**Principal’s News**

**Congratulations to our staff team – we have been named as regional Showcase Winners for the second year in a row**

In Education Week our hard working staff team was again recognised by the Showcase Panel and Regional Director, Wayne Butlert, for the excellent work they do for our students. This year's submission is called ‘Learning our Way to Improvement’. We now have the opportunity to win a State award. Frenchville was named as a finalist in the 2012 awards but unfortunately we didn’t win at State level. It’s great to know we have another opportunity this year to win the $20000 prize money. We use the prize money to invest in further professional development for staff. This year we used the 2012 prize money of $6000 to pay for maths consultant Ann Baker’s visits. I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of the teaching and support team and congratulate them on this latest success.

**Student Absenteeism – Monitoring**

We have recently been promoting positive attendance messages with our school community. This week we are delighted to share that Frenchville had a 95% attendance rate in 2012, achieving the State target. Whilst we would like to even further enhance this result, we are pleased that we managed to lift our data from 2011 by 1% to finally achieve this target. As we are all aware, being away for a day a fortnight quickly mounts up, equaling 20 days in a year or four weeks absence. Over 13 years of compulsory schooling this equals a staggering 1.5 years! Please help us maintain positive attendance habits and our positive position with our current attendance data. Please remember though, if your child is sick of course he/she needs to stay home. Everyone gets sick occasionally. However, regular, repeated or prolonged absences do have a major impact. A child can afford to miss a day if he/she is ill but cannot afford to miss a series of days of unauthorised absences. This is likely to result in school reluctance down the track. Habits established now will continue into secondary school. Every day counts. By year level in 2012 the following attendance rates were achieved:

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<th>Year</th>
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If you need assistance or support to help achieve more positive attendance, please speak with your child’s teacher or one of our admin team members. We are here to assist you. In more complex cases our guidance officer Mr Greg Muller may also become involved.

**Fete Generosity**

We have had some truly amazing gestures of kindness and generosity over the last six weeks in the lead up to fete. The donations coming in are nothing short of spectacular. The fete is an opportunity for us to show how we work together as a school community. From donations of recycled goods such as ice-cream containers, plastic bags and preloved toys and books, through to incredible donations of handmade craft items and multi-draw prizes in which parents have headed out to approach businesses, we have seen load after load come in. Please see the latest bulletin for what comes next. We really need our parent roster filled to assist with catering to help keep queues down. Teachers may also be asking for offers of assistance on class stalls on the night. Frenchville, we have a great school community. With just a few more days until fete let’s finish strong and make this a highly successful fundraiser, but even more importantly, a great night out as a school community. Thanks again for your incredible support.

**Leisa Neaton**

Principal

**Frenchville Focus**

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**Fete 31/05/13**

**4.30-8.30pm**

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**May**

- 23 District Cross Country Trials
- 24 Walk to School Day
- 31 School Fete

**June**

- 7 Show Holiday
- 10 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- 12 Sports Day
- 14 Friday Sport concludes

**Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.**

**P & C Email**: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
Thanks to our families for these great fete donations
- The Fullerton family for numerous multi-draw prizes and other fete goods
- The Fallas family for their donation of financial health package
- The Lacey family for their generous multi-draw donation

Have you sold your fete raffle tickets? Due back 24/5/13
1st Prize: Robot 630 Robotic Vacuum Cleaner (valued at $800)
OR
Ipad Mini 4G Generation 16gb black + $50 iTunes card (winner’s choice)
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 books to the office by this Friday 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:
☒ Chocolates for the chocolate throw – especially bars and blocks
☒ Cheesecakes for the cheesecake stall
☒ 1.25L softdrinks
☒ Add your name to the help roster – even if you can only serve or prepare food for an hour on the night, it all helps. We desperately need to fill the roster to make the night a success.

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.
Rides will run from 4.30-8.30pm.
Send along your money in an envelope, clearly labelled with child’s name and class as ‘Rides and Slides’ on the outside, and include the flier sheet available from the office and money and a receipt will be issued. This receipt is traded in for your rides wrist band on the day of fete.
Nb. Passes can be purchased for pre-school age and high school age children.

Passes must be purchased by Wednesday 29/05/13. Catch this week’s fete bulletin for more details about how you can assist.

Food tokens (avoid the queue on the night) can be pre-purchased outside the tuckshop in the week before fete, before school. These will be on sale on Monday 27/5, Wednesday 29/5 and Friday 31/5 from 8.10-9.00am each day.
The following food items can be pre-purchased:

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<td>Sausage on Bread or Hotdog</td>
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<td>Steak Burger</td>
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<td>Hot Chips</td>
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<td>Drinks – juice, water, soft drink</td>
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Pizza can be purchased on the night only. This stall will be on the oval.

Remember: Past Frenchville students, neighbours and community members are most welcome at our fete. The more the merrier.

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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<td>4:30pm</td>
<td>String Orchestra</td>
<td>Mrs Everitt</td>
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<td>Junior Choir (Years 1 - 3)</td>
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<td>4:45pm</td>
<td>School Band</td>
<td>Mrs Holbeck</td>
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<td>4:55pm</td>
<td>Senior Choir (Years 4 – 7)</td>
<td>Mrs Esdale</td>
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Choirs perform at Elisteddflod
Our dedicated singing students are performing this week at Elisteddflod. Results might miss the printing deadline for this newsletter. However, we wish our two choirs all the best. Singing in a choir needs true persistence as pieces of the song need to be rehearsed, polished, releant and resung over and over again to achieve the standard required to perform on stage. We are proud of our choirs and are sure they will do their best on Wednesday night and Thursday to sing sweetly on stage at the Pilbeam Theatre.

Visitors to sign in
In order to maintain a safe and secure school environment, all visitors (including parents) during the school day are required to sign in through the front office. An electronic program is used to record this information. Once signed in, a visitor’s pass is generated.

A separate sign in book is located in the tuckshop for tuckshop volunteers.

John Munro Program of Professional Development
Mrs Rhonda Busk, Mrs Rachel Sampson and Ms Linda Allen are absent from class for most of this week as they work with an oral language and vocabulary expert, Dr John Munro, from Melbourne University, along with teacher reps from three other cluster schools. These teachers are training to become literacy mentors and will be engaging in research with fellow educators in our cluster. All Frenchville teachers will also attend a Saturday of professional learning on 25/5/13. There are strong links between reading comprehension improvement and vocabulary and we are all keen to learn more about how vocab and oral language can be used to improve outcomes further for students.

Enrolment Management Plan has been re- enacted
Last week the principal met with Regional Director Wayne Butler to discuss the enrolment management plan. Reviewing the current prep numbers for 2014 (114 already) we have jointly decided to cap numbers at 150 prep students for 2014. This will mean from 23/5/13 we can take enrolments which are lodged with us and those in catchment are automatically in. Those who reside out of catchment can opt to go on a waiting list for the start of 2014. We would hope to inform those on the waiting list of their acceptance by the start of term four.

All prep students who lodged paperwork with us before 23/5/13 have been accepted for 2014. Similar waiting lists apply in other year levels as we keep five spaces in year levels where possible for in-catchment enrolments who arrive during the year. The enrolment management plan is necessary because our campus cannot sustain further building work or more traffic in the school zone. Our maximum enrolment capacity is 1059 students. Currently we have 1021 students but in 2014, this will rise to exceed built capacity if we don’t limit future enrolments. We must act now.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Collect 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 liquor, tobacco, 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. Stickers can be collected from Woolworths. Program closes: 9th June
Walk to School Day Activities – 24/5/13

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
The annual National Walk Safely to School Day will be held throughout Australia on Friday 24 May 2013. On this day all primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Objectives of the day include:

- Promoting health benefits of walking
- Creating regular walking habits at an early age
- Reinforcing safe pedestrian behaviour
- Reducing levels of air pollution and levels of traffic congestion

On Friday 24 May we encourage our students to walk to school with us. Students and parents can meet us at Eichelberger Park from 8:00am. The “walking bus” will depart the park at 8:20am and head to school. All students who participate in the walk will go into a draw to win a voucher from Amart All Sports. Prizes include a $100 voucher and 5 x $50 vouchers. Each student will also receive a bag tag featuring our walk to school logo. The area around the park is not good for car parking, so please drop off your child, or park in an area that won’t create congestion. Last year we had nearly 200 students participating in our walk – let’s make it double that in 2013!

Thanks BOC
This business generously donated welding equipment to our school recently including facemasks, gloves and welding rods. We appreciate this support from local businesses.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 27 May 2013:
Monday: U Slate, J Connolly
Tuesday: J Edwards
Wednesday: P Simpson
Thursday: HELP NEEDED
Friday: K Boyland, J Connolly
G Hills (Convenor)

Clothing Pool
Now open Thursday 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. Your payment on the day in cash is appreciated.

SPORT FIXTURES
24 May 2013

Rugby League
12.45pm 7C v Berserker St / Mt Archer McLeod Park
12.45pm 5A v Mt Archer Frenchville
1.45pm 7A v Berserker St McLeod Park
1.45pm 6A v RGS Frenchville
5G - Bye

Soccer
12.40pm Junior A v St Anthony’s Norbridge Park 4
12.40PM Girls 2 v Parkhurst Norbridge Park 2
1.35pm Senior A v St Anthony’s Norbridge Park 4
1.35pm Girls 1 v Mt Archer Norbridge Park 2
1.35pm Minor v Mt Morgan Norbridge Park 1

Netball at Jardine Park
12.30pm Junior A v St Anthony’s Court 5
12.30pm Junior B v RGS Red Court 12
1.10pm Senior A v St Anthony’s Court 3
1.10pm Senior B v Mt Archer’s Wandal Court 12
1.10pm Senior C v Mt Joseph’s Wandal Court 5

Midgets play a round-robin non-points competition
12.30pm Midgets v St Peter’s Green Court 19

Tennis at Victoria Park Courts 12.45 – 2.30pm
1 Frenchville 1 v RGS 2 Court 15
2 Frenchville 2 v Crescent Lagoon 1 Court 22
3 Frenchville 3 v Frenchville 6 Court 12
4 Frenchville 4 v Crescent Lagoon 3 Court 21
5 Frenchville 5 v The Hall 3 Court 19

Community Notices
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 McArthur. For information contact Jock McCabe Emerald State High School 4981 4333 Email: jmcca385@eq.edu.au

FETE Pre-Paid Unlimited Rides $25.00 deal
I would like to buy a $25.00 Deal for amusement 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

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Chicken Pox
We have had confirmed cases of chicken pox in the school. The recommended minimum exclusion period for Chicken Pox is exclusion until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised people and less in immunised people.

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.

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