Principal’s News

Eisteddfod Pride
Congratulations to our Concert Band who placed first with 93 points in their section at the Rockhampton Eisteddfod last week. Congratulations to our String Orchestra who played at the Pilbeam Theatre on 23/4/13. Performances at a theatre are a great way to build experience.

Don’t forget our exciting fete news this week:
LUCKY TREASURE CHEST KEYS NOW ON SALE IN 4S & 4L classrooms before school
(E block lower classroom, Geordie Street End). Buy a key for $3, open the treasure chest at the fete with the matching key and win $100 instantly. There will be up to four treasure chests to open on the night.

More Maths Strategies
We are currently working on some movies which we will make available to parents to show you how to use the mental computation strategies at home. For now, here are another couple of strategies to share – rounding and estimating:

Many of you will remember rounding from when you attended school. Rounding can help you use ‘friendly numbers’ to solve maths equations and problems. Remember the rules: if the number ends in a digit less than five, round down to the nearest ten. If five or over, round up to the nearest 10.

- 24 – round down to 20
- 77 – round up to 80

Estimating is a useful skill and one we use often as adults to estimate the cost of the groceries, add up our bills etc. Estimating provides a rough idea of what the answer should be. If you were asked to add 53, 26, 72, 19 and 22, you could use the rounding rules and then create an estimate. These numbers would round to 50, 30, 70, 20 and 20 for example. Integrating earlier strategies we’ve shared, we could then add them as follows:

- $30 + $70 = $100 (bridge to 100 strategy) and 20 and 20 = $40 (double strategy), then add the 50 and get an estimate of 190.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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Happy Mothers’ Day Frenchville Mums

We know how hard you work to get our students to school on time, fed, clothed in their uniform and ready for school each day. We know you have to pack or order their lunches, wash their clothes after big days at school and encourage and listen to their successes, disappointments and their stories. We just want you to know how much we appreciate all you do and we hope you have a wonderful Mothers’ Day.

To all Frenchville kids out there: it’s time to spoil your mum this weekend!

Staffing

Kylie Weatherhead will be on leave from 13 – 24 May and will be replaced by Jane Kennedy.

Have you sold your fete raffle tickets?

1st Prize: IRobot 630 Robotic Vacuum Cleaner (valued at $600)
2nd Prize: Delonghi Pixie Nespresso Coffee Machine (valued at $400)
3rd Prize: Homedics Jam Wireless Bluetooth Speaker (valued at $50)

PLEASE NOTE: A Statutory Declaration will need to be completed for all tickets not returned. Please return ticket to the office as soon as possible, sold or unsold and by the due date of 24/5/13. $1 per ticket. Prizes will be drawn at the fete.

If you need extra books to sell, please see our office ladies.

Fete News

What else can you do to support fete? Please send along:

- Clean ziplock bags filled with items for the ‘bottle stall’ eg. hair ties, novelty items, pencils, crayons, note pads, stickers, small toys, wrapped food items such as chocolates
- Chocolates for the chocolate throw
- Small prize items for stalls
- Multi-draw prizes are urgently needed – these can be small electrical goods, vouchers for services, prizes similar to those donated for cent sale last year. It all helps.

DON’T FORGET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE FETE RIDES

Unlimited Rides

Tickets are on sale now. Great rides for all ages. Unlimited ride pass $25 if purchased before the fete. $28 unlimited ride pass at the fete.

BUY BEFOREHAND AND SAVE $3.

Nb. There is an error on the Rides and Slides flier (supplied by Rides and Slides, not Frenchville) which says 5.30 – 9.30pm. Our fete is 4.30 – 8.30pm. We have contacted the company to get this changed.

Send along your money in an envelope, clearly labelled with child’s name and class as well as ‘Rides and Slides’ on the outside, and include the attached flier sheet and money and a receipt will be issued. This receipt is traded in for your rides wrist band on the day of fete.

Free dress day raised $1000 for fete prizes. Well done Frenchville.

Thanks for supporting this activity and boosting our fete efforts. More prizes mean a better fete.

Don’t forget to¬

Catch this week’s fete bulletin for more details about how you can assist.

Nb. No fete meeting this Friday.

Special thanks to TKO Pest Control for their donation of two gift vouchers for a general residential property pest spray, valued at $240. Thank you Van Hese family.

P&C Meeting Thursday 9/5/13 at 6.30pm in the staffroom

Agenda:
- Councillor Fisher update
- Final Draft of Policies
- Fete
- School Photo update
- Early Act (Rotary) Branch at Frenchville
- All welcome.

FETE Performances – 31 May 2013

Venue: School Activity Centre (SAC)

Students performing in the items below are required to assemble in the SAC by 4:10pm. Students are permitted to wear ‘fete clothing’ for performance items. Approximate performance times are below:

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Year 3/5/7 NAPLAN Testing

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

The NAPLAN 2013 Information for Parents brochure is now available. Follow the website address below to access this document. (http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf).

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL ON TIME FOR THEIR TESTING. BE AWARE THAT LATE ARRIVALS FROM NON NAPLAN YEAR LEVELS CAN INTERRUPT TESTING PROCEDURES.

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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. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply drop the sticker sheet into the collection box in the school office. We also have a school box at Northside Plaza.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Frenchville State School students who have been selected in the Rockhampton Primary Schools’ Boys’ Hockey Teams to compete in the Capricornia trials at Gladstone in May: Lachlan Plant, Lachlan Sisley, Regan Weatherhead and Callum White.

A further congratulations to Callum White for his selection in the Capricornia Boys’ Hockey Team and Regan Weatherhead for his shadow selection in the Capricornia Boys’ Hockey Team.
Student Absences
As educators we believe every day at school counts. We are becoming concerned that this view is not supported by some parents. Parent responsibilities include that you:

• ensure your child arrives at school or commences their educational program on time every day
• ensure your child attends school or their educational program every school day
• minimise disrupting your child's school day so their child has the best opportunity to learn
• contact the school prior to any planned absences
• provide an explanation (preferably in writing) for each absence, either before or as soon as possible within 2 days of the child’s return to school, in accordance with the school’s communication processes. This may take the form of:
  ᶕ a medical certificate
  ᶕ a written explanation note containing the student's name, date of absence(s) and reasons for absence(s)
  ᶕ a verbal explanation to the school through either a phone call or visit to the school
  ᶕ any other form of communication agreed by the Principal (at Frenchville this can include an email).
• ensure your child follows the school’s recommended processes and procedures for late arrival and early departure
• notify school if your child will be late during the school’s recommended communication processes. This may take the form of:
  ᶕ accompanying the child to the school
  ᶕ phoning the school
  ᶕ providing the child with a signed and dated note.

Continued late arrivals, unexplained absences and unauthorised absences (eg. staying home on birthdays, taking a day off because parents have a day off work etc.) WILL HAVE an impact on your child’s education. It can also lead to anxiety and school reluctance. Please, support us to deliver the best education for your child by realising that every day counts.

Parent Club
MOTHERS' DAY STALL
Friday 10 May
• Only children who donate a gift may buy one.
• On Friday 8 May children who have donated a gift need to bring $2 to purchase one.

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

HELPERS NEEDED FRIDAY MORNING IN THE SAC FROM 8.30AM

GEORDIE STREET SPORT PICK UP
Thank you to all parents who provide transport for sport on a Friday afternoon – school sport relies heavily on parent support. Please be aware that the bus zones have changed on Geordie St. We ask all parents and visitors to observe the signage in our traffic areas. At sport time every Friday we will have buses picking up teams from the Geordie St bus zone.

Congratulations to these former Frenchville students
- Steven Kyriazis was awarded the Cultural Bursary winner for North Rockhampton High School Year 8
- Ryan Kyriazis was awarded the Cultural Bursary winner for North Rockhampton High School Year 11

Clothing Pool
Now open Thursday from 8.20am under E block. Donations welcome. Items generally $5 to purchase, many are in excellent condition. All proceeds go to our P&C Association and are invested back into our school. Your payment on the day in cash is appreciated.

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.

Rocky River Run – Can you get fit and raise funds for us at the same time? Sunday 26/6/13
Frenchville State School get $2 for every entrant registering online with our school’s name!
Go to www.rockriverrun.com and check out the School Team Challenge, registration fees and commonly asked questions.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 13 May 2013:
Monday: J. T. Robson, J. Connolly
Tuesday: P. Simpson, J. Edwards
Wednesday: J. Pennell
Thursday: Y. Taylor
Friday: K. Boyland, J. Connolly
C. Hills (Convenor)

ICY CUPS
ICY cups are on sale for 50c every Monday and Thursday (AND Friday when interschool sport is on) in the undercover area.

SPORT FIXTURES
10 May 2013

Rugby League
1.45pm T. A v RGS Brosnan Oval #1
1.25pm 7C v Gracemere Giants NRHS Robinson St
1.25pm 5C v St Joseph’s PA Colts
1.45pm 6A v Gracemere Giants Brosnan Oval #2
1.45pm 5A v St Joseph’s PA Colts

Soccer
12.40pm Junior A v Mt Morgan Norbridge Park 3
12.40PM Girls 1 v Lakes Creek Mcleod Park 2
1.35pm Senior A v Mt Morgan Norbridge Park 3
1.35pm Girls 2 v Berserker Mcleod Park 2
1.35pm Minor v St Mary’s Norbridge Park 6a

Netball at Jardine Park
12.30pm Senior B v St Mary’s Court 1
12.30pm Junior A v RGS Stars Court 4
12.30pm Senior C v St Anthony’s Court 9
1.10pm Junior B v Mt Archer Court 12
1.25pm Senior A v RGS Suns Court 4

Midgets play a round-robin non-points competition
12.30pm Midgets v Girls’ Grammar Gold G19

Tennis at Victoria Park Courts 12.45 – 2.30pm
1 Frenchville 1 v RGS 2 Court 18
2 Frenchville 2 v RGS 5 Court 17
3 Frenchville 3 v Allenstown 3 Court 19
4 Frenchville 4 v Crescent Lagoon 2 Court 12
5 Frenchville 5 v Allenstown 2 Court 21
6 Frenchville 6 v The Hall 3 Court 14

Community Notices
Community Action Marine Cleanup Day - Keppel Islands Conservation Community Inc. and Capricorn Conservation Council are seeking volunteers for the first of two Keppel Bay Ocean and Beach Cleanup Days Sunday 12 May departing at 8am from Pier One at Rosslyn Bay. The trip date depends on the weather and may be cancelled and rescheduled at short notice. For more information or if you would like to volunteer for this day or subsequent days, please email kiccinc@gmail.com.

12yrs Rugby Union REGIONAL TRIALS – 2013
VENUE: Emerald State High School, Emerald
DATE: Tuesday 11 June 2013 TIME: 9.00am–3.30pm
Information for interested students
Please be advised that Rockhampton District will not be sending a representative team to the Capricornia 12yrs rugby union trials in Emerald. Individual students may attend this trial. Cost: $11.80 per student (Incl. GST). This is to be paid to the convenor, details below, on the day of the trial. Notifications to attend the trial are required to be in to the convenor by Monday 03 June 2013 with a copy to Malcolm McCarthy.
For information contact Jock McCabe Emerald State High School 4981 4338 Email: pmcca385@eqe.edu.au

FETE Pre-Paid Unlimited Rides $25.00 deal
I would like to buy a $25.00 deal for announcement rides to use at the Frenchville State School Fete 2013
NAME
CLASS
AMOUNT PAID
Buy your $25.00 deal at the Office and remember to bring your voucher to the Fete