frenchville P&C
   - c. Endorsement of 2017 school resource schemes
   - d. Endorsement of 2017 constitution
5. **General Meeting Agenda, following AGM**
   - Invest for Success funding
   - AIP 2017
   - Spellathon 2017
   - Drink tap tenders Stage Two

The P&C can recognise and appoint school and community members as Honorary Life Members of the Association. On endorsing such a community member to this position the P&C Executive and Committee Members consider the following criteria. If you would like to consider putting a name forward for Life Membership, please consider this criteria.

- The person has contributed ten (10) years continual voluntary service or support to our school community
- The volunteer provided a service to the school (less than 5 years) where the school community has benefited enormously and gone beyond the P & C’s expectations
- Life Members can only be nominated at the Annual General Meeting
- Post being endorsed, the member’s names are added to the Honorary Board. The members are then invited to a school function for formal recognition of their contribution to the school
- A formal gift is purchased for the members in line with the P&C Gift purchase Policy. Nominations can be forwarded to the principal.

### Student Data Action Planning

An important component of the first few weeks of school is for teachers to become familiar with their new class members. This includes developing an understanding of any emotional needs, family complexities, going home arrangements, illnesses or medical conditions, etc. as well as examining the past performance data of students. Teachers invest time in getting to know individual student performances by looking at previous report cards, NAPLAN data reports, reading levels, sight word attainment levels (prep and year one), as a starting point for teaching. This important information becomes part of the teacher’s data action planning process. If you have any particular additional details or your child has had changes in his/her circumstances which you need to share with us, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with a member of Admin or contact the teacher.
Introducing Miss Sandra Oram, 4O’s teacher

Hi! I’m Miss Sandra Oram welcome to the new school year. I am excited to be joining the fourth grade team at Frenchville State School. I wanted to start by letting you know a little about myself. Teaching is an absolute passion of mine! I am so excited to work with you and your child. It is going to be a full year of fun, learning and lots of adventure and I can’t wait to see what the year has in store for us! I have lived in Rockhampton for my entire life. I graduated Year 12 at Emmaus College as a foundation student in 1983. I have two degrees. A Bachelor of Accounting Management (with Distinction) and a Bachelor of Education (with Distinction). This is my nineteenth year of teaching. I taught at Glenmore State School for 14 years and before that, Parkhurst State School for twelve months and Park Avenue State School for three years. It is my mission to instil a love of learning in my students. I teach with a passion so that my students develop a desire to become life-long learners. I care for my 82 year old mother who lives with me. My father passed away in 2004 and I have no other living family, so I am very close to my beautiful mum. I have an adorable little Moodle named Ally-Mae. When I’m not teaching I enjoy reading, leisurely walks along our beautiful beaches, holidaying throughout our wonderful country and far away destinations and dining with friends. I feel privileged to be a part of the Frenchville school family. Thank you so much for trusting me with your child this year. I am looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your child can achieve their highest potential.

Instrumental Music

Welcome back to 2017 for our new and continuing students. All beginner students will have their first lesson in week 2. All continuing students will commence lessons in week 3. Band and String Orchestra rehearsals will commence in Week 4. This year in semester 1 we will be trialling two concert bands – intermediate and senior. Your child will be informed of the band (intermediate or senior) in a note which will be distributed to all students detailing rehearsal and lesson times.

Our Instrumental Music teachers are: Mrs Robyn Everitt – Strings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; Mrs Michelle Ilott – Band on Tuesday and Friday; Mr Wesley Samuels – Band on Monday and Friday.

Yours sincerely, Brittany Lauga, MP, Member for Keppel
Touch Football Rockhampton Free Junior Touch Development Day Sunday 6 Feb 9-12.30 email Denise admin@rockytouch.com

Junior Touch Competition U10-14 boys & girls teams for Friday night commencing 3 March. Nominations close 24 February. Call Denise 0409631633

AFL Auskick Sign on and first session Wed 8 Feb. 3.05pm-4.05pm at Frenchville State School for 7 weeks. Cost $75 Enquiries to Scott 49273432 or 0404986543 www.aflauskick.com.au