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Principal’s News

Student Leadership Process
School captain elections are always a popular event and one which makes me proud to be principal. Candidates were shortlisted through a written application, interview group task and leadership afternoon, and then invited to deliver a formal speech. Finally, a democratic election using preferential voting (with each student in year 6 and 7 and each staff member receiving one vote each of equal weight) decided the outcome. The result is always pleasing for the students elected and disappointing to those who missed out. However, I’m never too concerned about the outcome because I know that each of the students shortlisted could be a wonderful job. Sitting in the school activity centre listening to the speeches touched me as an educator – hearing how Frenchville staff, students and experiences have enriched lives and brought a love of learning and school life. Thank you to our shortlisted candidates – you brightened the school day on Thursday with your thoughtful speeches and positivity. Thanks also to all who applied through the process – it takes time, reflection and thought to prepare an application. It is a joy to see students who have grown up with us over the years showing their maturity and pride. For details on the elected students, see inside this newsletter.

Ann Baker’s Natural Maths Approach at Frenchville
Last year we added a new mental computation strand to our maths instruction and increased our focus on multi-step problems. Our student performance data shows that students can become confused when faced with multiple steps in a problem and sometimes don’t extract the meaningful pieces of information needed to gain the correct answer. In response to this data we have ramped up our emphasis on quick mental strategies so that students can work out stages of the problem confidently and have a bank of known strategies to support them. We have also introduced a STAR approach to solving problems. At our recent parent afternoons some parents raised the need for parent sessions to help them understand these new approaches. We will be offering a parent session with our Maths Consultant Ann Baker in term two and also with Frenchville admin team members during this term. In addition we will run some items in our newsletter sharing the approaches. Here’s one such approach – THE OPEN NUMBER LINE. Instead of using a number line with preset numerals, the open number line can be used flexibly and easily to add or subtract.

For example, 3+4+7=

It makes sense to start with the largest number with this addition, since it doesn’t matter with addition which order we add the numbers. 7 and 3 is a count on 3 fact (and a rainbow fact), and then it is easy to add 4 to 10 to get 14 because when we add numbers to ten they are what we call ‘friendly numbers’ because they are easy to add. This simple addition can be expanded to add 13+14+17 in the higher year levels. Try a few examples with your child on the open number line. Notice the counting moves to the right when adding on the open number line.

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 us 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.

P&C News
Congratulations to our 2013 executive team (you may recognise some names from previous years):
- President – Matt Sleafoed
- Vice President – Angie Zahra
- Secretary – Pam Jeffery
- Treasurer – Kylie Coombe

Our AGM and February General meetings were productive. Some P&C news:
- Fete 2013 – Friday 31 May 2013. Yes kids, it’s on!
- We welcome Julie and Peter Lynch to the special group of folks, our P&C Life Members. Congratulations Julie and Peter and thank you for your long contribution to our school at fundraisers, as our tuckshop treasurer (Julie) and involvement in community events.
- The 2013 levies (prep $40, instrumental music $40, depending on use of a school instrument or own instrument and the 1:1 laptop program) were endorsed
- The 2013 fundraising calendar was finalised. Term one fundraisers include the spellathon (expect a separate package about this) and the dance party on 8/3/13. Details are included in this newsletter for these events.
- There will be a slight change to the drop off area in Frenchville Road outside the admin area. Due to the increased number of mini buses for childcare centres, a park will be lost from this zone and redesignated as a dedicated mini bus park. Once the Council has finalised plans we will make more information available. This change has been made following an approach to our SafeST Traffic Committee by the local child care providers expressing the difficulty they have gaining a park as they juggle the needs of their young children and the complexity of multiple school pick ups.

Clothing Pool
Now open Thursday and Friday from 8.20am under E block. Donations welcome. Items generally cost $5 to purchase, many are in excellent condition. All proceeds go to our P&C Association and are invested back into our school.

School Sport - Delayed Start
We have been informed interschool sport has been delayed until the start of week 5, 1 March 2013. No sporting fixtures until then.

Sausage Sizzle Thanks
It has come to our attention that some names of families who donated for the Bunnings Year 7 Camp Sausage Sizzle were omitted from the thanks in last week’s newsletter. We’d like to acknowledge there were families unable to assist on the day but who donated to the event by providing sausages, sauce, bread etc. increasing the overall profit. Thanks to these families.

Learning Support and Intervention Programs – Term 1
Following the examination of NAPLAN 2012 data and Semester 2 2012 report card data, the list of students requiring support to achieve year level expectations in literacy and numeracy has been reviewed. The following support programs will be provided in Term 1.

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If you have any questions regarding support services for students, please direct your queries to the classroom teacher or Donna Earle-Morrison. Each term, the support programs are reviewed to target different student groups and areas of need.

Congratulations Aarre Hirsimaki 6H
Aarre has been selected to represent Capricorn for swimming.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Points Good arrived this week
We’d like to thank our wonderful Frenchville community. Three pallets of classroom materials and furniture have arrived. Some of the points were expended on prep items to fit out the new Prep WH classroom.
Chips & drinks

C Hills  (Convenor)

Dance Party 2013

Friday 8 March 2013

Prep – Year 3 (only)  5.30pm – 6.45pm
Year 4 – Year 7 (only)  7.00pm – 8.45pm

Cost: $4 single or $10 Family
(Parents and small children free)

Conditions: Tickets can be purchased at school on Thursday 28 February and Friday 1 March, Thursday 7 March and Friday 8 March outside the tuckshop. Tickets will be on sale from 8.15am – 9.00am. No tickets will be available at the door.
We would appreciate children being collected by 6.45pm and 8.45pm respectively.
Years 4-7 children are not permitted at the “ littlies” dance party and no supervision can be provided for years 4-7 children arriving before 7.00pm. Children will not be allowed to leave the hall until collected by a parent. We would ask that you come in and collect your child.
Poor behaviour will not be tolerated. We want all the children to enjoy themselves (as they have in the past) without being affected by unacceptable behaviour. Poor behaviour may lead to a child being barred from attending the next disco or sent home. “Foreign” objects are not allowed to be brought in to the disco, eg. MP3 players. Large bags which can be used to conceal objects will not be allowed in.
Parents of younger children are welcome to stay and enjoy the dance party with their children.

Chips & drinks will be on sale for $1.50.
Glowsticks will be on sale with all proceeds going to the year seven camp. A sausage sizzle will also be conducted to raise funds for year seven camp.

P-3: Canteen items can be paid for by parents at the door (children’s hands are stamped for what they purchase).

Years 4-7: Bring money to buy from the canteen.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 25 February:
Monday:  J Connolly
Tuesday:  K Charlesworth, S Marsh
Wednesday:  K Smith, M Cornelius
Thursday:  K Krause
Friday:  I Stevens, J Connolly

New Waves Mental Maths Year 6 F $9.85 one only available.

C Hills  (Convenor)

Year 7 Canberra Camp Fundraiser
Dance Party Sausage Sizzle

URGENTLY NEEDED COORDINATOR
This is a prime opportunity to raise much needed funds at the next Dance Party – Friday 8 March.
BBQ and tables supplied by the school.
Sauce, some containers and garbage bags left over from Bunnings sizzle.
Please call the office for our contact details.
Kelly Mills & Kerri Lewis
Parent Club

Year 7 Camp Fundraiser idea

Tracey Bartlem, parent, has been working on some great year 7 camp fundraising ideas.

Frenchville Ball – proposed for 13 July 2013 with band Solid Gold. This is an adults only event. Tracey is investigating costs for catering and hall hire presently.

Parent Drop In – donate a gold coin and come and meet other Frenchville parents and members of the admin team (when available) on Wednesday’s before school. Meet at the TWiST deck near E block, starting Wednesday 27/2/13 8.30-9.30am.
Call Tracey on 0400360089 for further details or to offer assistance.

Private School References
Please be advised that as a State school we do not provide written references for private high schools. We would encourage parents to look into all options before deciding on a high school. If asked for a written principal reference please notify the school that the Frenchville policy is not to provide these references, provide a copy of the latest report card and advise that if the principal of the school requires further information he/she can call us at Frenchville for a verbal referee report.

Greater Rockhampton Primary School Sport
Boys Rugby League 10yrs, 11yrs and 12yrs
Selection Trial #1 (Muster) Rockhampton State High School Sunday 17 March 9am-12pm

Boys 12 years & under Touch Trials at Mt Archer State School School 22 February 4pm – 6pm. Bring appropriate playing gear, hat, water bottle, insect repellent.
As our selection time is short, please make sure players have been involved in touch or rugby league and have a good general knowledge of the game. If selected, players will also be required to attend training sessions on 8 and 15 March in the lead up to the Capricornia trials in Gladstone.
Contact Gavin Ireland Mt Archer SS ph 4923 5222

Community Notices

Sport and Health Expo Postponed to new date: Sunday 24/2 9am to 1.30pm, Rocky Showgrounds. Free entry. Free amusement rides. First 1,000 people to visit the Kickstart QG stand will receive a 2013 Sports & Health Expo Pack. Major prizes. Special guests. Come and try activities.

Bluebirds Netball Club has an opening for players born 2004 to 2007 to play in their midigs and minis teams. For information call Debbie 49262243.

Southside United Hockey Club
Southside United Hockey Club is looking for interested players for the 2013 season. If you think you may like to play or just want to come along and try first, please register your interest with Julie on 49225543 or 0417841182 or alternatively you could email us at southsideunitedhockey@y7mail.com.

For Sale: ½ size violin excellent condition $100.00 Phone