Principal's News

We enjoyed a wonderful dance party on Friday night, thanks to our DJ Lofty and our hard working P&C as well as Frenchville staff who gave up their Friday night to supervise. Student behaviour was excellent, making it an enjoyable night for all.

Report Cards
Report cards are currently being written by teaching staff so your child may report an increased amount of assessment including running records (reading assessments) which are very time consuming to undertake but very beneficial in terms of sharing reading progress with students and showing their gains throughout the year. These assessments must be done one on one, which means students are working semi-independently while the teacher is engaging with individual students. End of term assessments and projects are also being marked to finalise overall grades. Please be sure your child is aware of items she/he has due so that they have every chance of achieving to their full potential.

Increased Emphasis on Mental Computation
Teachers have commenced working towards more visible thinking and explicit teaching in relation to mental computation. Mental computation is often used in the adult world but in recent times has not been as evident in the curriculum. With the move to the National Curriculum and our recent work with Ann Baker from Natural Maths we have undertaken a review of our maths pedagogy. You might notice the bright A4 posters in each classroom with the strategies to support students. You might also hear students mentioning the use of the ‘secret code’ – the secret code is simply a way of children showing the teacher what computation strategies they have used to answer a problem and there is always more than one strategy which is effective. The ‘secret code’ allows students to share their thinking and this helps other students see alternative strategies. Here’s some of the ‘secret code’ for your reference. We will start to unpack the code with you in subsequent newsletters.

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P&C News

The last P&C meeting for the year was conducted last Thursday night and this meeting included a SafeST meeting. News from the meeting:

SAFEST (Safe School Travel Meeting)

- Councillor Neal Fisher advised us that the parking fines which had caused a few complaints had been given out after warnings on previous days. He also said that phone calls had been received indicating support for the Council’s position due to near misses with pedestrians and 4 wheel drives parked on the grass strip.
- Trees will be planted in future on the grass strip to stop people from parking in this area.
- The safe travel DVD will be distributed to all prep 2013 parents at the induction day on 7/12/12.
- Some ‘buckle up’ signs will be supplied by Trevor Newmann to remind parents to check children are buckled up when they are picked up after school.

P&C News

- Tennis court hire at Frenchville will cease due to concerns about public liability. P&C has investigated options and found that insurance is not available under QCPCA. Therefore, all current key holders will be written to advising that we no longer offer this service. This letter will contain information about why we have ceased this practice.
- An increase in the SAC hire for Schools Out was proposed. Schools Out has been contacted about the increase, necessary to fund ongoing maintenance in the centre and cover rising power bills.
- Tuckshop will provide iceblocks for students on breaking up day 2012
- An alternative uniform supplier provided samples. Future negotiations will occur – please note, a change of supplier is being considered, not a change of uniform.
- A school fete will be conducted in 2013 as one of our major fundraisers.

NOTICE OF P&C AGM

The P&C AGM in 2013 will be conducted on Thursday 14/2/13 in the staffroom. At this meeting all current positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken for the executive positions for 2013.

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.

Dance Party News

Numbers were down on this term’s dance party, 488 students, but that didn’t slow down the party. Non-stop fun!! Thank you to all the volunteers in the canteen. Christina Benussi, Tricia Williams, Karen Smith, Antoinette Robe, Sharyn Bertucci, Sharyn Carrington, Sharon Bowden, Heidi Phillips, Sandi Brown, Susan Marsh, Rhonda Green, Brenda Baartz, Toni Casey and Di Mallyon. We raised $2,258.42. Many hands made light work.

Kelly Mills & Kerri Lewis
Parent Club

2013 Year 7 Camp Fundraiser

The first of Year 6 camp fundraising events kicked off at the Dance Party - our very first sausage sizzle and the always popular glow sticks. Sausage sizzle raised $310.65

Glow sticks raised $360.00

Thank you to Kelly Mills for organising the sausage sizzle and Janelle Cunningham for supervising the glow stick stall. Thank you also to all the families and students who helped out with these two great stalls.

Interested current Year 6 parents have another opportunity to run the sausage sizzle at the next Dance Party, Term 1, 2013.

Spotlight Concert – Instrumental Music Students

Congratulations to all Instrumental Music students for their fantastic performances at the Spotlight Concert. We have received many comments on their professional behaviour on stage and lovely sound from all the groups.

Lessons will continue for the next few weeks. Wednesday String Orchestra rehearsal will continue for their end of year performances.

Mrs Everitt, Mr Ilott and Mr Clancy

Applications for Instrumental Music in 2013

Students who are interested in commencing lessons in 2013 are asked to pick up an application form from the office. Applications have been extended to Wednesday 21 November.

Students in Year 4 to 7 in 2013 are eligible for inclusion in the instrumental music program on string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

Firestorm 2012

The “Firestorm” is at the printers and we have requested a print run of 300 copies, which means if you would like to order one for your family, you need to do so ASAP. The “Firestorm” has over 90 pages of annual highlights from Frenchville, including a page for every class. The photographic and editorial content has largely been done by our junior Firestorm reporters. The final copy will be professionally printed. The good news is the cost for the magazine remains at $14. Please get your order form in ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Applications for Year 7 Awards are available from the office, the school network, or the Year 7 virtual classroom. To receive an award at the graduation ceremony on 13/12/12, students must apply using these forms. Applications are due at the office by 12:00pm on Friday 23/11/12.

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YEAR 7 GRADUATION MOVIE REMINDER

Students in year seven are reminded they need to bring in a USB stick with their pictures for the 2012 graduation movie by Friday 16/11/12. Please ensure this has been clearly named and given to your teacher. A separate note was sent out about this project before school camp.

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Green Thumbs Club News

Green thumbs members are seeking donations of seeds to plant in the garden beds. Seeds can be given directly to the grounds staff. Staff are also happy to accept donations of plants for the gardens at any time.
Thanks.

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 Guinane 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 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.

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.

Relief Cleaners

Anyone interested in becoming a relief cleaner please contact the office 49315333.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 19 November
Monday: A Zahra, J Connolly
Tuesday: R Green
Wednesday: J Pennell
Thursday: K Krause, N Hardy
Friday: T Britten, J Connolly

Pre-ordered Uniforms – these are now available for collection. C Hills (Convener)

TURN CAPS INTO COINS!

Pauls will contribute 10c per cap for every “Collect-a-Cap” collected. So the more caps we collect, the bigger the contribution to our school.

We’re currently participating in the “Battery Weigh In” so we need all your dead batteries to be placed in our purple recycling bin in the office. Launched by Battery World, this program helps educate children and families across Australia about the proper recycling of batteries, ensuring they don’t end up in landfill. This is an initiative of our P&C.

North Rockhampton High School - Yr 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.

Emmaus College – Orientation Day

Date: Thursday 22 November 2012
Time: 8.45am – 2.30pm (Students will be met at the gate and shown to the Hall)
What to wear: School uniform including hat
What to bring: Pen and pencil. Morning tea and lunch including drinks. A water bottle would be advisable. (Tuckshop not available on that day)

SPORT FIXTURES

16 November 2012

Cricket
Senior 1 vs Berserker St Rocky Cricket Grounds 1
Senior 3 vs Lakes Creek Lakes Creek SS
Junior 1 vs Mt Archer Rocky Creek Grounds 3
Junior 3 vs Gracemere Woods Park
Minors vs RGS 2 Frenchville SS

Softball
Senior A vs Mt Archer Frenchville
Senior A vs Warraburra Warraburra
Junior A vs Aliens town Frenchville
Junior B vs Warraburra Forfeit

Tee Ball
Frenchville Bye

Hockey at Kalka Shades
1.00-1.15pm Frenchville 2 vs Glenmore 1 Tuf 2
1.20-1.35pm Frenchville 1 vs Rockhampton Grammar 4 Tuf 2
1.20-1.35pm Frenchville 3 vs Rockhampton Grammar 2 Tuf 1
1.40-1.55pm Frenchville 2 vs Rockhampton Grammar 1 Grass 3
2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 1 vs Frenchville 3 Grass 1

ICY CUPS

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

Community Notices

Engaging Adolescents Parent Course
Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems. A three session program for parents and carers at Anglicare 22, 29 November and 6 December 9.30am-12.30pm. To register or for more information contact Margaret or Scharryn 49228648.

Rockhampton Tigers Junior Rugby League sign on for 2013
Sunday 18 November 11am-2pm at Elizabeth Park (Cnr Nobbs & Rodboro St). All past & new players welcome from ages 5yrs to 18yrs, Girls & Boys! (NEW PLAYERS - Please bring 2 copies of your birth certificate) Coaches and Volunteers needed, for more information contact Nicole 0422 587 506 / 0429 060 902 Or visit our Facebook Page ‘Rockhampton Tigers Junior Rugby League’.

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 49326333.

For Sale: Yamaha Clarinet in good condition $200 ono ph 49261387 or 0409057827

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