Parent and Community Framework

Parents, caregivers and the broader community play a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children. This year all schools must prepare a Parent and Community Framework document. This framework is about schools engaging with parents and communities to work together to maximise student learning outcomes.

The research tells us that the most meaningful partnerships are those where schools, parents, students and the community work together to focus on student learning. Parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes. We already have a range of activities we use at Frenchville to engage parents in the educational agenda and life of the school and these existing components will form the bulk of our school overview document. At Frenchville we value community partnerships and deliberately and purposefully incorporate a number of strategies and activities which promote community engagement. Our school vision statement ‘Together we shape tomorrow’ inherently values community links and strong productive partnerships. The range of opportunities which reflect our commitment to parent and community engagement are shown below. Some are firmly embedded, and a few, like our Earlyact Club proposal through Rotary, represent new opportunities we hope to develop this year in our school:

**Major annual highlights include:**
- Publication of Firestorm, capturing school and student achievements
- Fete, held every two years
- Fundraisers like Spellathon, Mothers’ Day, Fathers’ Day stalls and dance parties
- Annual Volunteer Morning Tea
- Life Membership of our P&C Association, nominated at our AGM
- Annual Spotlight Concert and Sports Day
- Cultural celebrations including NAIDOC and Harmony Day

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Leisa Neaton
Principal
**School Fete**

Expect our first fete bulletin home this 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 this Friday 26/4/13. All welcome. Please approach any businesses you may be associated with for prizes or monetary support to help make this event a success. An official authorisation letter is available from the front office. Classes have chosen their stalls and our class incentive system is happening again, with the chance for your child’s class to win a pizza party or similar incentive if they achieve the greatest number of fete points. Points are attributed when donations are brought in. Our fete is a great community event which is always a highlight for the children.

**Year 7s to High School Transition Meeting**

As you may be aware, from 2015, year six will be the final year of primary school education in Queensland. In preparation for the 2014 transition (in which year 7s and year 6s will graduate from Frenchville at the same time) we would like to hold a parent meeting to discuss proposals to make this change happen smoothly in our school. There are several things to consider including:
- graduation
- school leader elections
- school camp
- award presentations

And perhaps others things we haven’t even thought of yet.

These decisions will be made with particular focus on the 2014/2015 period, however, the decisions taken may influence future school direction in some instances.

Parents of students currently in year five and six will be impacted by this change in the immediate future. Th erefore, we invite parents of these year levels to meet with us on Monday 29/4/13 at the TWiST Science Lab to discuss concerns, options and ideas. Two meetings will be held:
- 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Last year we collected some viewpoints from parents after requesting ideas in a newsletter. We will be using these viewpoints as discussion starters at the meetings. We will also provide the background for why this decision was taken by the Queensland government.

**NAPLAN Timetable 2013**

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**Optiminds**

Optiminds is an event in which groups of students are presented with a problem and are asked to present the solution in a dramatic form. The event takes place on a weekend in Term 3, however at Frenchville we start practising in Term 2. Students in Years 6 and 7 who are interested in joining an Optiminds team are asked to meet Mrs Pitman in her room on Wednesday 1 May at 1:00pm. Interested students should be prepared to give up some lunch times to work with their group.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Olivia Massingham for being selected for the Rockhampton Regional Primary Tennis Team to attend Capricornia trials in Emerald on Monday 20/5/13.

**ANZAC Day March**

Notes have been distributed to students regarding the ANZAC Day March on Thursday 25 April. Students are required to assemble at the corner of Archer and Alma Streets by 9:30am. Full school uniform, including the blue broad-brimmed hat, is required. Please check the note for further details.

Please ensure an excellent uniform standard on this solemn occasion – in particular we appreciate the wearing of white socks, plain shoes and no elaborate head bands/hair accessories or jumpers.

Please be assured that staff supervision is provided and that older students play an active role in supporting younger students during this event. We would also like to remind elected student leaders that it is an expectation that you attend this event. Parents, friends and relatives are encouraged to line the march route and clap as the students pass.

**Special Thank You to the Returned and Services League of Australia**

We have been extremely fortunate to receive a generous donation from the Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) National Servicemen’s Combined Central Sub Branch. This group presented our school with seven quality publications to supplement our school’s existing library of Anzac Day resources.

**Concert Band News**

Additional Rehearsals for Eisteddfod

If your child is currently a member of the Concert Band, you should have received a note informing you of our upcoming performance at the Eisteddfod on 1 May. To aid our preparation for this event, two additional rehearsals have been scheduled. The second will take place on Tuesday morning 30 April in the SAC at 8:00am. Students should be arriving at 7:45am to set up and still need to attend their regular Monday morning rehearsal as well.

Practising students should also be regularly practising their instrument at home. Several shorter practice sessions e.g. 15 minutes may be more effective than one or two long practice sessions each week, particularly for younger students.

Carly Holbeck
Instrumental Music Teacher

**Best Wishes to all Eisteddfod Competitors**

We wish our string orchestra, concert band and choirs the very best of luck for the Eisteddfod competition. We’d also like to wish all of our talented Frenchville students participating in the various sections of the Eisteddfod the best of luck. Enjoy yourself, smile and have fun and do your very best.

**Free Dress Day for Students - Thursday 2 May 2013**

Students bring a gold coin to wear free dress for the day. We use the proceeds to buy chocolates and prizes for our fete. Normal school hats and footwear must still be worn. Remember the usual rules – clothing must be sunsmart and free of inappropriate slogans. Footwear must be safe for school.
Spellathon
Incentive prizes will be distributed during term two. All students who participated and returned their sponsor sheet with over $20 worth of sponsorship will receive a Frenchville State School incentive prize. Notes will be going home by the end of next week. Please complete and return to the office so that prizes can be distributed. The highest fundraising class in Prep to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 7 will receive a class incentive prize to the value of $100.

Smile Prep Students!
All prep students are reminded they need to wear their complete school uniform and bring their very cutest smiles for the Morning Bulletin photographer on Friday 3/5/13. The photos will appear in the Morning Bulletin later in the year in the special prep feature. Media consent forms are being checked by teachers. If you completed a media permission form on enrolment your child will appear in this feature.

Green Thumbs
Green Thumbs has commenced this week. Green thumbs is an optional program and students from years 3 – 7 can join. We operate every lunch hour and students participate in a variety of activities to assist our groundsmen to keep our grounds looking fantastic. We are keen to develop sustainable projects. This week we have been feeding the worm farms with scraps from the tuckshop, using tongs to pick up rubbish and weeding the gardens outside the administration building. Students in ‘Green Thumbs’ will wear a bright yellow vest.

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/craft 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 $2 to purchase one.

*** Spare shopping bags needed ***

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

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 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 school collection point is in the palm garden behind the tuckshop.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 29 April:
Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: J Edwards
Wednesday: K Jenkins
Thursday: T Pirie, J Hall
Friday: I Stevens, S Carrington, J Connolly

School Jumpers
Jumpers can now be purchased at the tuckshop. Jumpers $20 Jackets $26.
C Hills (Convener)

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

School Fundraiser!!
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. 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:
   Go to [www.rockyriverrun.com](http://www.rockyriverrun.com) and check out the School Team Challenge, registration fees and commonly asked questions.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket to place on your child’s sticker sheet. 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.

Cross Country Training
Students who will be going to the District Cross Country are invited to training on Wednesday mornings at 8:00am with Mrs McLeod. Please meet on the top oval.

Greater Rockhampton District Under 12 Girls’ Football Trials
Trials for girls born in or before 2001 to represent the Greater Rockhampton Region at the Capricornia Regional trials being held at Yeppoon on 26 and 27th May 2013 will be conducted at Rockhampton State High School at bottom oval, from 10 am to 12pm, on 28th April & 5th May.
Who & what: Girls of a very high standard of football skills (remember this is now a much larger district) who were born in or before 2001. Players must have correct footwear, long socks with shin guards, suitable hat (soft brimmed) and water bottle at all trial, training and game events.

**SPORT FIXTURES**
26 April 2013

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