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Principal’s News

Dance Party
We are looking forward to our student dance party, the first for this year, which is being held on Friday night 8/3/13. With the increased numbers in our school this will no doubt be a busy occasion. Parents are welcome to attend the event. Our Prep to Year 3 students must have parents present to participate. We are very happy for parents to enjoy a dance with their child on the dance floor. Be sure to book your tickets for your children before this great event, delivered by our Parent Club, an operating group of our P&C Association. Parents Kelly Mills and Kerri Lewis are the coordinators for this event. Don’t forget there will be a sausage sizzle at the dance party too so Friday night dinner will be taken care of if you come along. More details inside this newsletter.

More Maths strategies
Last week I ventured out into different classrooms to see our children using some of the mental computation strategies teachers have been introducing and consolidating with learners. This week, I’d like to share some terminology associated with Ann Baker’s Natural Maths approach. You may hear your child using these terms as they grapple with homework problems or talk about their school maths instruction.

- **Friendly numbers**: numbers easily added on to 10 because 10 is a friendly number. 20, 30, 40, 50 etc. are also friendly.
- **Landmark numbers**: make adding easier. They are 25, 50, 75, 100. You need to know 25 + 25 =50, 25 + 50=75, 25 + 75 =100, 50 + 50 =100, 25 + 25 + 25 =100. You can use landmark numbers to make adding numbers close by easier. eg. If adding 26 + 76 use the landmarks to assist by adding 25 and 75, then adding 2 more.

- **Doubles**: Sometimes you don’t need to count. Doubles to ten are easy to spot; doubles to 20 are easy too. Examples of doubles are 1 + 1 = 2, 5 + 5 =10, 10 + 10 = 20 etc. If you know your basic doubles you can extend this knowledge up to any number eg. 4000 + 4000 = 8000.

- **Change the order**: If you have more than two numbers to add, it sometimes helps to change the order. For example, 6 + 3 + 4 + 3 =.

  It makes sense to add the 6 and 4 to make a rainbow fact to ten, then add the double 3 to make 6 with a final total of 16.

The Bridge Through Ten shows that sometimes it is good to split a number to turn an addition into a bridge through 10. For example, adding 9 and 4. 9 + 1 makes a bridge to ten, then add three more. This strategy can be extended to make a bridge through 100 and into higher numbers. eg. To add 80 and 60, add 80 to 20 to get a bridge to 100, then add 40 more to make 140. The numbers are being split into more manageable parts to work with more easily.

Bridge through ten is also reinforcing the ‘friendly numbers’ principle mentioned above.
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 49315353.

Our website contains more information about the enrolment management plan.

Student Leader Induction

Congratulations to our student leaders who were inducted into office on Monday. Students signed a leadership contract and pledged their support to the school community. Our school and vice captains also received gifts from special guests Bruce Young, State Member for Keppel and Councillor Neil Fisher.

Donation from the Innes/Rowles Family

Special thanks to Gaye Innes who donated $50 towards class fundraising efforts - a generous gesture in lieu of time at fundraising events. We are happy to take donations from families of year seven students who would like to assist in this way.

Donation from Society for Growing Australian Plants

The Society has recently donated $200 to our school to be used to purchase plants for gardens and continue our grounds conservation efforts. The Society meets once per term in our school activity centre. When Green Thumbs gets back up and running we are sure this $200 can be put to great use.

Spellathon – Our first fundraiser for the year

We are having another Spellathon this year! Previous spellathons have shown that these events are a great way to improve school work and raise funds for our school at the same time. The Parents and Citizens’ Association is keen to continue to support our school with shade for the handball courts beside the senior toilets, replacement of oval irrigation and support for more classroom resources. A successful spellathon will definitely put us on the path towards our priorities.

Dates for spellathon are as follows:
- lists and sponsorship forms went home last week
- spellathon in rooms in week 6 (4-8 March)
- forms and $ back by 15/3 (week 7)

Details of how you can help were included in the forms sent home last week. The Spellathon packs were prepared by our hard working student council reps at lunch time so if you have any problems with lists, or items left out, please see the office.

Staffing News

As we have had an increase in special education staffing, Kimberley Marechal will no longer be working in year 1H on Mondays as she is now full time in our Enrichment Centre. Ms Michelle Stokes will now be 1H’s teacher on Mondays.
Our school has a Twitter address. We try to pop in updates and reminders to assist with communication and promotion of up and coming events. Please follow us Frenchvillian.

School Webpage has further school information
If you are new to Frenchville or if you are an existing parent who is not sure about something, please refer to our website www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Besides the weekly upload of this newsletter, there is quite a bit of information about our school, an events calendar, a repository for school documents and policy information.

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
Stop it. I don’t like it!

Does your child know how to use this strategy to assist in the playground?
At Frenchville we try very hard to encourage our students to take responsibility for their actions and to communicate well with peers. We use the five finger strategy shown above to encourage assertive play. How do we use this strategy? The message should be delivered clearly and without a smile. Delivering a message like ‘Stop it. I don’t like that!’ is an important job and if this message is not respected, students can either move away from the child or report the incident to the nearest teacher.

Year 7 Camp Fundraiser idea
Tracey Bartlem, parent, has been working on some great year 7 camp fundraising ideas.
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. Call Tracey on 0400360089 for further details or to offer assistance.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 04 March:
Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: K Askew, J Edwards
Wednesday: K Jenkins
Thursday: T Pitie, J Hall
Friday: D Wessling, M Cornelius

TUCKSHOP HELPERS REQUIRED URGENTLY
Can you help? Only 3 hours per month!
Please return the helpers note from last week’s newsletter.
C Hills (Convenor)

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
Friday 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.

Girls 12 years & under Touch Trials will be held 2 March 2013 from 10am to 2pm at Rockhampton Grammar School Bottom Oval. Players aged 10 to 12 years eligible to trial. Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch. For further information contact Lisa Dean at The Caves SS 49126111 or email Idean36@eq.edu.au

Rockhampton District Primary School Sport
Australian Football Rockhampton District Representative Team
Selection trials will be held at Glenmore State School. North Rockhampton Wednesday 06 March 2013 from 4.00pm -5.30pm. If necessary due to numbers, there will be a second day on Wednesday 13 March at the same times also at Glenmore SS. Access to the school oval is from McLaughlin Street. Children who are 12 years old this year (born in 2001) or younger (11 years born 2002 or 10 years born 2003) are able to try out. A levy will be required from each player in the District team. A Rockhampton District Primary Schools representative shirt is available at an additional cost of $25. For information contact Malcolm McArthur 4923 0666 fax 4923 0660 or email mmccarr7@eq.edu.au.

SPORT IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK
Sport will now start 08 March weather permitting.

Sport Fixtures

Bluebirds Netball Club has an opening for players born 2004 to 2007 to play in their midgets and minis teams. For information call Debbie 4926 2423.

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 4922 5543 / 0417 841118 email southsideunitedhockey@yahoo.com.

Hook into Hockey Want a chance to become Rockhampton’s next Olympian and experience hockey? $35.00 gives you 3 coaching sessions plus all of this:
• Replica Australian playing shirt
• Fold out backyard hockey goal
• Hookin2Hockey participant medalion
• Hookin2Hockey Kookaburra stick
• Shin guards & Ball

Coaching Sessions held at Kalka Shades, Water Street. You can choose to come to one or all of the following sessions: Saturday 23 February, 2 and 9 March from 9am to 10am. For further information please contact Clark McKay 0437 34403.

North Rockhampton Athletics Centre Sign on and Information

Day Sunday 3 March 2013 North Rockhampton High School Sports Oval, Cnr Dean and Robinson Streets, Frenchville from 10.00am-12.00pm. Athletes from 5 to U17 years (Proof of age must be shown at time of registration if joining for the first time) All new athletes can sign on for a 2 week trial ($10) to see if they like it. For more information contact Paul 0437 022 380 or visit www.nrac.org.au

Junior players required Frenchville Rovers Hockey Club invites Junior Players to join our Under 7 (Mixed), Under 9 (Mixed), Under 12 Boys & Girls and Under 15 Boys & Girls teams for the current season. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings at Kalka Shades (Birdwood Park) off Water Street in North Rockhampton. Games are played on both grass fields and the synthetic turf field. Frenchville Rovers supply all playing kits. Junior training is on Friday afternoons 4.00pm - 5.30pm at Frenchville Rovers Clubhouse, Cnr Mason and Rustic Streets, North Rockhampton.

Girl Guides Open Day 9/3/13 3pm -5pm

Leamington Street, North Rockhampton. Contact Selina Woodholme– Leader 0401 582 603 for details.