**Principal's News**

**Maths Session**
As you are aware, we have been ramping up our maths improvement agenda focus and last term we offered a parent session delivered by admin staff. As promised, and as promoted on Twitter and our website over the holidays, Ann Baker will conduct her maths session for parents **TONIGHT** in the TWIST Science Lab from 7pm to 8.30pm. Ann Baker is the maths consultant who has been working with our staff team. This is her third visit to Frenchville in the last twelve months.


We particularly recommend NMS for Parents Books 1 and 2. These retail online for around $8 each.

**Farewell Chappy**
We’d like to say a sincere farewell to our Chaplain Kev Murray who leaves us this week. Kev has been a listening ear, a support and comfort to the sick, the sad, the troubled, and the lonely, and a friend to staff and students. Best wishes to Kev and wife Hazel in retirement.

**P&C Change of Meeting Time**
Our P&C meeting scheduled for Thursday was moved to Wednesday to avoid a clash with Ann Baker’s maths visit. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. We encourage all parents to follow the link on the school website home page to read over P&C minutes.

**School Fete**
Expect our first fete bulletin home early next week. This year our fete date has been set down as Friday 31/5/13. A weekly fete meeting will be conducted every Friday at 2pm in the staffroom, commencing next Friday 28/4/13. All welcome. Please approach any businesses you may be associated with for prize or monetary support to help make this event a success. An official authorisation letter is available from the front office.

Leisa Neaton  
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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket to place on your child’s sticker sheet included with the newsletter. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker sheet into the collection box in the school office. We also have a school box at Northside Plaza.

**Easter Raffle Winners**

Thank you to everyone who supported Year Seven Easter Raffle. This year’s raffle was a major success, raising $1810.40 which will be used in subsidising the Year Seven Canberra Trip.

The winners are as follows:

1st – Sonya Marshall  
2nd – Kobie Hastings  
3rd – J. Ricks  
4th – Narelle Sauer  
5th – Heidi Tobane  
6th – Willow Fitzgerald  
7th – Willow Fitzgerald  
8th – Tahnee Holt  
9th – T. Fuller  
10th – S. Jenkins  
11th – Luke Sabljak  
12th – Felicity Walker  
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14th – Rebecca Butler  
15th – Ashleigh Clark  
16th – Mary Unwin  
17th – P. Draper  
18th – Hudson Ingram.

**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 22 April:

Monday: U Slatter, J Connolly  
Tuesday: J Edwards  
Wednesday: K Smith, M Cornelius  
Thursday: ANZAC Day Public Holiday  
Friday: R Grant, J Connolly  
C Hills (Convener)

**Rocky River Run – Can you get fit and raise funds for us at the same time?**

Frenchville State School get $2 for every entrant registering online with our school’s name!

(This includes students, parents, siblings, friends, neighbours etc.)

The Stanwell Power Station Rocky River Run, proudly conducted by the Rotary Club of Rockhampton, raises funds for local charities with a specific focus on the prevention of youth suicide. Recent beneficiaries include school chaplaincies and Lifeline. 2013 will see the implementation of a new project with CQUniversity which aims to promote prevention through early intervention. This initiative will be ongoing and will include a research component.

Events in the Rocky River Run are shown below with their starting locations.

**Wheeled events are for wheelchairs and prams/strollers only.**

- **No other transport will be permitted for safety reasons. This means no bikes, scooters, skateboards, roller blades etc.**
- **Online entries close at 5 pm on Friday, 31 May.**
- **No pets permitted.**
- **Starting times:**
  - Harvard Wealth 21km Half Marathon - 6.30 am  
  - City Centre Plaza 10km Run - 7.00 am  
  - Grant & Simpson 5km Run Team Challenge - 8.30 am  
  - ENZED 5km Family Walk or Wheel - 8.30 am  
  - The Frenchville Sports Club 2km Run - 8.45 am
- Go to [www.rockyriverrun.com](http://www.rockyriverrun.com) and check out the School Team Challenge, registration fees and commonly asked questions.

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**Parent Club**

Parent Club will be running the annual **MOTHERS’ DAY STALL**

**Friday 10 May**

**BRING & BUY**

**PLEASE HAVE ALL GIFTS (WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE)**

**IN BY WEDNESDAY 8 MAY**

- Only children who donate a gift may buy one.
- Children are asked to donate a gift valued at approximately $2.00.
- Please do not send dangerous items such as lighters, razors, pocket/kraft knives etc. or unsealed food packets.
- Please wrap gifts in clear (non-coloured) cellophane.
- If your child does not wish to purchase a gift from our stall, you may still wish to donate one in support.
- Children can start sending in their gifts NOW to give to their class teacher.
- On Friday 8 May children who have donated a gift need to bring money to purchase one.

**Spare shopping bags needed**

Thank you for supporting this successful fundraiser and special activity provided for the children.

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**The Umbrella Foundation**

We are now collecting aluminium cans, tin cans, aluminium foil, pull tops, scrap metal eg chairs etc. for the umbrella foundation. The Umbrella Foundation was established by families for families. The Foundation realised that each family has different challenges at different times in their children’s lives. The Umbrella Network is there to provide the information you need when you need it. They are available to support any family member or carer of a child with a disability or special need, regardless of the degree of severity or type of impairment. The Foundation depends on donations and fundraising to operate. The collection of metals is one of the many fundraising methods used by the Foundation to support itself. The Foundation’s motto is to Love our Children, Empower ourselves, Inspire our community.

**Community Notices**

**Chaplaincy Committee Junior Bike Challenge**

Saturday 25 May 2013 behind the Kenrick Tucker Velodrome. For more information contact Nev Thwaite (Co-ordinator) 0400197644.

**Southside United Hockey Club**

is still looking for U/12 boys and girls interested in playing hockey this year. For more information contact Julie Murphy: 49225543 or 0417841182.