Principal’s News

Recently we hosted Ann Baker at our school. Ann is a maths consultant and she spent some time in classrooms modelling strategies and working with students in years one to five. Perhaps your child/ren were in some of the classrooms in which Ann worked on Friday 24/8/12. If your child came home talking about cats in cages or the grid/area method for multiplication, they definitely were.

One of the things Ann noticed in our classrooms is that some children continue to count on their fingers. This behaviour is habit forming and if we encourage this in the early years, children tend to rely on this as a strategy, sometimes not realising that it not a very effective strategy when working with larger numbers and more complex maths in the upper school years.

Ann is big on number facts strategies and visualising number. So what can you do to help early learners at home? One of the things you can do is to get children subitising. Subitising is understanding how many without counting. For example, you might put out six counters. Children will know how many there are if they count each one, pointing to the counters one at a time and saying the number name. However, they can also work out how many by grouping the objects eg. 2 groups of three, or seeing five and adding one more. Importantly young children need to understand that the group still has six counters no matter how many different ways the counters are arranged. Using magnetic counters on a fridge or pieces of pasta on a table top is a great way of reinforcing this important skill. Arrange them in different ways, mix them up, cover them and reveal them again to see if your child can subitise.

With older children, see how they tackle counting a larger group of pasta or marbles etc. Do they group numbers, make a ten, put numbers together to make the numbers friendlier to add? Can you hear strategy when they are counting? Remember, there’s more than one way to do this. eg.

Number lines are also an important part of Ann’s work. An open or blank number line can help students understand how to count on and back. Simply draw a line and mark the starting point. Remember, the starting point does not always need to be zero. Students can work out answers to problems by putting the starting point on the number line and linking the problem with strategies they know eg. count on 1, count on 2, doubles facts, rainbow facts to ten, turnarounds, adding undoing subtraction, adding zero etc.

We are looking forward to hosting another visit by Ann in October to learn more about her strategies and problems. We are moving into a maths improvement focus over the next year.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/frenchvilless
Student Health FYI
The school has had a reported case of Influenza A. If you are concerned about your child please consult your doctor.

Fathers’ Day Stall News
What a success!! Thanks to Sharon Hodda, Pat Simpson, Sandra Flint, Kathy Druey, Fiona Zinn, Sharon McByrde, Melissa Macrae and special thanks to Rhonda Green who ran the stall in our absence. Amount raised $1143.10.

Thanks also to all parents who sent along gifts in the lead up to fathers’ day, despite the tight timelines. This stall is a service to the children and they always enjoy it.

Kelly Mills & Kerri Lewis
Parent Club

P&C Meeting Thursday 13/9 at 6.30pm in the Staffroom

Agenda items - General Business
a. Bunning’s letter re sausage sizzle
b. Tuckshop payments & processing procedures
c. Chalk and Parent Direct catalogues for 2012
d. Fathers’ Day staff debrief
e. Pick up/drop off zone shade structure update
f. Enrolment management plan update

‘A’ for Effort – Now that’s something to be proud of!
Currently we have asked our teachers to reflect on the effort applied by students towards their studies during the term. We are asking teachers to nominate those students who are consistently applying an ‘A’ standard of effort. These are children who can always be relied upon to try their absolute best and who demonstrate our core values of pride, honesty and persistence, no matter what hurdles are in front of them or how difficult they find the work. These students may not be our academically highest achievers. This award is for effort.

Students nominated by teachers will receive a specially designed ‘A for effort’ ribbon which they can choose to wear on their chest or place in a scrapbook or photo album, or pin on a noticeboard. These ribbons were commissioned and produced just for us by a creative design expert we engaged. Ribbons will be awarded in classrooms by the admin team in weeks ten and eleven of term.

In the lead up to this presentation students are being asked to self-reflect about their attitude and efforts towards their school work and consider whether they believe they will be recognised for their effort in class.

No Newsletter in week 11 – Next week will be our last newsletter of the term.

New Website is up and running
We have used a number of student images on this site. Most parents sign a publication permission form upon enrolment, which includes the use of children’s images and work on the internet. However, if you wish to revoke this permission and your child’s image is on the website, please email Leisa Neaton on lnstat1@eq.edu.au and your child’s image will be removed. Some of the images we’ve used include:
- The picture from the school photo cover this year
- Images from the TWIST opening eg, choir performing, string orchestra, break out sessions conducted at the opening
- Song creation session in the TWIST
- The traffic movie
- A movie of the choir singing the promotional school song
- The Falcons ARL Development Cup Team

Year 7 Camp payments are due by Friday 21 September 2012

Needed – 8 acro props to borrow on the first weekend of the holidays
Our P&C Association is resurrecting a pre-loved shade structure for erection in the pick up/drop off zone on Frenchville Road, just inside our fence line. We are doing this at minimal cost under the leadership of Errol Meyer, parent.

Errol is hoping to get the shade structure stood on the first Saturday of the holidays. To do this, we need some strong dads to support us and the loan of some acro props.

Please call the office or email lnstat1@eq.edu.au to advise of your availability on the first Saturday of the holidays 22/9/12. PLEASE we need about ten men to assist with this project so your support is appreciated. Without getting these volunteers we can’t proceed. We need to know now because we can then book concrete for the following Monday.

If you have some acro props we can borrow, please let us know. Thanks.

New ASD Support Website up and running
Do you have a young child with ASD? A new website gives you tips for starting primary school and managing day-to-day needs.
www.education.qld.gov.au/asd-online-resource-kit/

Prep 2013 for Your Child?
If you have a child born from 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2013 at Frenchville State School.

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Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School. Your early notification of your intention to enrol your child in prep at Frenchville in 2013 is appreciated as it will assist us greatly with our staffing and facilities planning. All enrolments will be accepted FOR ENROLMENT FORMS:
www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Click on the ‘Enrolments’ Tab from the main menu to download forms. For more information please call the school on 49315333.

Needed in Prep to year 3 – whiteboard markers - please purchase for your child/children
We are asking all parents of students in prep to year 3 to purchase a whiteboard marker for their child to use on the new ‘show me boards’. Next year this will be added to the booklet but we are keen to start using this wonderful resource now. Please label your child’s marker with their name. If you would like your child to have a few colours, feel free to purchase more than one pen.

Want to see a Special Movie with your Kids?
Special Movie Fundraiser Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted
Sunday - 16th September

Frenchville State School and their families have a very special opportunity to see Madagascar 3 together. Funds raised will assist the P&C with continued improvements at our school!

Please complete and return the form (previously sent home) including money to the office by Friday 7th of September at the latest. Seats are limited for both a morning and afternoon session of the movie and all tickets (adults and children’s) are $12. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment, please return the form ASAP.

Why not also pre-purchase Combo’s from the candy bar at a discounted rate and just collect them when you arrive? Everyone is welcome, Mums, Dads, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends. However, this is not a school excursion. It is a family event and your supervision is required for your child. Don’t forget to collect your dot to dot colouring in reminder from the TWIST.

We’ve sold over 100 tickets already. Will you join us at the cinema? Mums and Dads, this is a great reward for your children if they have been completing homework, doing their chores at home and making you proud of them.

Another form is included with this newsletter.
Congratulations to these students on their great results!

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 10 September

Monday: J. Connolly
Tuesday: P. Simpson, T. Ross
Wednesday: J. Tysoe, K. Smith
Thursday: C. Wood, R. Green
Friday: M. Cornelius, J. Connolly, K. Boyland

C Hills (Convener)

Rockhampton Chaplaincy Ride – Junior Bike Challenge

On Saturday 15 September Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committees are organising a junior bike challenge at the Kenrick Tucker Velodrome. All year 4 to 7 students are eligible to participate, setting goals for how many kilometres they think they can ride in three hours. Sponsors are collected, with all amounts over $2 being tax deductible. We have given permission for our school chaplain Kevin Murray to canvass students to assess their interest and to provide information about the challenge. For more information call 0400197644.

Falcons’ Footy Doubles

The Falcons are selling doubles in this week’s Bulldogs Vs Sea Eagles Qualifying Final. Doubles are $2 each with the winner receiving $150. Please see Mr Fogwell for more info.

Community Notices

Rockhampton Cycling Club Inc. Come and Try Day Saturday 8 September - Kenrick Tucker Velodrome Berserker Street. For more information call Brett 0413089974 or Adonna Ruff 0412320139

Cathedral College – for information about the transition program for year sevens attending Cathedral College in 2013, please email Karen.lesiter@tccrock.catholic.edu.au or phone 49991300.

Ripper Team Basketball Club Under 10’s to Under 18’s Summer Season Junior Sign on Day Wednesday 12 September 4:30pm-6:00pm Hegvold Stadium on Huish Drive. Contact Fiona Halliday 0431481794 or Angela Tweedy 0400223692

Vibe 3on3® on the Road to Rockhampton It’s got vibe, fun and plenty of action – the National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge. Hosted by Aboriginal basketball star Black Diamond Claude Williams the event features a 3on3 basketball tournament, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshop, a dance competition, a free BBQ and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hop hop and Indigenous music. It’s a fun, free day for Indigenous and non-Indigenous school students of Rockhampton. The Vibe 3on3® will be held at the Hegvold Stadium, Sir Raymond Huish Drive, Rockhampton. For more information go to www.vibe.com.au

Junior Oztag for boys and girls 5-15 - Sign On 17 September at Saleyards Park from 4pm-6pm Contact Ryan Scott 0418772216 rockhampton@oztag.com www.rockhamptonoztag.com

Amsco Information – Glenmore High

Amsco is Glenmore State High School's Accelerated Mathematics, Science and Computer program. Amsco caters for Year 8 and 9 students who are good at Mathematics and Science (academically they should be in the top quarter of their year level), have an interest in computers and have good behaviour and a strong work ethic.

In addition to Amsco, Glenmore High will possibly form a Year 8 Extension class, for students with good behaviour, a solid work ethic and who are academically above average in their studies. To inform students and parents about the award-winning Amsco Program and the possible Extension class for Year 8 students in 2013, the school is holding an Amsco Information Evening on Tuesday 18 September 2012 commencing at 6:00pm in N Block room at Glenmore High School. The evening should finish by 6:45pm. The Amsco test will occur on Tuesday 9 October 2012 in the school library annex area commencing at 4:00pm and finishing at 5:15pm. More information will be available at the Amsco information night.

If you wish further information about these programs but are unable to attend on the night, please contact Andrew McCosh on 49 230 338 during school hours, or via email at amcco436@eq.edu.au

Icy Cups

To raise funds for the Year 7 camp Only 50c, available after school
Monday and Wednesday in the undercover area.

2012 Writing Results

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Rockhampton Representative Under 11 Girls’ Hockey teams travelled to Mackay for the Carnival and both got Runners Up in their respective pools.

Division 1: Aria Roser, Tyla Phillips
Division 2: Teegan Anno, Alysha Barret, Tamika Anno, Georgia Jenkins, Olivia Harrison and Hannah Pizar

Information supplied by T. Casey

Rockhampton Primary Schools’ Representative Rugby League Presentation night awards:
12yrs Lachlan Hubner Best & Fairest. Montell Lawton Best Forward, Finn Swain Coach’s Award
10yrs Ben Pole Best & Fairest, Lionel Mann Best Back
Lachlan Hubner - Rockhampton Most Outstanding Player of the Year

Information supplied by J. Hubner

Congratulations to these students.

Walking Club

HEALTHY BODY = HEALTHY MINDS

Year 4 to 7 children meet Miss. Stokes and Mrs. Hewitt on the steps of the top oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays at second lunch play to walk the oval to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine – and each others’ company while gaining some fitness! Remember to wear your hat and bring your water bottle.