Principal's News

Prep Settling In for 2014
Once again, our prep teachers and teacher aides and you as parents have worked wonders in settling our youngest students into Frenchville. Everything ran smoothly last week, even with Friday’s wet and wild weather thrown in. As I’ve visited the classrooms I’ve observed very settled children contentedly going about their learning and becoming very familiar with our school routines and classroom expectations.

Life Membership Nominations P&C
Would you like to nominate somebody to be a life member of our P&C Association? The criteria for life membership is:
- a person has contributed ten years continual voluntary service or support to our school community
and/or
- the volunteer has provided a service to our school (less than five years duration) where the school community has benefitted enormously and gone beyond the P&C’s expectations

Nominations are taken at or prior to our AGM and can be emailed to pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au

Getting involved with a Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy-to-read format. The Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents’ and Citizens’ Associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education and Training website at http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf.

Our P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 13/2/14 in the staffroom. The agenda is contained within this newsletter. This meeting is then followed by our first general meeting for the year. We’d love to see as many people at the meeting as possible. Meetings are conducted in the admin block in the staffroom. Involvement in the P&C helps you get to know key parents, our tuckshop convenor Chris and also myself as principal as I attend all of these meetings. Be warned: sometimes the first meeting of the year can go longer than usual as we do have some routine matters we need to attend to at the start of the year constitutionally. However, we always try to stick to no more than a two hour meeting for our general meetings throughout the year.

Great Results Guarantee
Frenchville, as a state education provider, will receive $290 000 to be spent enhancing outcomes for prep to year two students under the government’s ‘Great Results Guarantee’ initiative. This money will be used to implement evidence based programs and a plan will be published to the school community showing how the money will be spent and the level of improvement expected. We are seeking expressions of interest for Frenchville parents or grandparents interested in being part of this program. Full training is provided and successful applicants will be paid at teacher aide rates. See the EOI information in this newsletter. Please contact the office to collect or have an EOI form provided to you via email if you intend to apply. Interest needs to be registered on the EOI form by 12/02/14 and applicants must be willing to undertake training commencing on Friday 14/02/14.

Leisa Neaton
Principal
Sand Play Toys – Any Donations?
We are seeking toys/containers for the sandpits. Students love to dig, build, measure, compare etc. using all sizes of containers. Old plastic ware, saucepans (small), measuring cups, plus any toys for the sand pits you may no longer need in safe condition would be welcomed. We thought we’d ask the school community before heading out to buy more. Donations can come to the office for sorting and distribution to prep, year one and two sandpit areas. Thanks.

Parent Evenings/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 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.

Prep:
- Monday 10 February 3.15pm Prep WH
- Tuesday 11 February 3.00pm Prep G
- Tuesday 11 February 4.00pm Prep LG, PrepCH, PrepSR, PrepLB, PrepP/1B

Year One:
- Monday 10 February 3.00pm 1M, 1JB, 1ZB
- Tuesday 11 February 3.00pm 1A, 1MF, 1H, 1W

Year Two:
- Monday 10 February 3.00pm 2B
- Tuesday 11 February 3.00pm 2D, 2JC, 2S, 2TH
- Tuesday 11 February 3.15pm 2W

Year Three:
- Tuesday 11 February 3.00pm 3K
- Tuesday 11 February 3.15pm 3B, 3L, 3KC, 3W
- Wednesday 12 February 3.00pm 3H

Year Four:
- Tuesday 11 February 3.00pm 4A, 4M, 4S, 4/5L
- Thursday 13 February 3.00pm 4GS

Year Five:
- Tuesday 11 February 4.00pm All year 5 classes

Year Six:
- Monday 10 February 7.00pm 6D, 6/7F
- Tuesday 11 February 3.00pm 6B

Year Seven:
- Monday 10 February 7.00pm 6/7F
- Tuesday 11 February 3.30pm 7FX, 7KS, 7SH

Introducing our new music teacher Bronwyn Rae
Hello Parents/Caregivers, I am teaching classroom music to a number of classes from Years 1 to 7 during 2014 here at Frenchville State School and am looking forward to working and enjoying music with your children in a variety of musical activities throughout the year. There are so many beautiful singers at all levels across the school, as has been very obvious this week in the music classes.

If your child is interested in singing and being part of a choir, our school Junior Choir (Years 1-3) and Senior Choir (Years 4-7) practices will be resuming very soon. Interested students will be asked to meet in a lunchtime this week (week two) in the Music Room to discuss the year’s plans. New members are always very welcome ☺.

We particularly would love some more of our middle and upper school students to come and join the fun of choral singing! ☺. The choir (depending upon which performance as to which choir) will be involved in a number of possible different performances this year including the Rockhampton Junior Eisteddfod, Anzac Day, Naidoc Celebration, Choralfest and Spotlight Concert.

Staff Email Addresses
As mentioned last week in our newsletter, email can be a useful form of communication in these busy times. We have added a ‘quick link’ to the homepage of our website to make email addresses of staff members easier to find. The quick link is at the bottom left of the home screen, near the tuckshop menu and booklist link.

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.

Messages to Classrooms
Increasingly parents are asking our admin officers to pass on messages to students about early collection, appointments or pick up arrangements. Please be aware we have only one phone in each block and that teachers need to stop teaching to take these calls and answer the phone. Our preference is that academic learning time is not interrupted. If you need a message passed through, an email to admin@frenchviss.eq.edu.au before the school day starts would be appreciated. If a genuine emergency arises, please call the front office. Help us protect teaching time from administrative interruptions by making arrangements before the school day starts.

Choir Practices for 2014
Senior and Junior Choir Rehearsals will commence in week three of this term. Rehearsal times are:

Senior Choir (Years 4-7)
- Monday 1:00pm to 1:30pm
- Tuesday 8:00am to 8:30am

Junior Choir (Years 1-3)
- Wednesday 11:00am to 11:30am (Year 1 and 2)
- 1:00pm to 1:30pm (Year 3)
- Thursday 8:00am to 8:30am (Years 1-3)

Rehearsals will occur in the Music Room at these times. Any inquiries please contact Mrs Jo Hubner or Ms Bronwyn Rae.

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
   c. Endorsement of new model constitution
   d. Endorsement of 2014 school levies

General Meeting Agenda, following AGM:
   a) Great Results Guarantee funding
   b) Dept. of transport community safety grant application
   c) Spellathon 2014
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- 10 to 12 hours sleep each night for primary school children

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Acceptable School Bed Times – You may be surprised to
know that experts advocate:
- 10 to 12 hours sleep each night for primary school children
- 9 to 11 hours sleep each night for secondary school children

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 10 February
Monday: J Connolly
Tuesday: P Simpson
Wednesday: K Smith
Thursday: C Wood
Friday: D Wessling, J Connolly

Tuckshop Menu enclosed.

Textbooks still available at Tuckshop
Qld Targeting Handwriting 1 $12.35
Handwriting Conventions 2 $11.45
Mental Maths C F G $10.30
Atlas $28.95
Recorder Excellence $16.05

Can you help at Tuckshop – please see enclosed letter.
C Hills (Convenor)

Prep Voluntary Contribution 2014

Reminders have been distributed to all Prep 2014 families for the
Prep voluntary contribution of $40. The voluntary contribution is used to purchase materials for Prep students
during the year. The contribution may be paid in full at the
start of the year or $10 per term. The Prep voluntary contribution is non-compulsory but enhances the Prep program.

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?

Knights Reading

The Reading Knights program is a Frenchville developed
literature-based reading motivation and management program designed to encourage students to regularly engage
in reading practice and develop a love of reading. Reading Knights are motivated to read or experience reading on a
nightly basis and, as a result, progress steadily towards their quest to become a Knight Master. Reading may take the
form of independent reading, shared reading, listening to
reading, reading along with a text, or being read to. Students
are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability for the Reading Knights quest.

Regular reading through the Reading Knights program allows students to explore, appreciate and enjoy the English
language while experiencing a wide range of literary texts. The Reading Knights program further aims to develop
positive character qualities and work habits in students such as
goal setting, determination and perseverance.

As Frenchville students’ progress through the various levels of reading nights, as stipulated below, they will receive
tokens of achievement.

Page
Apprentice
Squire
Knight
Knight Master

25 nights
50 nights
100 nights
150 nights
200 nights

Those who make it to the level of Knight Master will be
honoured at a ‘Celebration of Champions’ held twice per
year. The number of reading nights must be recorded on the
appropriate recording sheet and verified by an adult.

How Parents Can Help

Encourage your child to read each night. Reading more
books and developing a lifelong love for reading are
important to your child’s success. Just 15 minutes of
independent reading a day exposes students to over a
million words per year.

Here are a few helpful tips:
· Read every day
· Ask questions about reading
· Set up a reading area and routine
· Explain unfamiliar words

Student Banking

Student Banking will restart on Thursday, 13 February.

Religious Instruction

Lessons commence Thursday 20 February. Notes have
been 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.

Community Notices

Sign On With Runaways Netball - Runaways Netball Club have
vacancies for players to sign on for the 2014 season of netball on
Sunday the 2nd from 10am to 2pm at Jardine Park, corner of Allenby
and Lions Creek Road. Players will learn new skills including sharing
and teamwork while having fun and making great new friends.
Runaways Netball Club is also registered to accept ‘Get Started’
vouchers. For more information, you are able to contact Runaways
at runawaysnetballclub@hotmail.com or phone Runaways Junior
Registrar, Leesa Beatson, on 0409 254 628.
BUILDING CHILDREN'S SELF ESTEEM 2 Hr Session
Building Children's Self Esteem is a psycho-educational session for parents to learn how positive self-esteem develops and how they can support this in their children.
Topics covered include:
• Recognising how we perceive our own self esteem
• Recognising the self-esteem of children
• Strategies to improve children's self esteem

BUOYANT PARENTING- Five 2Hrs Sessions
This program assists parents to lead and guide their family like a skipper steers a ship through the rapids of life!
LEARN
• How to raise children's self-esteem
• How to improve communication skills and to manage anger
• How to reduce stress levels, establish boundaries
• How to use consequential parenting and appropriate discipline
• How to assist children experiencing grief and loss
• How to assist children to set short and long term goals

For further information please contact Centacare on 1300 523 985

Frenchville Netball Club is accepting new members from 8 years and over. Players who are turning 8 or 9 in 2014 will have their rego fees subsidised so you will save $125. We have teams to cater for all ages and skill levels. For more information, please contact Trudy Landsberg on 0419331392 or email trudy.landsberg@bigpond.com

Brothers Australian Rules Football Club Player Sign-On Day
Sunday, 9th February 2014 between the hours of 10:00AM and 1:00PM @ Club House, Kele Park (near Rockhampton Airport)

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING- Parenting Program
A three week course, with 2 hour sessions covering:
• How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
• How to sort behaviour
• How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
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PERSONAL DEFENCE, FITNESS, DISCIPLINE, FUN
Jok Sang Martial Arts Kung Fu Kids “TRY FOR FREE” Day
WHEN: Saturday 8th February 2014 - 11.00am to 12 noon
WHERE: QRI Hall Denison St (Across the road from Great Western)
WHAT: No booking required - just come ready for fun and fitness – bring a water bottle. Further info www.joksgang.com or phone 0419532149 or 0448504631

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 – 0455 364 080 or norths11@gmail.com

Park Avenue Brothers Hockey Club invite Frenchville families to join us at our Sign-On to be held 14 February, 4pm, at our clubhouse, 161 Glenmore Road between 4 and 7:30pm. Come along and find out why hockey is a great sport for the entire family. Jump Start your heart this Valentine’s Day! For more information contact Marie 49272125 or Rachael 0407260184.

Frenchville Scorpions Softball Club Sign on Sunday 2 February 2013 10am-2pm
We are looking for players to fill positions in t-ball under 15 mixed, under 17 mixed, B ladies, A reserve ladies, A ladies, Men’s and masters competitions. Come along and give it a try—what have you got to lose? We are a family friendly club with quality accredited coaches. Supported by the Frenchville Sports Club with discounted junior registration fees available. For more information please call Selena Lennon 0458 169 003, Kylie Crouch 0437 060 212 or email frenchville.softball@gmail.com.
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Please ensure lunch orders are in before school (8.40)

**SANDWICHES**: 2 slices of bread, white or wholemeal
- Salad: $2.50
- Ham: $1.50
- Ham and Salad: $3.00
- Chicken: $2.50
- Chicken and Salad: $3.50
- Egg: $1.50
- Egg and Lettuce: $1.80
- Cheese: $1.50
- Cheese and Tomato: $1.80
- Strawberry Jam: $1.20
- Honey or Nutella: $1.20
- Vegemite or Peanut Paste: $1.20
- Toasted Sandwiches extra cost: $0.10
- Each Extra Filling: $0.30

**SPECIALS OF THE DAY**
Specials can be ordered for either Big or Little Lunch on that day only. As our specials are AMBER FOODS, PLEASE choose carefully.
- **Monday**: Ham & Pineapple Pizza $2.00
- **Tuesday**: Fish Goujons 6 per serve or 45 cents each $2.70
- **Wednesday**: Spaghetti Bolognaise $3.45
- **Thursday**: Chicken Chipkees 6 per serve or 45 cents each $2.70
- **Friday**: Chicken Goujons (4) with Salad Bowl $2.80

**ROLLS**: Salad $2.50
- Ham and Salad: $3.00
- Chicken and Salad: $3.50

**WRAPS**: Made on Lavish Bread with Mayo
- Salad: $2.50
- Ham or Chicken No Salad: $2.50
- Ham or Chicken with Salad: $3.50
- Ham or Chicken Wrap with 1 salad filling: $2.80

(Chicken can be a hot crumbed tenderloin or cold meat)
- Lasagne $3.00
- Chicken Nuggets 6 per serve or 45 cents each $2.70
- Chicken Goujons (4) with Salad Bowl $2.80

**BURGERS**: Ham, Chicken or Vegetarian
- No Salad: $2.50
- With Salad: $3.50
- Burger with 1 salad filling: $2.80

**PLATES**: Salad Plate $2.50
- Ham and Salad Plate: $3.50
- Chicken and Salad Plate: $3.50
- Quiche and Salad Plate: $3.50

**VEGETARIAN OPTION**
- Vegetarian Fried Rice $3.75

**LIGHT SNACKS**
- Snack Pack: 2 Premiums, cheese and carrot sticks, sultanas, dried apricots $1.50
- Salad Bowl: Lettuce, tomato, cheese and carrot sticks, 1/2 egg and sultanas $1.50

**Rice Cakes or Premiums (2 per serving):**
- Tomato & Cheese: $0.70
- Vegemite or Peanut Paste: $0.50
- Cheese: $0.50

- Corn Cobettes: $0.50
- Yoghurt Frozen (Strawberry or Mango): $1.85

**SAUCES**
- BBQ Sauce: $0.30
- Tomato Sauce: $0.25
- Nutella: $0.60
- Ovaleenies: $1.20
- Noodles: $0.50
- Slush Puppy: $2.50
- Fruit Sticks: $0.50
- Chips: $1.10
- Zing: $0.50
- Ice Creams $1 - $1.40

**DRINKS**
- Milk (300ml): Choc, Straw, Vanilla $2.10
- Pop Tops (250ml): Apple, orange, Apple Blackcurrant $1.30

**WRAPPED IN**
- Quench Aqua Fruits (350ml): Lemonade, Apple Raspberry, Lemon Lime Blue Heaven $2.00
- LOL (250ml): Raspberry, Mandarin, Tropical $2.20
- Apple Blackcurrant $2.00

**WATER**
- 600ml $1.00
- 250ml pop top $1.00

**BIG LUNCH SHOPPING**

LITTLE AND BIG LUNCH must be ordered on separate packets.
Printed packets are available at the tuckshop 25c/$1.00.
A charge of 10 cents for orders on envelopes.