Principal's News

World Teachers' Day

Every day, in classrooms around the state, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers’ Day, on the last Friday of October (this Friday 26/10/12), is a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. Recently our school was profiled during the Showcase Awards for the excellent work our staff team does together on behalf of learners. See the vignette which has recently been uploaded to YouTube by DETE which celebrates Frenchville staff members’ efforts to improve outcomes for students at:
http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgjv5epyrrnQDjBNqRt-1z8qXdvuvu-TSK

2015 – The Transition of year seven to high school

As the parent body is aware, the State government plans to move year seven to high school from 2015. This means that in 2014 our year six and seven cohort will graduate at the same time. We have started to consider what this means for Frenchville and want to be sure that we involve parents and students in the planning for this transition. Particularly, we want to be sure that neither the year sevens or sixes in that changeover year are disadvantaged in any way. Things we’ve started to consider: year seven camp to Canberra, end of year awards, graduation, end of year dance, student leadership roles. We would be grateful if parents of either of these cohorts (these students are currently year five and year four in 2012) would forward any questions, concerns or queries to me as the principal so that I can consider this input as we make a plan for this major change. There may be a concern from the point of view of child or a family that we have not considered yet. We want to be sure everything is factored in and that we have a clear plan for this transition, even though it seems a long way away. We are committed to publishing a transition plan so everybody knows up front what to expect before the change comes along. Email is probably the easiest for input:
Ineat1@eq.edu.au.

Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter: http://twitter.com/frenchvilless

Spotlight tickets on sale now at the Pilbeam Theatre

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Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
Learning Support and Intervention Programs – Term 4

Following the examination of class data, the list of students requiring support to achieve year level expectations in literacy and numeracy has been reviewed. The following support programs will be provided in Term 4.

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If you have any questions regarding support services for students, please direct your queries to the classroom teacher or Donna Earle-Morrison. Each term, the support programs are reviewed to target different student groups and areas of need.

P&C Date Claimer

6 November 2012 in the staffroom.
SafeST meeting (traffic committee) at 6.00pm, followed by a staff meeting at 6.30pm. This is our final P&C meeting for the year.

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.

Birth date: Eligible for Prep Year in: Eligible for Year 1 in:


Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School.

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.
Nb. Catchment area restrictions now apply.

P&C News

NOTICE TO PARENTS - BOOK PACKS FOR 2013

Remember: Orders will need to be in by Wednesday 31 October 2012.
Our preference for payment of the order would be in full, but a deposit of 20% can be made by this date. The remainder will be due for payment on collection of the packs. We hope to have everything ready for collection by Monday 10 December 2012. Prep packs will hopefully be available for collection at the open day on 7/12/12.

Leaving Frenchville in 2013?

If your child will not be with us for the 2013 school year we would appreciate a call or note to our office so that we are able to accurately plan our 2013 classes.

Year Seven Camp Fundraiser 2013

P&C has approved the current year six parent body to conduct a sausage sizzle before the next dance party. The dance party is on 9/11/12. Current parents of year six students are urged to support this fundraising venture as we need to raise a substantial amount to keep the year seven camp costs down.

Firestorm 2012

Want to participate in our school magazine/year book publication team this year - Firestorm 2012? During this year’s retreat we will be interviewing classes and preparing photographs, scanning class work samples etc. on Friday 21/11/12 during the school day, polishing layouts and drafts on Friday evening, and then launching into final copy production to prepare the version to be sent to the printer. Pizza will be provided for an early Friday night dinner – you can then be collected from the TWiST by 7.30pm. If you are interested in participating, please collect an expression of interest form from the office.

Data to share – Year Three Reading results

Last week we promised parents we’d share data stories for the remainder of this year’s newsletters. This week we’d like to profile year three reading. We are very impressed with the 2012 year three reading results, showing an upward trend again. This shows that our continued focus on reading comprehension is paying dividends. When comparing Frenchville’s mean scale score in year three on the NAPLAN testing for 2012 we can see that Frenchville is scoring higher than the nation, other Queensland schools and other schools in the Central Queensland area.

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The other good news is that we have achieved 99.1% of students above the National minimum standard, the best result ever. Obviously we would like 100% of students above the standard in every year level and we will keep striving to achieve this goal.

Another measure is to examine the percentage of students achieving in the top two bands. In NAPLAN in year three, students who achieve band one are below the minimum standard, students achieving band 2 are at the minimum standard, students achieving in bands 3 and 4 are achieving in the middle (where 60% of students are most likely to be), and students achieving in bands 5 & 6 are considered to be achieving in the top two bands. We are thrilled to report that at Frenchville we have 53% of year three students achieving in the upper two bands, compared with the following scores for the Nation, Queensland and Central Queensland:

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So the year three reading data story, which has been on an upward trend for the past three years, continues to be a good story for our school. Of course, it is critical we use other measures besides NAPLAN data to determine the success of our reading programs and we look at library borrowing rates, home reading records, reading levels compared to chronological ages and comprehension strategy data grabs to confirm our judgement about student performance in reading. However, I think everyone will agree that these results are a great testament to the diligent work of our teachers, the shared commitment to reading by parents and the positive attitude of our students towards reading.

Congratulations

Congratulations Riley Wessling who is representing Rockhampton in U12 basketball at Bundaberg this weekend.

Congratulations Jordan Zieleke and Macey Zieleke selected to represent Capricornia in Football.

Congratulations Katie Butler who placed third in the 200m Queensland AWD Athletic Championships.

Spotlight Concert

The much anticipated annual Spotlight Concert returns to the Pilbeam Theatre on Wednesday 14 November. As communicated in last week’s newsletter, tickets are now available for sale at the Pilbeam Theatre.

The concert is an opportunity for our school to showcase its performing arts program. It will feature performances from the Year 1 - 3 choir, Year 4 – 7 choir, Junior Band, Year 6/7 Band, Paganini Strings, Maestro Strings and Strings Orchestra.

In addition, students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 7 will delight the audience with song. A letter has been distributed to parents of Prep and Year 1 students regarding Spotlight requirements.

Future newsletters will detail specific information about reporting times and venues for performers.

Crazy Camel Fundraiser

Remember: Your completed artwork and payment ($10) is due back at school Friday 2nd November for the order to proceed. No late returns will be processed. The art work sheets and order forms were sent home last week.


**Dance Party in the School Activity Centre.**

**Disco / Dance Party**

**Friday 9 November 2012**

Prep – Year 3 (only)  5.30pm – 6.45pm  
Year 4 – Year 7 (only)  7.00pm – 8.45pm

Cost: $4 single or $10 Family (Parents and small children free)  
Conditions: Tickets must be purchased through Newsletter by  
Wednesday 7 November or at school on Thursday 8 November  
and Friday 9 November 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 8.45pm respectively.

Years 4-7 children are not permitted at the “littlies” dance party and  
no supervision can be provided for years 4-7 children arriving before 7.00pm. Children will not be allowed to leave the hall until collected by a parent. We would ask that you come in and collect your child.

Poor behaviour will not be tolerated. 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 disco or sent home. “Foreign” objects are not allowed to be brought in to the disco, eg. MP3 players. Large bags which can be used to conceal objects will not be allowed in. Parents of younger children are welcome to stay and enjoy the dance party with their children.

Chips & drinks will be on sale for $1.50.
Glowssticks will also be on sale.

P-3: These can be paid for by parents at the door (children’s hands are stamped for what they purchase).

Years 4-7: Bring money to buy from the canteen.

**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.

**Child’s Name**  
**Class**

Ticket Amount $ ____________________________

Dance Party Help: Adults are needed for various duties at the dance party. Please complete your details below if you can help out on the night.

**Adult Volunteer Name:** ____________________

Prep – 3  5.30pm-6.45pm  □ (Please tick time slot)

Year 4 – 7  7.00pm-8.45pm  □ you can help at)

**Tuckshop Roster**

**Roster commencing Monday 29 October**

Monday:  J Connolly  
Tuesday:  HELP NEEDED PLEASE  
Wednesday:  P Simpson  
Thursday:  J Lynch, T Pirie  
Friday:  I Stevens, J Connolly  
C Hills (Convenor)

Book Packs 2013: Orders need to be in by 31 October 2012  
Skorts: These can now be purchased from the tuckshop – no order necessary.

**ICY CUPS**

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

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**Happy World Teachers’ Day from our Bahai Instructors**

**Traffic Update**

Council Compliance officers will continue to conduct spot checks over the next few weeks.

Remember: follow the rules and you are unlikely to get a fine. We continue to be concerned about parents endangering the lives of students by parking in unsafe and unregulated areas. Safety is our shared priority.

Some parents last week raised the concern that they were not aware Frenchville did not own the traffic zone. The front boundary fence is the one which runs alongside the drop off zone. Land in front of this is not our jurisdiction. Another issue raised related to the parking of four wheel drives leaving this area have nearly run over students who were doing a service by parking there and leaving the internal school parks for other parents. Whilst we understand there may have been some confusion, please let us clarify: no parking in this area.

**SPORT FIXTURES**

**26 October 2012**

| Cricket | | | | | | |
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| Senior 1 – Waraburra | Rocky Cricket Grounds 1 | Senior A | 1 day game next week |
| Senior 3 – forfeit (camp) | | | | | |
| Junior 1 vs St Josephs PA | Rocky Cricket Grounds 3 | | | |
| Senior 3 vs Gracemere | Woods Park | | | |
| Minors vs Gracemere | Frenchville SS | | | |

| Softball | | | | | | |
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| Senior A – Mt Archer forfeit (camp) | | | | | |
| Senior B – forfeit (camp) amended after Newsletter went to print | | | | | |
| Junior A vs Allenstown | Frenchville | | | |
| Junior B vs Waraburra | Western St 3 | | | |

| Tee Ball | | | | | | |
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| Frenchville vs Mt Morgan | Western St 4 | | | |

| Hockey at Kalka Shores | | | | | | |
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| 1.00-1.15pm | Frenchville 2 v St Joseph’s PA | Turf 1 | | | |
| 1.20-1.35pm | Frenchville 2 v St Joseph’s Wandall 4 | Turf 3 | | | |
| 1.40-1.55pm | Frenchville 2 vs Rockhampton Grammar 3 | Turf 2 | | | |
| 2.00-2.15pm | Frenchville 1 vs Glenmore 2 | Turf 1 | | | |

**Community Notices**

Frenchville Pioneers Rugby Union Junior Rugby players wanted. Boys and girls 9 and 10 years. Games held at Rugby park Fridays 5.15pm. Training McLeod Park Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm. Contact Teresa Kelerer 04713551 or Shane Whitney 0439740664

Lakes Creek State School Twilight Christmas Fair & Markets 7 December 5pm – 9pm Stall costs $10 (3m x 3m) non powered - $15 powered. Stall holders must have public liability. For more information contact Lakes Creek State School on 4932633.

Scorpions Softball Club Sign On and Information Day Saturday 27/10/12 at 10am Frenchville Sports Club. Contact Selena 0458169003 Kylie 0437069212 or Frenchville Sports Club 49261828

For Sale: Violin % Enrico. Good condition $80 phone 0408211838

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