Principal's News

School Opinion Survey results have come back into us and we have been examining the results to see the messages sent to us by students, parents and staff about our school’s operation, teaching and learning results, curriculum programs, behaviour perceptions etc. These surveys are completed by a sample of year five and seven students and a sample of parents who are identified according to a selection process mandated by the system, and all staff members. I have shared with the staff that I believe the results paint an optimistic future for our school – the high levels of positivity and satisfaction expressed by all three target groups show that by working together our school has generated a lot of positive energy, enthusiasm and momentum towards positive futures for our students. At this busy time of year as we read report cards, celebrate academic success and believe the results paint an optimistic future for our school – the high levels of positivity and satisfaction expressed by all three a gift – it provides some future direction and some time to pause and celebrate the positives. A quick snapshot is provided below of the feedback given by our 120 year 5 and 7 students who completed this survey.

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### Important End of Year Dates

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### A few general reminders

Behaviour expectations remain in place until 14 December. This means we must all work together to maintain high standards and ensure that students are following the rules, respecting each other, their teachers and the school environment. A few concerns have arisen lately with students making poor choices. Sometimes we see this crop in as the weather gets hotter and students start sensing the holidays are around the corner. It is disappointing when students need to be disciplined at the end of the year, potentially missing out on fun activities with their classes whilst they take responsibility for their actions. Consequences range from warnings, to missing out on play to undertake responsible thinking processes, in school suspension and suspension. A few of our concerns lately:

- students taking unnecessary risks eg. standing on handrails, running on stairs, running on concrete, playing unsafe games, throwing a rock or stick
- students not wearing their uniform with respect. We expect this during, before and after school. Shirts in, shoes on please. Hats are also a good idea in this hot weather.
- students playing in out of bounds areas eg. around toilets, around buildings
- students bringing unsafe items to school
- students not putting themselves in the shoes of others eg. ‘How would I like it if somebody didn’t let me play with them or called me a name or threatened they were going to do something to hurt me?’
- students engaging in irresponsible behaviour on the way home from school. This is often phonied in by members of the public. Where unsafe behaviour is reported eg. riding on skateboards in a reckless manner, crossing the road without being aware of traffic, or hurting wildlife or damaging property, the first phone call may not be made to the school but to the Police. We encourage members of the public to inform us of any incidents involving our students before/after school as we believe we all need to work together in our school, our town and community to keep our kids safe.

Whilst it is only a small minority of students who engage in these types of behaviours and most of our students are respectful, responsive and diligent right up until the end of the school year, we will not tolerate students making choices which spoil the rest of the year for staff members or fellow students. Your support in encouraging your child to be kind to the people who sit next to them and respectful to the adults in our school community is always appreciated.

### 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. At present we have names on the waiting list who are hoping for positions so your notification of your family’s intentions is appreciated.

### Student Awards

#### Year 1-3 Academic Awards

Year 1-3 Academic Awards Assembly will be conducted on Tuesday 4 December in the SAC at 2:15pm. Along with stickers, parade certificates, verbal praise and reports cards, these awards are another way for teachers to celebrate student success and give feedback to students.

#### Year 4-6 Academic Awards

The will occur on Monday 3 December in the SAC at 2.00pm. Please see the awards criteria below.

### Sports Parade

The annual sports parade will be conducted in the SAC on Wednesday 12 December at 2.00pm. Trophies are awarded to the best and fairest players of school based sport. Pennants are awarded to students who have represented Rockhampton, Capricornia or Queensland for school sport.

### Yr 7 Graduation and Awards

Parents, families and friends of Year 7 students are invited to attend the Year 7 Graduation on Thursday 13 December at 9:00am in the SAC. During this ceremony trophies, pennants and graduation certificates will be awarded. Students must be well presented in school uniform. All students from Prep to Year 7 will attend the ceremony.

#### Academic Awards Criteria

**GOLD ACADEMIC AWARD**

- A minimum requirement of **two** ‘A’ achievement levels in the areas of ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE.

AND

- At least **three** ‘A’ achievement levels in other curriculum areas.
  (If the student achieves ‘A’ in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science only two ‘A’ achievement levels are required in other learning areas.)

**RECIPIENT MUST HAVE AT LEAST FIVE ‘A’ RESULTS ON THE SEMESTER TWO REPORT CARD.**

**SILVER ACADEMIC AWARD**

- A **requirement** of **two** ‘A’ achievement levels in the areas of ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE.

AND

- At least **two** ‘A’ achievement levels in other curriculum areas.
  (If the student achieves ‘A’ in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science only one ‘A’ achievement level is required in another learning area.)

**RECIPIENT MUST HAVE AT LEAST FOUR ‘A’ RESULTS ON THE SEMESTER TWO REPORT CARD.**

**BRONZE ACADEMIC AWARD**

A **minimum requirement** of **three** ‘A’ achievement levels.

#### Instrumental Music in 2013

An information session for parents of selected 2013 instrumental music students will be held on Tuesday 11 December from 6pm-7pm in the School Activity Centre.

### Prep Open Day

Our Prep Open Day for new prep students in 2013 will be held on Friday 7 December. Parents and students should report to the School Activity Centre at 8.45am. Students will move to their 2013 prep classroom with their teacher at 9:00am. Please ensure your child brings a hat and water bottle.

Uniforms will be available for sale at the School Activity Centre during the morning. Card facilities will be available. Prep 2013 book packs and uniform orders will be available for collection.

For the remainder of the school community, please be aware that the traffic situation will be very congested on this day due to the increased numbers of prep students and the fact that most will likely travel by vehicle. If you can park out of the school zone and walk the remainder of the way, or use the drop off zone on this day we’d encourage you to do so.
P&C News

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.

The Annual General Meeting agenda consists of:
1. Minutes from Previous Meeting
2. Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Tuckshop Treasurer
   f. Parent Club Committee
   g. Tuckshop Committee
   h. School Patrons
   i. Auditors
4. General Business
   a. 2013 Fundraising Calendar
   b. Life membership of the Frenchville P&C Association nominations

Thank You
Thank you to the Kelly family for their kind donation of a play kitchen and accessories for the prep classrooms. It was greatly appreciated.

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.

Students that make a deposit through school banking between 19 November and 14 December will go into a draw to win one of twelve iPAD mini’s valued at $369 each for Christmas.

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 Guinan 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. 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.

Last Chance to Donate
Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 3 December
Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: C Hinton
Wednesday: K Jenkins
Thursday: J Lynch, T Pirie
Friday: I Stevens, J Connolly

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

Firestorm 2012
The ‘Firestorm’ will be distributed on Monday 7 December 2012. “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.

Once the 300 copies have been sold, there will not be any further opportunities to purchase this great magazine. Please preorder on the form below. We have approximately 50 copies left to sell.

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FIRESTORM ORDER FORM

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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.

SPORT FIXTURES

30 November 2012

Best wishes for the Finals!

Cricket Grand Final
Senior 1 vs Berserker St Rocky Cricket Grounds 1
Senior 3 vs Mt Morgan Victoria Park 1
Junior 1 vs RGS RGS
Junior 3 vs Mt Archer Frenchville
Minors vs Gracemere Woods Park

Softball Grand Final
10.00-11.30am Junior B vs Mt Morgan at Kele Park Western Street 11.40am Presentation of Trophies

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
Lakes Creek State School Twilight Christmas Fair & Markets
7 December 5pm–9pm Stall costs $10 (3mx3m) non powered-$15 powered. Stall holders must have public liability. For more information contact Lakes Creek State School on 49326333.

Robert Beak Tennis Coaching Christmas Holiday Clinic
8-11 January 8.30am to 11.30am Rockhampton Victoria Park Tennis Courts. For more information 49361021 / 0419025963

Rockhampton Junior Tenpin Bowling Association Inc. Fun Days – no cost Wednesday 30 January 6pm, Thursday 31 January 4pm and Friday 1 February 4pm. To sign up for a team or for more information contact Sophie Paterson 0434370632 or email sophiep41@gmail.com