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Principal's News

I am very pleased to return to the role of principal at Frenchville State School after my period of leave for the last six months of 2013 during which time I travelled throughout Western Australia with my family. This truly was an amazing experience and a time of reflection and exploration in some spectacular locations, surrounded by the ruggedness and beauty of WA. I am extremely grateful to the wonderful staff team who provided me with the opportunity to take this time away from the hustle and bustle of Frenchville and I am certainly feeling ready to resume my place on our team.

Together with Frenchville’s experienced deputy team, Mr Bill Smith, Ms Donna Earle-Morrison, and Ms Moira Mackenzie I have worked with our staff team to develop our school’s improvement agenda and strategic direction, lift data performance and promote the deep and rich curriculum programs offered in a large school like Frenchville. This will be my eighth year as principal at Frenchville and I’d like to share some exciting news with you about a new leadership position we have created this year. We are pleased to welcome Lisa Driscoll to the role of head of curriculum. Ms Driscoll has worked at Frenchville for many years and acted in the role of deputy principal last year. Many of you will know Lisa through her leadership role in the TWIST, the dynamic hub of reading and learner engagement in our school. She will continue in this very important role this year, as well as fulfilling the promotional role of head of curriculum as we continue implementation of the national curriculum. We are also fortunate to have the continuing dedicated services of Steve Hull as our head of special education at Frenchville. Under Steve’s leadership our numbers in special education have grown, supporting our school community to make our school a more diverse and inclusive place. Steve’s team in special education works diligently to support learners and families on their educational journey. Another member of the classified officer team who provides high levels of support is Mr Greg Muller who performs the role of guidance officer in our school. Greg is always ready to share professional readings, advice and to support students and families in times of hardship, trauma or difficulties. Greg continues with us in 2014.

Frenchville is a large school and it has been difficult managing requests for enrolments over the holidays from families keen to come to us but who reside outside of catchment. The full catchment plan has now been re-enacted after significant enrolment growth in recent years. Full details of the enrolment management plan and catchment plan are on our website. Could I please remind all parents of the enrolment agreement which is signed upon entry to all state schools. A copy is posted on our website for your information. This agreement clearly lays out how we can work together to achieve the best outcomes for all students. Although Frenchville is a large school, you will find we are a family and that our students are genuinely very proud of the school, as are our many parents and staff members. Frenchville is a great place to be and we readily take constructive feedback to help improve our educational service. If you ever have anything you would like to discuss or have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to make an appointment with myself or other members of the leadership team. Alternatively, an email will catch us and we will definitely get back to you.

We wish all students a productive 2014 and look forward to working with you, as their parents and first educators, to achieve even greater things ahead. Welcome to all of our new Frenchville family members and particularly to our new prep students.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
Staffing Welcome
A big Frenchville welcome to:
- Julieann Butler to year one
- Bronwyn Rae to a music specialists role
- Kristy Whitehead to a PE role
- Kim Evans to an admin officer role in the front office

A warm welcome back to Zenna Booth returning to year one
and Emily Hare into year 2, working with Kerrie Turner.

Principal/Parent Talk
Monday 3/2 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Frenchville School Activity Centre
This is a new Frenchville initiative for 2014. Our principal
Leisa Neaton will conduct a short presentation about a
school-related topic (approximately 30 minutes), and then
conduct an open forum where questions raised by parent
participants are answered. Topics raised by the parent
body may become the subject of future PPT sessions.

February’s Topic: Values Education at
Frenchville SS

Leisa Neaton will share key behaviour management strategies, anti-
bullying processes, cyber bullying responses and how Frenchville
inducts all students into key expectations and school routines so
that they know what is expected of them.

* These events are ‘student free’ events. Please make other
arrangements for children during this session.

Start of the Year Reminders

Medical Alerts - At the start of each year we prepare
extensive information for teacher rolls re student medical
conditions. This information includes a picture of the child
with the condition, details of how the condition presents, and
emergency treatment of the condition. We have a number of
children in our school with anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma etc.
and it is crucial we have full and current information on all
children with these and other serious conditions. Please
check in at the office this week if your child has a condition to
check the information we have is current.

Hats are needed every school day. No hat, no play. Wear a
hat every day. Please be sure your child’s hat is named.

Sunscreen - students are encouraged to bring a small roll
on sunscreen in their bags and to apply it before play times.
We are a sunsmart school.

Uniforms - At Frenchville we wear our shirts tucked in. We
also try to stick to white socks. Let’s keep up this great
standard all year. We also like our students to wear their
uniforms with pride after hours. If they don’t want to wear
their shirt in and keep their shoes on after school, we prefer
students change out of the ‘blue and white’ before heading to
shopping centres etc. Jewellery is discouraged, apart from a
watch if needed, small earrings for pierced ears (studs are
preferred), or a piece of jewellery of special significance eg.
religious cross worn under uniform or medical bracelet for
medical emergencies.

Thanks - Mums and Dads for the effort with book list items
and the covering and labelling of school requisites. We
appreciate your support.

Parent Evenings and Afternoons - Notes will be coming
home from class teachers about these important events. We
encourage all parents to attend to learn about the
expectations regarding homework, routines, rules and
curriculum and assessment tasks. Obviously we cannot
please everyone with the timing of these events. We
apologise in advance for disappointment if you are unable to attend
to due to work or clashing commitments. Please make
arrangements with the teacher to have notes sent home
about the information shared if you are unable to attend.

After School Arrangements - Please be sure that your child
is familiar with after school arrangements for pick up. Some
students have been confused about how they are to go
home after school. Please also ask your children to report to
the office if they are ever concerned that you are running late,
that they have missed the bus etc.

Punctuality - Instruction begins at 8:40am on each school day.
It is essential that children arrive on time. If children are
consistently arriving at 9:00am, they are missing a significant
proportion of quality learning time. Both late arrivals and
student absences are monitored carefully. Lateness can be a
big reason for failing to thrive at school and can impede
learning. When considering who we offer additional support to
we also consider the support given to us by parents to ensure
that every minute during the school day is respected and that
students are on time and in regular attendance.

Access to Teachers – Please respect the need for teachers to
come commence instruction on time at the start of the day to avoid
disruption to classes. At the parent info session teachers will
provide details of the best times to catch them if you need to
share important information about your child. We are
increasingly finding that email is an effective way of arranging
appointments with teachers or sharing routine information.
Teacher email addresses are provided on our website
and every teacher checks his/her email at least once a day. Email
is not the tool to use though in more complicated or complex
circumstances. If you have an emergency situation or the need
to convey something after the start of instruction, you can drop
into the school office where a member of the admin team will
record details and convey them to the teacher. If nobody is
available to meet with you we will certainly get back to you
before the end of the day.

Updated Contact Details – Please, if your details change (eg.
home address, phone number at work or home or mobile,
emergency contacts, email address, custody situations), keep
us informed. In emergency situations we need to be able to
contact you. Routine matters may also necessitate a call to
your workplace or mobile. Your assistance with keeping our
records current is vital.

School Communication – This newsletter is the best place to
learn about what is happening at Frenchville. It is distributed
every Thursday to the youngest in the family. If for some
reason your child ever misses out on a newsletter, additional
copies are available in the school office for him/her to access.
The weekly newsletter is also uploaded to the Frenchville
website and can also be accessed on the departmental app ‘Q
Schools’. Just search in iTunes for the app, download it and
follow our school, and newsletters and other information will be
pushed directly to your portable device. Our school website
has a heap of information about our school too. Following us
on Twitter may also be a good idea to get little snippets of
emerging information. Search for Frenchville SS on Twitter.

Facilities Work Over the Break

Tuckshop helpers and people who access the tuckshop
service will notice P&C has installed a new kitchen with
stainless steel benchtop to improve the accessibility and
ease of cleaning in this important area of our school. A huge
thanks to convenor Chris Hills for putting up with the
upheaval caused at her busy ‘back to school’ period.

The shade structure for senior students has been
commenced. This has taken longer than expected due to
contractor delays. However, it is now in progress and will
provide much needed shade over the handball courts and
outside modular 2 (7D & 7F). This project is largely funded
through a gaming fund grant submitted by P&C.

Asbestos floor tiles were removed from P block Prep
classrooms over the break and new floor coverings were
install. This replacement program was an unexpected but much needed bonus for our school.

All up the cost of these enhancements to facilities would extend to over $200,000. Your fundraising efforts through P&C assisted us to undertake these improvements.

This year we also plan to enhance the prep precinct area with further landscaping and safer accesses.

Values Education at Frenchville
One of the ways we induct new students into our school and remind all existing students of expectations and responsibilities is through our school values program. This program is shared on the interactive whiteboards with all students at the start of the year and assists teachers to review important values at Frenchville which include:
- how to wear your uniform with pride
- how to address staff and peers
- how to play sensibly and constructively
- how to be a ‘good friend’ and include others
- school rules and responsibilities
- school song
- play areas, out of bounds areas, expectations in play areas which help keep students safe
- anti-bullying messages
- cybersafety messages

These are just a few key components in our school developed program. Teachers have already commenced this work with students in every classroom.

Student Data Action Planning
Another important component of the first few weeks of school is for teachers to become familiar with their new class members. This includes developing an understanding of any emotional needs, family complexities, going home arrangements, illnesses or medical conditions, etc. as well as examining the past performance data of students. On the recent pupil free days teachers invested time in getting to know individual student performances by looking at previous report cards, NAPLAN data reports, reading levels, sight word attainment levels (prep), as a starting point for teaching.

This important information becomes part of the teacher's data action planning process. If you have any particular additional details or your child has had changes in his/her circumstances which you need to share with us, please contact the school office to arrange a meeting with a member of admin or contact the teacher.

Drop Off / Pick Up Zone
Our 2 minute pick-up zones (Frenchville Rd & Geordie St) have been designated for quick pick-ups. When parents use this area as a parking space (ie get out of their car and park for longer than 2 minutes) it clogs up the area: cars can't move forward, traffic stops, parents get frustrated and students often cross where they shouldn’t. This all spells DANGER for our, and your, kids. Please use these areas correctly paying attention to all signs e.g. 2 minutes means 2 minutes, drop off means drop off and don’t get out. All members of our community expect that everyone respects the safety of our kids and the rights of others to use the areas appropriately.

Student Leadership Applications
All year six and seven students are reminded that the closing date for leadership applications is 8/2/14. School captain speeches for those shortlisted to progress to this phase will be conducted on 13/2/14.

Religious Instruction
Lessons commence Thursday 20 February. Notes will be distributed to students and must be returned to the office by Friday 7 February. Children will be assigned to religious instruction groups according to current enrolment details or the information provided on this form.

P&C AGM, Followed by General Meeting

NOTICE OF P&C AGM
The P&C AGM in 2014 will be conducted on Thursday 13/2/14 at 6pm in the staffroom. At this meeting all current positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken for the executive positions for 2014.

The Annual General Meeting agenda consists of:
1. Minutes from Previous Meeting
2. Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers
   a. President
   b. Vice President
   c. Secretary
   d. Treasurer
   e. Tuckshop Treasurer
   f. Parent Club Committee
   g. Tuckshop Committee
   h. School Patrons
   i. Auditors
4. General Business
   a. 2014 Fundraising Calendar including the need for further camp fundraising due to year six and seven attending this year
   b. Life membership of the Frenchville P&C Association nominations
   c. Endorsement of new model constitution

Tuckshop Roster
Our Tuckshop is open every day 8am – 2pm.

The Tuckshop Roster will appear in the next newsletter.

Clothing Pool
Donations for the Clothing Pool would be appreciated as stocks are getting low. Please bring donations to the office. We are also looking for some volunteers to open the clothing pool some mornings before school. If you are willing to offer a little of your time, please see one of the admin team. The clothing pool has relocated to under E block, near the tuckshop. If you are looking for a way to become involved in our school this is an excellent way to start. Why not approach a few parents and volunteer for this important job as a team?

Community Notices

Robert Beak Tennis Coaching
Beak's Tennis is now offering coaching at Frenchville State School. Tennis Coaching is available Tuesday mornings at 7.30am till 8.30am (commencing 4th of February). For more information please contact Robert Beak. Ph. 49361021 or 0419 026 963

North Rockhampton Cricket Club
Milo in2Cricket – Have a Go Program
5 – 8 year olds (Boys & Girls)
(9 – 10 year olds - please register your interest)
$75 – Each child receives a cricket starter pack
Commences Tuesday 4th February 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Register at: http://tinyurl.com/in2cricket-registration
Or Contact Brenda – 0438 364 060 or northscricket11@gmail.com

Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association’s coaching ($12/lesson) and fixtures ($10 weekly)
commence Saturday, February 1, from 8.00 – 11.00am. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phone on (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors employed.

Brothers Australian Rules Football Club Player Sign-On
Sunday, 9th February 2014
Between the hours of 10.00AM and 1.00PM
Club House, Kele Park, (near Rockhampton Airport)