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Principal's News

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation and support this year. As educators, we rely on parent support in all that we do to help students be the very best they can be and we value the partnerships we build together as we watch children grow and develop during their primary school years. We wish you all the very best for a safe festive season and a happy new year. For those leaving our Frenchville family, we wish you well, particularly our year sevens as they head off to secondary school education, and those families who are finishing up with us, with their youngest children graduating this year. We will miss seeing your faces around the school but we look forward to hearing about the ongoing success of your students as they build their future.

A few general reminders

- The end of semester reports will be released on Monday 10 December. In this reporting period we have tried to capture some growth areas for students who wish to continue working over the holidays on further improvement. This move was in response to parent feedback at the end of Semester One. Some parents suggested they would like to work with their students over the break to strengthen their learning and build them up in areas they were not performing at year level expectation or in which they were wanting to do better. We hope these additional suggestions for improvement assist with ongoing learning. ‘A little bit often’ can assist students to continue to make learning gains over the break.
- The anticipated class organisation for 2013 will be released on Tuesday 11 December. Please note: Changes may need to be made if numbers differ from anticipated enrolments. The lists can be viewed near the school office and under G block, as well as outside of the prep classrooms for students moving to year one. No changes will be made at this stage of the year. Please note: It is a breach of the Privacy Act to photograph or remove these lists. Some students have sensitive custody issues or circumstances that prevent us from being able to publish lists to parents.
- Sports Award Parade will be conducted on Wednesday 12 December from 2.00pm sharp in the School Activity Centre. Trophies will be presented to the top player from each of our inter-school sports. We will also present pennants to all students who have been selected in Rockhampton representative teams or higher during 2012. Parents are invited to attend.
- The Year 7 Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 13 December from 9.00am sharp in the School Activity Centre. Awards to be presented are:
  - Academic Achievement Award
  - Citizenship Award
  - Sportsperson of the Year Award
  - Principal’s Award
  - Overall Excellence in Music Award
  - Band Award
  - Orchestra Award
  - LOTE Award

Full school uniform is required. It is not an expectation to wear long white socks. Year 7 students need to wear Frenchville uniform NOT senior shirts. Parents are most welcome. This is a special moment for our school community.

- Year 7 Dance Thursday 13 December in the SAC 7.00pm – 9.30pm (arrival from 6.30pm for photos)
- Break-up day for 2012 is Friday 14 December. This day is generally a free dress day and individual class requirements will be communicated by individual teachers. Please note: graffiti on school uniforms is not acceptable at any time.
- The school office will re-open on Monday 22 January 2012 from 7.30am – 3.30pm.
- The 2013 school year will commence on Tuesday 29 January for students.

Finally, best wishes to our graduating Years 7s. Work hard, be honest and proud of your achievements and show persistence in all you do. Best wishes also to departing staff and those whose contracts finish at the end of 2012.

NEWSFLASH: Congratulations to Steven Kyriazis who has been awarded the cultural bursary for North Rockhampton High School next year. Steven will go on to do great things in the State Education system. Well done Steven.

CONGRATULATIONS to Esandi Kalugalage in 5/6H who was awarded a State ICAS medal in Brisbane on Saturday.

Leisa Neaton
Principal
**Important End of Year Dates**

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**Staff Leaving our Frenchville Family**

This year we farewell Lyndy Edwards, who has worked with us at Frenchville since 1999. Mrs Edwards is well known for her work nurturing gifts and talents of individual students and particularly, for her tireless efforts with Optiminds over the years. She is an innovative thinker and a keen user of ICTs. We wish Mrs Edwards and her family all the best for their move to Bundaberg in 2013.

We also farewell Mr Ilott from our instrumental music team. Dennis has worked with us at Frenchville since 1978 inspiring our young musicians to be the best they can be. Listening to our senior band at Spotlight Concert has always been a highlight as we take in the amazing sound of our primary school ensemble – a credit to Dennis. Mr Ilott is reducing his teaching load in 2013 and will no longer be with us at Frenchville. Best wishes to Dennis in the future.

Mr Dundas-Taylor will be with us for a short time only in 2012 before commencing retirement. Mr DT, as he is often referred to by students, has been a tireless worker for our school and has been relied upon over the years to take on the extra tasks like ANZAC Day services, transporting equipment to Spotlight and on sports day, and being one of the last to leave at fete and dance parties, packing away tables and chairs and tidying up. Since his first association with Frenchville in 1990, Rawdon has performed a range of school and regional roles. He has also been an inspiration to students over the years as he has shared his life stories and inspired students to apply themselves to their studies. Best wishes to Mr DT for a long and happy retirement.

Thank you to Pia Hughes who has been on contract in year one this year. Pia has recently completed her contract with us. Mrs Hubner will work with 1MC for the remainder of the year.

**New Staff to Frenchville 2013**

We welcome the following staff members:

- Jeanette Holbert from Distance Ed to Prep
- Rhonda Busk from Blackwater to Year One
- Sharon Haggaman from Blackwater to Year Three
- Michelle Broadhurst from Gladstone to Year Three
- Melissa Carlson from Parkhurst to Year Four
- Julie Schirmer from Allenstown to Year Four
- Bruce Girdler from Rockhampton State High School to PE (from term 2)

**Sincere Thanks from Helen McLeod**

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Frenchville School Community (both past and present parents and children), for their support, best wishes and messages of encouragement that my family and I have received during this year as I have undergone my treatment for breast cancer. My treatments have now finished and I am well rested and recovered. I am returning to work in 2013 sporting a new short, silver/grey hair style and look forward to a healthy and happy year ahead. Once again many thanks – all the support has been sincerely and greatly appreciated.

**The Heat is On!**

With a series of hot days this week, all students are reminded that a cool water bottle containing water is a good idea. Teachers are very willing for students to bring their water bottles into classrooms provided they only contain water. This will help us limit the possibility of dehydration.
Please Stay out of the Frenchville Grounds over the Break

We will have workers on site pulling down a shed and installing a new prep facility. This means large machinery will be onsite and it is not safe for students to be occupying the site unsupervised over the break. Community members are urged to report any trespassers to the Police by calling the School Watch Number.

School Watch: Remember – Look, Listen, Report
131788

Our Thoughts are with the Morcombe Family

Daniel will finally be laid to rest this Friday. If students would like to wear something red in memory of Daniel this Friday, as his family is encouraging students to do, we are happy to support this. However, even more importantly, please take the time to reinforce the stranger danger and personal safety messages with your children, particularly before the holiday break.

Students are invited to wear something red on Friday 7 December to support the Daniel Morcombe foundation. No gold coin donation is required.

Grounds Congestion & Facilities Work

On Tuesday this week the site office and fencing was erected for the installation of our new prep building, which will be built in line with the other modular buildings in that area. The large white shed (formerly the sports shed) is being relocated to the far end of the oval for this to occur, as the new building will encroach on some of this space. A covered link will also be installed, linking this new building into the existing covered link which runs towards the Frenchville Road pedestrian entrance.

We are also awaiting a repainting of Modular 4 and fresh new carpet to be installed, the installation of wireless capacity in the SAC, and an upgrade to our bandwidth, all of which will involve some levels of inconvenience and contractor presence in our grounds. We are still awaiting quotes for the installation of shade over our senior handball courts too. As usual, there’s a lot happening at Frenchville and we all need to exercise patience and care in and around the grounds as this new work proceeds. At the end of the day, better facilities makes everybody’s school experience better.

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

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

Slow down around our school

As we all get busier heading towards the break, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in the school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place.

Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school.

Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn’t make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child’s life.

Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some basic tips:
- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways
- discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to 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.

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.

Tuckshop Roster

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Bookpacks

These will be available for collection from Monday 10 December. Please bring your receipt.
C Hills (Convenor)

Community Notices

Lakes Creek State School Twilight Christmas Fair & Markets
7 December 5pm–9pm 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 / 0419026963

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 sophiep4t1@gmail.com

For Sale: ½ Violin excellent condition phone 0422802949
For Sale: Ashton Violin ½ size $70 phone 0419791540.
For Sale: ½ size violin $100 phone 49286250