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Principal’s News

My name is Leisa Neaton and I am proud to have been the principal of Frenchville State School for the past seven years. Together with Frenchville’s experienced deputy team, Mr Bill Smith and Ms Donna Earle-Morrison, I have worked with our staff team to develop our school’s improvement agenda, lift data performance and promote the deep and rich curriculum programs offered in a large school like Frenchville. This year we welcome Ms Moira Mackenzie to our administration team. Moira has been appointed as our third deputy principal in an acting capacity for the first semester. This is in response to Frenchville’s enrolment growth in recent years. Welcome Moira.

In 2013 our focus will continue to be school improvement, with an unrelenting focus on student improvement and achievement. We have made great gains in our performance in NAPLAN testing as well as school based assessment measures and we have strong pedagogical models in place to drive our improvement priorities of reading comprehension, persuasive writing and feedback to learners. In 2013 we will consolidate these priorities and add in the priority of maths (problem solving and mental computation strategies). Our shared goal is to support our teaching staff to ensure they have the expert teaching knowledge and teaching resources necessary to implement the National Curriculum and our school improvement agenda priorities. We also want to emphasise the importance of differentiation to ensure all students are catered for within the resourcing allocations. In particular we are keen to see further improvement in literacy and numeracy in the middle years of grade four and five. This is clearly an important time in a student’s life and in the past in many schools region wide we have seen a slowing in the rate of improvement in these year levels. Performance data at our school reflects this trend. We are keen to continue the rate of improvement which is evident in our data in the early years.

Could I please remind all parents of the enrolment agreement which is signed upon entry to all State Schools. A copy is posted on our website for your information. This agreement clearly lays out how we can work together to achieve the best outcomes for all students. Although Frenchville is a large school, you will find we are a family and that our students are genuinely very proud of the school as are our many parents and staff members. Frenchville is a great place to be and we readily take constructive feedback to help improve our educational service. If you ever have anything you would like to discuss or have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to make an appointment with myself or other members of the leadership team. Alternatively, an email will catch us and we will definitely provide a response.

We wish all students a productive 2013 and look forward to working with you, as their parents and first educators, to achieve even greater things in 2013.

In closing, I’d like to recognise the incredible efforts of Aaron and the team from Ausco buildings who worked throughout the break to install our new building. Aaron’s team was at the ready to fulfill every request and as promised at the start up meeting in November 2012, the building was completed for the start of school, making a smooth transition for our new prep classes. Thanks also to Mathew Grant from Education Queensland’s Relocatable Building Program who listened to our concerns and acted on our 2012 experience.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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A big thanks to Les, Jason and our staff team for cleaning up after last Friday’s rain event in time for the start of school.

Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.qeq.edu.au
Hats
check the information we have is current.
check in at the office this week if your child has a condition to
and it is crucial we have full and current information on all
children in our school with anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma etc.
Medical Alerts
extensive information for teacher rolls re student medical

Medical Alerts - At the start of each year we prepare
extensive information for teacher rolls re student medical conditions. This information includes a picture of the child with the condition, details of how the condition presents, and emergency treatment of the condition. We have a number of children in our school with anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma etc. and it is crucial we have full and current information on all children with these and other serious conditions. Please check in at the office this week if your child has a condition to check the information we have is current.

Hats are needed every school day. No hat, no play. Wear a hat every day. Please be sure your child’s hat is named.

Sunscreen - students are encouraged to bring a small roll on sunscreen in their bags and to apply it before play times. We are a sunsmart school. Mosquito repellent may also be a good idea after recent rains.

Uniforms - At Frenchville we wear our shirts tucked in. We also try to stick to white socks. Let’s keep up this great standard all year. We also like our students to wear their uniforms with pride after hours. If they don’t want to wear their shirt in and keep their shoes on after school, we prefer students change out of the ‘blue and white’ before heading to shopping centres etc. Jewellery is discouraged, apart from a watch if needed, small earrings for pierced ears (studs are preferred), or a piece of jewellery of special significance eg. religious cross worn under uniform or medical bracelet for medical emergencies.

Thanks - Mums and Dads for the effort with book list items and the covering and labelling of school requisites. We appreciate your support.

Parent Evenings and Afternoons - Notes will be coming home from class teachers about these important events. We encourage all parents to attend to learn about the expectations regarding homework, routines, rules and curriculum and assessment tasks.

After School Arrangements - Please be sure that your child is familiar with after school arrangements for pick up. Some students have been confused about how they are to go home after school. Please also ask your children to report to the office if they are ever concerned that you are running late, that they have missed the bus etc. Nb. Some bus routes have changed over the break. Call 49311537 for details.

Punctuality - Instruction begins at 8.40am on each school day. It is essential that children arrive on time. If children are consistently arriving at 9:00am, they are missing a significant proportion of quality learning time. Both late arrivals and student absences are monitored carefully. Lateness can be a big reason for failing to thrive at school and can impede learning. When considering who we offer additional support to we also consider the support given to us by parents to ensure that every minute during the school day is respected and that students are on time and in regular attendance. Prosecution can result if you do not send your child to school.

Staffing News
We have 42 classes in our school currently due to enrolment growth – an increase of five classes on 2012. We apologise in advance if we need to make adjustments to classes but we strive to meet the class size targets to ensure optimal class sizes in all year levels.

We welcome the following staff members:
- Jeanette Holbert from Distance Ed to Prep
- Rhonda Busk from Blackwater to Year One
- Sharon Hageman 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 full time, 0.4 in term 1)
- Kev Guinane to year 5 (Kev was our relieving teacher in 2012)
- Kylie Fogwell from Crescent Lagoon to Prep 0.2 (working with Janelle Cunningham)
- Moira Mackenzie to Acting Deputy Principal (Moira has recently worked at Warraburra and Parkhurst)
- Fiona Haynes from Parkhurst has come into our admin front office team. Leisa Milner Cherry has taken an acting secondment in Regional Office.
- Karen Hawthin has come into our teacher aide team. Karen has moved in from Parkhurst.

School Structural Changes
Due to our increase in size in the lower primary school (this also gives us the chance to try some changes before the year sevens move to high school in 2015) we have realigned our school. In 2013:
- Prep, Year 1 and 2 are considered junior school and will work on junior school timetable (breaks 10.45-11.30am and 1.30-2.00pm)
- Years 3 to 7 are considered senior school and will work on senior school timetable (breaks 10.15-10.45am and 12.45-1.30pm)
This will mean some changes to the physical areas within our school. Major changes include:
- Year 3 students only may use either the junior or senior toilets depending on where their classroom is located and where they are playing. Prep to year 2 will use junior toilets, year 4 to 7 will use senior toilets.
- Year 3 students will eat and have play in the area once set aside for prep students only, but at different times to the prep students. Year 3 can also choose to go to the oval at play time if they prefer.
- Year 3,4,5 will share the oval beside the SAC at playtime, year 6,7 will share the oval near the TWiST at playtime.
- Year 4,5,6 will eat under H block covered area. Year 7 will eat as in 2012 on the TWiST deck.
These changes will challenge us for a while. We have increased the number of teachers on duty in some areas to accommodate increased numbers. We will monitor the changes for the first month and make alterations if needed. Teachers have clearly explained the changes to the school timetable and the eating and play areas to all students.

Drop Off / Pick Up Zone
Our 2 minute pick-up zones (Frenchville Rd & Geordie St) have been designated for quick pick-ups. When parents use this area as a parking space (ie get out of their car and park for longer than 2 minutes) it clogs up the area: cars can’t move forward, traffic stops, parents get frustrated and students often cross where they shouldn’t. This all spells DANGER for our, and your, kids. Please use these areas correctly paying attention to all signs e.g. 2 minutes means 2 minutes, drop off means drop off and don’t get out. All members of our community expect that everyone respects the safety of our kids and the rights of others to use the areas appropriately.
**Religious Instruction**

Lessons commence Thursday 21 February. Notes have been distributed to students and must be returned to the office by Friday 8 February. Children will be assigned to Religious Instruction according to current enrolment details or the information provided on this form.

**Green Thumbs News**

If you had a school provided Green Thumbs vest last year we would appreciate it if it could be washed and returned to school. A stocktake will then be done and a meeting will be conducted later in the term to discuss Green Thumbs Club this year. The hot weather means Green Thumbs won’t start until later in the term.

**P&C AGM, Followed by General Meeting**

**NOTICE OF P&C AGM**

The P&C AGM in 2013 will be conducted on Thursday 14/2/13 at 6pm 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

**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 4 February:

- **Monday:** J Connolly
- **Tuesday:** C Hinton
- **Wednesday:** K Jenkins
- **Thursday:** J Lynch, T Pirie
- **Friday:** D Wessling, M Cornelius
- C Hills (Convener)

**Clothing Pool**

Donations for the Clothing Pool would be appreciated as stocks are getting low. Please bring to the office. We are also looking for some volunteers to open the clothing pool some mornings before school. If you are willing to offer a little of your time, please see one of the admin team. The clothing pool has relocated to under E block, near the tuckshop. Signage will be added shortly.

**Year 7 Camp Fundraiser**

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be on Sunday 10 February. This event is solely for year seven camp and therefore we require a parent coordinator and several volunteers to assist at the stall from 8.30am to 3.30pm on the day. To make this event a success and maximise profits, donation of the following goods is required:

- 50-60 kg sausages
- 37-45 loaves of bread
- 15kg onions
- tomato/BBQ Sauce
- ice
- soft drinks
- eski's
- gloves
- clean up materials

Could you please email a time that you will be available to assist on the day. We are hoping that if everyone gives an hour of their time that this should cover all the shifts and lighten the work load for everyone.

Thank you for supporting your child’s camp.

Pam Jeffrey
Year 7 Parent and Treasurer, Frenchville P&C Association
Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au

**Choir News**

Junior Choir (1-3) and Senior Choir (4-7) will commence in-school rehearsals week two and before-school rehearsals week three.

Junior Choir – Friday at 2pm and Tuesday mornings 8am. Senior Choir – Monday at 1pm and Thursday mornings 8am. Students are working on their program for the Rockhampton Eisteddfod in term two.

**Instrumental Music**

Mrs Everitt will be teaching our string school on Monday morning, Wednesday and Friday this year. Beginner violin students will commence lessons in week 2. Continuing string students will commence lessons in week 3. Please check timetable in music block at the end of week 2. String Orchestra will commence Wednesday at 8am in week 4 for those students who have been advised.

**Community Notices**

**Glenmore Bulls AFC, SIGN ON DAY - Sun 10 Feb 9am – 1pm**

**Stenlake Park**, 20 McLaughlin St, Nth Rocky. Under 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, Women’s, Senior’s, Glenmorebulls aflq.com.au

**Contacts:** Wayne 0412 170 787 Peter 0418 186 988

**Frenchville Scorpions Softball Sign on - Sunday 3 February 2013 1pm-4pm**

15 mixed, under 17 (mixed), 8 ladies, A Reserve ladies, A ladies and Men’s competitions. We are a friendly club with quality accredited coaches. Supported by the Frenchville Sports Club. For information Kyle Crouch 0437 060 212; Selena Lennon 0458 169 003 or email frenchville.softball@gmail.com

**Musical Union Choir**

The Rockhampton Musical Union Youth Choir (RMUJC) is an organisation for children aged between 8 and 18 yrs. At Easter each year, the RMUJC competes at the Queensland Eisteddfod against choirs from throughout Southern and Central Queensland. This year, Rockhampton is fortunate to be hosting the Qld Eisteddfod. The RMUJC would like to encourage new members to come along and join our choir to help represent Rockhampton in our hometown. For further information, please contact Sonya Acutt, RMUJC 49263722 / 0417251548 secretary@rmuyouthchoir.org.au

**Bluebirds United Football Club**

Junior & Senior Sign-on for Football (Soccer), Boys and Girls and new players welcome 10 February 2013 Time: 9am–1pm Where: Bluebirds Sports Club, Richardson Rd. For more information or questions please contact Simon Ross (President) on 0419793581 or visit our website: www.bluebirds.com.au or email us on admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au

**Touch football junior development day for 9 to 16 year olds no matter what experience or skill level. Sunday 10/2/13 9am -1.00pm. Cyril Connell Fields. No cost. Call 0409631633 for more information.**

**Friday Afternoon Beginner Squash Clinic for Juniors. Scottvale Park Squash Centre. Ph 49281588. Email: gvpni@bigpond.net.au.**

**ROCKHAMPTON POLICE CRIME ALERT**

**THIEVES ARE CURRENTLY ACTIVE BREAKING AND ENTERING INTO VEHICLES WHEN PARKED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS THROUGHOUT ROCKHAMPTON**

Offenders have been actively targeting property left in unlocked vehicles parked in residential areas on the road and in driveways, garages and carports. Property targeted includes cash, wallets and purses, cameras, CD’s, laptops, MP3’s, iPods, sunglasses and loose change.

**If you notice any suspicious activity in or around your area, please immediately ring Policeline on 131 444 or report anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. ‘LOCK IT OR LOSE IT’**

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