Principal's News

Year Seven Camp
Year seven camp was another great success. Congratulations to everyone associated with this wonderful event, and particularly our camp organiser Karen Shanks. We believe camp memories last a lifetime and that students really benefit from this incredible activity. We hope year seven parents have heard lots of great camp stories of adventure, learning and friendships. We are fortunate to be in a school community prepared to support such a fantastic opportunity and that we have a teaching staff prepared to give their weekends to supervise students on camp. Thank you to all participating staff: Mr Dundas Taylor, Mrs Driscoll, Ms Wright, Mrs Hubner, Mr Fogwell, Mr Hull, Ms Earle-Morrison and Mr Smith, and of course Ms Shanks. Thanks also to the team of staff who remained back at school picking up extra playground duties and covering sports, and accommodating changes to timetables and routines.

Before School Supervision Reminder
Please remember that no rostered supervision is provided before school for students. School instruction commences at 8.40am each day and a warning bell goes at 8.35am. We expect that parents remain with students or that you set clear boundaries about where the children are to wait for the start of instruction at 8.40am. Admin members do roam through the grounds in the morning but sometimes we are delayed due to parent meetings or staff meetings before school. Only senior students are allowed on the oval. No big balls (eg basketballs, footballs) are to be thrown around the buildings by our younger students before school as this is a very congested time of day and there is a risk of injury. Over the years, our students have managed to play sensibly, to make good sensible choices about activities before school (reading, chatting with friends, playing handball or skipping, playing hopscotch) and to respect our school rules before school. We expect this standard to continue. Climbing on the bracing under buildings or standing on chairs is not acceptable.

Sensible School Shoes Please
Under workplace health and safety regulations, closed school shoes are necessary. We expect these shoes to have laces or Velcro to secure them. Shoes without these fastenings are dangerous and can easily result in injury. Safety first. Please check your child’s shoes to make sure they fit well, stay on their feet and are appropriate for the range of activities during the school day including dancing, our PE focus this term.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

Spotlight tickets on sale now at the Pilbeam Theatre

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SafeST agenda: - Parking fines, - Microsoft parent campaign - Traffic flow in pick up / drop off zone

P&C Agenda
1. General Business
   a. Councillor Fisher update
   b. Schools Out rental agreement review
   c. Tuckshop
      i. Laptop for the tuckshop
      ii. Uniform suppliers
      iii. Break up day iceblocks
      iv. Feedback on Etfpsos facilities
      v. Book packs
      vi. Tuckshop treasurer role 2013
   d. Patron resignation
   e. Drop off shelter
   f. Tennis Court Liability and keys
   g. Shade structure over handball courts

Staff Leave

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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.

Congratulations Macey Zielke
It was a pleasure to text Mr Smith on camp last week to let him know that Macey is the local winner of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Macey now goes onto the next judging level, with the chance to win a trip to New York if she is the overall prize winner.

Birthday Cakes at School
We do not encourage birthday cakes at school for a few key reasons. Firstly, DETE has a policy about limiting red food days and we try to restrict these days to the legislated number of two days per term. This strategy also links with the red, amber and green foods in the tuckshop. The government’s strategy can be found at Smart Choices website: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html

The second reason is due to some of our children having serious allergies. We try to limit the potential for any food being shared, including birthday cakes, in case there is something in the cake which causes an allergy or anaphylactic reaction.

We understand some families are in Rockhampton without family support and that birthday party cakes can seem like a good idea. However, we appreciate your support in helping us follow the rules and keeping all kids safe. We are not saying you can’t have a cake at school, but we appreciate you reconidering whether you absolutely need to provide a cake.

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. This Friday 2/11/12 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 (Geordie Street double gates near the front doors) by 6.30pm (not later, an earlier change of time). If you are interested in participating, please collect an expression of interest form from the office.

Firestorm 2012 Student Permission
A Firestorm Publication Permission Form will be going home with your child with this newsletter. Please complete and return to the office if you wish your child to have the chance to appear in the magazine. If permission is not received your child will definitely not appear in Firestorm 2012.

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.

Green Thumbs Club News
Kids like growing things and eating the products of their labour. Some very excited students this week were eating ‘raw’ beans from the Frenchville Green Thumbs Garden. Can you spot who really liked the beans? One of these students said she didn’t like them cooked or raw, but she wanted her picture in the newsletter anyway. Kids!

More data to share
This week we’d like to profile year 5 performance data, based on the NAPLAN test results recently back to the school. 22.1% of year five students at Frenchville achieved in the top two bands on the reading and viewing test this year, and the mean lifted slightly by seven points, from 463 to 470. We believe we still have more work to do in year four and five – we have 11.7% of students not hitting the national minimum standard and as raised in last week’s newsletter, we’d like to think every child can achieve a minimum standard. Whilst Frenchville matches the Queensland State mean and outperforms the Central Queensland school mean in reading, we still have some ground to make on the National mean. So what are we doing about this?

- Regular short bursts of reading comprehension and a focus on using the comprehension strategies taught in class and thinking these out aloud so that all children learn how to be good comprehenders of text, not just decoders. Your children might know this Frenchville strategy as the ‘On the Ball’ program.

- Encouraging regular reading. It is absolutely critical that as students leave the junior years they remain reading. Evidence shows that vocabulary is a key factor in why children start to slip behind in their reading and numeracy tasks. Library borrowing (town and school), finding series of books that children like to read and ensuring reluctant and struggling readers continue to read at a level which is not frustrating is the key.

- Teachers in class continue to use levelled readers in the middle school to ensure reading instruction is pitched at a ‘stretch target’ without being at a frustration level. Reading is still explicitly taught in the middle years with a big focus on reading comprehension.

- Building vocabulary – word banks, subject walls, ensuring students can think up rich, extended noun and verb groups in their writing tasks, promoting the use of similes and metaphors in writing and identifying these in reading assists students to understand the role of figurative language and descriptive language. Recent evidence shows that students do not have a great understanding of proverbs eg. a stitch in time saves nine, similes eg. as quick as a cricket, as wise as an owl, and can switch off when they encounter difficult or unfamiliar vocabulary.

- Consistent teaching strategies across the school so that the transition from year three to four and five isn’t so huge and that students are comforted by the common language used by our teachers. We have drawn on evidence-based models in our reading program which have proven to be successful in other parts of the world and are grounded in research. We try to read widely and keep abreast of the latest teaching developments in reading instruction.
Movember

This year, some male staff members at Frenchville SS are participating in Movember to help raise money for Men’s Health Issues. Staff members involved in 2012 are Mr Fogwell (captain), Mr Harch, Mr Hull, Mr Norton, Mr Quinane and Mr Swales. Movember’s primary campaign objective is to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues, specifically prostate and male mental health. We want everyone to know that most cancers are highly curable if caught in the early stages therefore Movember aims to increase early detection, diagnosis and effective treatment. This will ultimately reduce the number of deaths from cancer. If you wish to donate to such a cause, go to http://au.movember.com/team/479261 and search for ‘Frenchville’ and donate to the team. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible. All support is greatly appreciated not only by the ‘Frenchville Team’ but men all over Australia.

Crazy Camel Fundraiser

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

Disco / 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 2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 1 vs St Joseph’s Wandal 4 Turf 1

- 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 “littles” 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.

- Glowsticks 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.

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**SPORT FIXTURES**

**2 November 2012**

**Cricket**

- Senior 1 vs Waraburra Rocky Cricket Grounds 1
- Senior 3 vs St Mary’s Juds Park
- Junior 1 vs St Joseph’s PA Rocky Cricket Grounds 3
- Junior 3 vs Mt Morgan Saleyards Park 2
- Minors vs Allenstown Frenchville

**Softball**

- Senior A vs Berserker Berserker
- Senior B vs Glennmore Glennmore
- Junior A vs Mt Archer Frenchville
- Junior B vs St Joseph’s PA Frenchville

**Tee Ball**

- Frenchville vs Glennmore Frenchville

**Hockey at Kalka Shades**

- 1.00-1.15pm Frenchville 2 vs Warraburra 2 Turf 2
- 1.20-1.35pm Frenchville 1 vs Rockhampton Grammar 2 Grass 1
- 1.20-1.35pm Frenchville 3 vs St Joseph’s PA 4 Turf 2
- 1.40-1.55pm Frenchville 2 vs St Joseph’s PA 3 Grass 2
- 2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 1 vs St Joseph’s Wandal 4 Turf 1
- 2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 3 vs St Joseph’s PA 4 Turf 2

**2012 Day / Night Cricket Competition Schedule**

**Day/Night Competition “Peter Bugler Shield”**

**Semi Final 1 (2v3) – Wednesday 7 November**

Frenchville SS v Berserker St SS

- Playing Times: (approximate times only)
  - Session One: 3.45pm – 6.00pm.
  - Dinner Break / Change of Innings: 6.00pm – 6.30pm
  - Session Two: 6.30pm – 8.45pm.

- At this stage, we are unsure if the canteen at the cricket grounds will be operational on all nights.

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**North Rockhampton High School - Year 7 Transition**

**Tuesday 4 December 2012**

Students need to be at North Rockhampton High School for a 9.00am start and will need to be picked up promptly at 1.15pm. Private transport will need to be arranged. Students will be supervised throughout the day and parents are welcome to attend. A complimentary BBQ lunch will be provided during first break. Students will have access to the tuckshop during second break but are welcome to bring their own lunch.

**Student Banking**

Due to the popularity of the Rewards Scheme, only 4 items are available to redeem this term – any of the Money Boxes, Booklight, Pen Pod and USB. If your child has 10 tokens and would like any of these (if they don’t have them already), please send your order and tokens to Banking as soon as possible. Some of this year’s rewards will be available again next year. Last day for Banking this year is Thursday, 6 December.

**Tuckshop Roster**

**Roster commencing Monday 5 November**

**Monday:** J Connolly
**Tuesday:** C Hinton
**Wednesday:** K Jenkins
**Thursday:** C Wood, R Green
**Friday:** D Weissing, M Cornelius, J Connolly

C Hills (Convenor)

**ICY CUPS**

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

**Traffic Update**

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

We are endeavouring to get parents in the pick up/drop off zone to go as far to the end as possible to avoid congesting the entry to the zone. We are also trying to get kids ‘on the look out’ for parent cars so that they are quickly moving to the vehicles and the flow can continue. As usual, by 3.00pm, things are very smooth.
FRENCHVILLE SPOTLIGHT CONCERT  
WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

❖ The uniform for all Choral and Instrumental Music groups is the Frenchville Music Uniform.
❖ Year 1/2/3 Choir – Music Uniform
❖ Year 4-7 Choir – Music Uniform

Frenchville Music Uniform – 
**Boys:** Royal blue shirt, Frenchville royal blue shorts, Long white socks, Black shoes
**Girls:** Royal blue shirt, Royal blue pleated skirt/skorts, Long white socks, Black shoes
Hair ribbon must be royal blue

❖ Students in the Prep and Year 1 item wear school uniform, short white socks and normal school shoes.
❖ Students in Prep need reindeer antlers.
❖ Students in the Year 1 item need a red and white Santa’s hat for the performance.
❖ Students in Year 7 need to wear a bright shirt.
❖ Students in the Year 4 – 7 choir need to bring a small stuffed animal.
❖ Students in all Instrumental Music groups need to bring their instrument and music folder.

❖ Any artists involved in other items that are unable to report with groups assembling in the upstairs front foyer or the paved area should join the group in the Green Room as soon as possible before the item moves on stage.

❖ The Comperes for the concert will remind students seated in the audience of the appropriate time to exit the Theatre by doors 5 & 6 (top back of auditorium) and report to the Choir Marshals waiting outside these doors or to the paved area. Students need to exit the Theatre quickly when requested to avoid “hold-ups” in the Concert program.

❖ All instrumental students may leave their cases and music in their respective dressing room until they leave at the end of the night. The Pilbeam Theatre does not allow cases in the auditorium.

❖ On completion of items, teachers will put children into lines to be taken to the appropriate Theatre door if they are remaining. The ushers will show the children to their seats at the next break in the program. **No one should enter or leave the auditorium while an item is in progress.**

❖ Students who perform in the Concert need to have a Pilbeam Theatre ticket to enter the auditorium to join their parents after their item. **They must carry this ticket with them while performing and ensure that it doesn’t get lost.** The safest place to store the ticket is in their pocket or their shoe or tucked inside their sock. This can be easily retrieved after their item when they will be taken to the appropriate door marked on their ticket.

❖ Any parent collecting a child to take home after he/she has performed should collect the child from the teachers at the **front foyer near the box office**. We have listed the information below for parents who were unable to obtain tickets for the Concert and need to know pick up times when items are completed.

❖ The only point of entry to the backstage area is through the Green Room stage door. The roller door, which leads to the back lane, **WILL NOT** be open. (Theatre Work Place Health & Safety issue).

❖ Prep students will meet in the paved area outside the Green Room door (between theatre and art gallery)
❖ Year 1 students will meet in the Amphitheatre (Quay Street side of Art Gallery)
❖ Instrumental groups and ‘Year 7 item’ group will meet in the paved area outside the Green Room door (between theatre and art gallery)
❖ Year 1/2/3, 4/5/6/7 Choirs will meet in the upstairs foyer (outside doors 5 & 6).

**Approximate Start and Finish Times**

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