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Principal's News

Get involved with your P&C

Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy-to-read format. The Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents’ and Citizens’ Associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education and Training website at http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf.

Our P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 14/2/13 in the staffroom. The agenda is contained within this newsletter. This meeting is then followed by our first general meeting for the year. We’d love to see as many people at the meeting as possible. Meetings are conducted in the admin block in the staffroom. Involvement in the P&C helps you get to know key parents, our tuckshop convenor Chris and also myself as principal as I attend all of these meetings.

Stay Calm in the Drop Off Zone

As a Frenchville community we care about everybody’s children. People who deliberately do the wrong thing in the traffic zone are placing their own comfort above that of other school members. People who don’t respect the rules are modelling the wrong thing to their children and showing that they are not prepared to work as a Frenchville team. We’ve had recent reports from some parents who have gathered the courage to walk up to other parents and point out the two minute zone rules only to be abused or spoken down to. Comments like, “I know the rules. Where’s your badge?” are unhelpful and rude. Quite frankly, this response has no place in our school. The rules are there for a reason. Traffic engineers have worked with us over the years to design a system that works if people respect the rules, however, no system can accommodate people deliberately doing whatever they like. We do not own the drop off zone – the Council does. Along with Queensland Transport and Education Queensland, the current traffic solutions were developed and trialled, adjusted based on feedback and are re-checked at our SafeST Committee’s request. We meet once a term with stakeholders and these meetings are announced via the newsletter. Repeatedly though we are told the only solution to people doing the wrong thing is to fine them. We are aware of recent comments on Facebook about this issue – nobody wants to see a ‘name and shame’ approach taken but I’m afraid this is what it is getting to if people don’t show courtesy to others. Our recommendations:

- respect the rules in the zones. Two minute drop off zone is just that – stop, drop and go. Know the zones, know the times.
- park further away and walk into the school zone if possible. This is a great way to exercise, actively teach your children the road rules and to converse with your child to and from school. We had great feedback from our Walk to School campaign last year.
- avoid parking in ‘no parking’ areas. This includes the grassed traffic island. This is dangerous, blocks vision and causes damage to Council infrastructure.
- drive along to the end of the drop off zone as far as possible. There is a pathway connecting this zone to the school gate. By doing this we keep the traffic flow moving and we all benefit.
- recognise you are part of the Frenchville team – what you do impacts on others. If you follow the rules and everybody does the same, things will improve.
- realise that police are stepping up patrols in response to parent complaints – you face a fine and a warning from Police if you do the wrong thing.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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Enrol Now for Prep 2014
If you have a child born from 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2014 at Frenchville State School.

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- Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School. Your early notification of your intention to enrol your child in prep at Frenchville in 2014 is appreciated as it will assist greatly with our staffing and facilities planning. Frenchville catchment restrictions may apply. Applications are numbered as they come in and we draw ‘out of catchment enrolments’ based on this list and the order in which applications are received. Get your forms in to be included on the 2014 intake list.
- FOR ENROLMENT FORMS: www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au.
- Click on Our Enrolment Pack from the main menu to download forms.
- For more information please call the school on 49315333.
- Our website contains more information about the enrolment management plan.

Start of Year Reminders
Signing In - ALL VISITORS must report to the office on arrival at the school. This is a necessary measure to ensure the safety of students at Frenchville School.

Every Day Counts – Incredibly we have some students who have already missed four days school this year. Four out of 12 days, that’s a third of learning time missed so far. How can children keep up with their learning with such high levels of absenteeism? Every day, every minute counts. Absences are recorded and reported to the government on compulsory returns. Some absences are recorded as ‘unauthorised’ – this code is used when absences are not deemed as acceptable reasons for being absent. This might include family holidays, parent or student birthdays, moving house etc. Your child’s future study and employment pathways are strongly linked to what he/she does now. In the past we have watched as students who have been allowed to develop poor attendance at school from an early age fall behind and eventually become anxious and school reluctant. Do not fall into this trap. If you have concerns your child is becoming school reluctant please call to speak to an admin member or our guidance officer Greg Muller.

Manners – We expect our students to use great manners. This is evident in how they speak to people during the school day, before and after school. We are pleased to report that even our youngest prep students are using great manners with ‘please’, ‘thank you’ and ‘excuse me’. Great to see. Please reinforce this positive message at home.

Acceptable School Bed Times – In 2012 an article in the Sunday Mail provided some information about sleep for children. You may be surprised to know that experts advocate:
- 10 to 12 hours sleep each night for primary school children
- 9 to 11 hours sleep each night for secondary school children

The article cautioned parents about letting children see their adult sleep habits and allowing children to follow an adult’s habits. There have even been studies done which plot the amount of sleep against the academic outcomes of children which suggest that the more sleep students get and the earlier to bed they retire, the higher their achievement at school. How much sleep does your child get? What time is bed time?

Clothing Pool
Donations for the Clothing Pool would be appreciated as stocks are getting low. Please bring to the office. We are now open Thursday and Friday before school from 8.20am...

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 – President, Treasurer, Principal
3. Election of Office Bearers
4. General Business
   a. 2013 Fundraising Calendar
   b. Life membership of the Frenchville P&C Association nominations
   c. Maintaining funds for student sport representatives
   d. Endorsement of patrons 2013

The AGM is followed by our General Meeting at 6.30pm.

General Meeting
Time: 6:30pm
1. General Business
   a. Councillor Fisher update
   b. SAC window shades
   c. Laptop purchase for the Tuckshop
   d. Uniform Supplier update
   e. Tennis Court Update
   f. Shade structure over handball courts
   g. Endorsement of 2013 levies
   h. Memorandum of Understanding – Schools Out
   i. Fundraising for 2013
      i. Spellathon
      ii. Fete Term 2
   ii. Purchasing sports day coloured shirts
   2. Key Points from Meeting and close

Swimming Trials
Congratulations to Aarre Hirsimaki, Ashleigh Clark and Rebecca Black who have been selected in the Rockhampton Primary Schools Representative Swimming team. At time of print, these three students are competing at the Capricornia trials in Mackay. Good luck to all.

School Sport - Delayed Start
We have been informed interschool sport has been delayed until the start of week 5, 1/3/13. No sporting fixtures until then.

Student Banking
Student Banking will restart on Thursday, 14 February. Any student with a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver Account can deposit their money at school every Thursday. Bring your deposit book and money to school and place in the class bank bag or take it to the office. Please ensure all details are written on the deposit form and stub. The Rewards Program is back and details about 2013 rewards will be given out soon. If you wish to open a Youthsaver Account for your child, please visit any Commonwealth Bank branch or go online to commbank.com.au. Prep students will receive details about Student Banking in the coming weeks. In the past, Student Banking has been a great fundraiser for the school and we thank everyone for their valued support.

Messages to Classrooms
Increasingly parents are asking our admin officers to pass on messages to students about early collection, appointments or pick up arrangements. Please be aware we have only one phone in each block and that teachers need to stop teaching to take these calls and answer the phone. Our preference is that academic learning time is not interrupted. If you need a message passed through, email to admin@frenchviss.eq.edu.au before the school day starts would be appreciated. If a genuine emergency arises, please call the front office. Help us protect teaching time from administrative interruptions.
Prep Voluntary Contribution 2013

Reminders have been distributed to all Prep 2013 families for the Prep voluntary contribution of $40. The voluntary contribution is used to purchase materials for Prep students during the year. The contribution may be paid in full at the start of the year or $10 per term. The Prep voluntary contribution is non-compulsory but enhances the Prep program.

Year 7 Camp Fundraiser – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

The first fundraising effort for Year 7 camp was a sellout!! 60kg of sausages were sold at Bunning’s on Sunday with the event raising approximately $2500.00!! A very big thank you to the following families for their contribution to a successful event: Anno family, Black family, Bowen family, Bourke family, Briggs family, Butler family, Clarke family, Deeth family, Dingley family, Duffy family, Green family, Grentell family, Hastings family, Hooper family, Jeffery family, Joncour family, Maas family, Marshall family, McBryde family, McHale family, Mzens family, Mills family, Phillips family, Ryan family, Smith family and Thompson family.

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations: Brumby’s, Woolworth’s Northside Plaza, Wayne’s World of Meats, Peter Boodles and Kev Brown Butcher’s.

More fundraising is still required to reach the target of $13000 which keeps the cost of camp as low as possible. There is an opportunity to have another sausage sizzle at the Dance Party on the 8 March and we need somebody to put their hand up now to coordinate this event!!

Thanks, Pam Jeffery, P&C Secretary and Year 7 Parent

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 18 February:
- Monday: A Zahra, J Connolly
- Tuesday: R Green
- Wednesday: J Pennell
- Thursday: S Flint
- Friday: R Grant, J Connolly
- C Hills (Convenor)

Community Notices

Rockhampton Junior Tenpin Bowling Association Fun Days - No Cost Wednesday 13 March 6pm Thursday 14 March 4pm Friday 15 March 4pm Contact: Sophie Paterson, Secretary RJTBA

Park Avenue Brothers Hockey Club Come and Try/Sign On Friday 15 February 5.00-6.30pm at Birdwood Park Water Street, Nth Rock. New players who sign up on day will receive voucher for free stick and shin pads. Free family sausage sizzle. Under 5 to Under 15. Enquiries to Christine Woods 0419 176 382.

Sport and Health Expo Postponed to new date: Sunday 24/2 9am to 1.30pm, Rocky Showgrounds. Free entry. Free amusement rides. First 1000 people to visit the Kickstart CQ stand will receive a 2013 Sports & Health Expo Pack. Major prizes. Special guests. Come and try activities.

Runaways Netball Club Jardin Park, Cnr Allenby & Lion Creek Rd Season 2013 starting soon. All ages from 5 years old welcome. Contacts 0438415939 or email runawaysnetballclub@hotmail.com

Fitroy's Junior Rugby League final Juniors sign-on at the sporting expo 9am-1pm Sunday 24 February at Rockhampton Showgrounds. Contact president Rob Shields 0406 530 075.

BMX Australia National Sign On Day: Rockhampton BMX Club FREE Come & Try Days from 4pm Saturday 16 February and 9am Sunday 17 February (weather permitting) at Rockhampton BMX track, Hollingsworth St. To register or for information on what to bring and wear email rockybmx@gmail.com or call 0467 197 213.

Carers Qld is holding a night group for parents – Do you look after a child/teenager who has a physical or intellectual disability, learning impairment, autism, ADHD or other syndrome? In a world of high stress and turmoil, how is your health and wellbeing? Come along and learn new skills (self-advocacy, yoga, relaxation etc), meet new people in a safe place where you can share stories with others who are in similar situations. First group is on Tuesday 19 February 9 10am at Rockhampton Bowls Club, Quay Street from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. $5 p/p includes a BBQ Dinner & Bowls. For more information or to RSVP call Nicole or Natalie 4921 4486.

Community Notices (continued)

Smith Family Saver Plus Program Contact Diana Friederichs, Saver Plus Worker at The Smith Family 4921 0273 / 0408 490 984 diana.friederichs@thesmithfamily.com.au Would you assist with education costs? You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including: school uniforms, books, excursions, laptops, sports equipment, uniforms and lessons, music tuition and instrument hire, TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs! The Smith Family delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants. To be eligible you must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- be at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

Learn2Play basketball program Rockets Rookies (Boys) & Cyclone Kids (Girls) Rockhampton Basketball is running a 6 week program for Grade 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 students. The Learn to Play Program will introduce participants to the sport of Basketball. For information contact Brad 4922 5544 or competitions@rockhamptonbasketball.com.au Friday 5.45pm-6.45pm, First Session Fri 15th February 2013 Final Session Fri 22nd March 2013 Hegovia Stadium Sir Raymond-Huish Drive, South Rocky. Cost: $60.00 (GST inc).

Table Tennis – Sessions are starting for 2013. All standards welcome with coaching and equipment available. Adults from 7.30pm Monday and Juniors from 4.30pm Thursday at the centre, 157 Campbell Street. Contact the centre 4922 5380 or rockhampton@tabletennisqld.org to find out more.*

Come and Try Day – Indoor Netball ISA Rockhampton 37 Hollingsworth St Saturday 16 February from 10am. Ages 5-13, all ages are welcome includes free netball coaching, jumping castle, sausage sizzle (all free)

“Toddler Tunes” Playgroup An initiative funded by the Australian Government Department of Human Services under the Better Futures, Local Solutions initiative. Transport available Thursdays 10am-11.30am Starting Thursday 13 February at the Salvation Army, Park Street Contact Debra Bramhall 4920 9177 Debra_Bramhall@health.qld.gov.au


The Parishes of Park Avenue and Rockonia are offering a Home-Based Program for children to prepare them for the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist (ie. First Holy Communion). *Please note that your child must have already prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) to be able to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. All parents/guardians who wish their child/children to receive these Sacraments this year are invited to attend an Information evening on Tuesday 19 February 2013 at 7pm at the Holy Family Parish Centre, Feez Street, North Rockhampton. Registration is from 6.30pm-7.00 pm (meeting commences 7.00pm). (Registration Forms need to be completed before meeting starts) During this meeting, full details of the Program content will be discussed. Please call the parish office on 49 282000 for more information.

P&C Building Fund Contribution

Make your tax dollar work for your children in their school environment by contributing to the building fund. The P&C Building Contribution Fund allows you to make a donation to the school and claim it back in your tax return. It is an easy way for you to help raise funds for the school and get some money back from the government.

What is the Building Fund? Building Fund contributions go towards paying for key infrastructure for the school. In the past contributions to this fund have helped build the School Activity Centre, put the fans in the centre & provide air conditioning in all the classrooms around the school. In 2013 we aim to place shade over our new handball courts for students and replace oval irrigation.

How can I Contribute? Please complete the form below and return it, with your contribution, to the school office. Your contribution will be registered and a receipt will be provided by the P&C for your tax return.

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