**Principal’s News**

**Absenteism is the Big Enemy in Education**

Many research studies have shown a clear link between attendance at school and achievement data of students. Quite simply, we cannot make a difference if students are not at school to be part of the teaching and learning process. The curriculum is moving rapidly and students who miss school cannot start to feel school reluctant and anxious. At Frenchville we aim for at least 96% attendance by all students. This means that students will fall into less than good attendance if they have more than 8 days off from school each year. There are 365 days in a calendar year and it might impress you to know that 170 of those days are non-school days, so there are lots of opportunities for shopping, family holidays and appointments which will not impact on your child’s learning.

It is expected when your child is absent that you provide a reason for the inattendance. Most absences are the result of student illness. Unexplained absences should be ‘tied up’ as soon as possible as there are consequences for parents who do not send their child to school. This can include involvement by child safety authorities. Every day, every minute counts. Absences are recorded and reported to the government on compulsory returns. Some absences are recorded as ‘unauthorised’ – this code is used when absences are not deemed as acceptable reasons for being absent. This might include family holidays, parent or student birthdays, moving house etc. Your child’s future study and employment pathways are strongly linked to what he/she does now. In the past we have watched as students who have been allowed to develop poor attendance at school from an early age fall behind and eventually become anxious and school reluctant. Do not fall into this trap. If you have concerns your child is becoming school reluctant please call to speak to an admin member or our guidance officer Greg Muller.

Frenchville’s current student attendance rate for the first two weeks of the year is **99.3%**, an outstanding result!

**Student Leadership Process**

School captain elections are being conducted this Thursday. Candidates were shortlisted through a leadership afternoon last year, written application interview group task this year and, and then invited to deliver a formal speech if shortlisted. Finally, a democratic election using preferential voting (with each student in year 6 and 7 and each staff member receiving one vote each of equal weight) decides the outcome. Thank you to our applicants – you brightened the school day last Thursday with your thoughtful responses, compassion for others and positivity about Frenchville’s future. It is a joy to see students who have grown up with us over the years showing their maturity and taking pride in their achievements.

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**P&C AGM**

Our P&C AGM will be held on Thursday 13/2/14 in the staffroom. The agenda is contained within this newsletter.

**Calendar Entry**

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[Thanks to Parkhurst State School for this diagram.]
P&C Building Fund Contribution

Make your tax dollar work for your children in their school environment by contributing to the building fund. The P&C Building Contribution Fund allows you to make a donation to the school and claim it back in your tax return. It is an easy way for you to help raise funds for the school and get some money back from the government.

What is the Building Fund?
Building Fund contributions go towards paying for key infrastructure for the school. In the past contributions to this fund have helped build the School Activity Centre, put the fans in the centre & provide air conditioning in all the classrooms around the school. In 2014 we aim to improve school access and play areas around prep.

How can I Contribute?
Please complete the form below and return it, with your contribution, to the school office. Your contribution will be registered and a receipt will be provided by the P&C for your tax return.

Frenchville State School Building Fund Contribution 2014

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Prep Start of School Feature in the Morning Bulletin

Prep students will be photographed on Friday 14/2/14. Please be sure your child is in full school uniform and has their hair brushed neatly for the photographs. These pictures will appear in a special feature in our local newspaper at a date to be announced.

Ann Baker’s Visit – Our Mathematician in Residence

Staff members are excited that Ann Baker returns again to Frenchville next week. Ann will work with Frenchville teachers in classrooms next Tuesday and Wednesday. We are offering a parent education session on Wednesday afternoon 19/2/14 from 2pm in the TWiST. Ann Baker worked with parents last year on one of her visits and we received good feedback from this session. Please feel free to pop in at the TWiST from 2pm until 3pm and visit Ann, but be prepared to participate. Maths is fun! Ann will also offer a question and answer session after the workshop for parents who would like to stay on until 3.30pm.

Introducing our new PE teacher Kristy Whitehead

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kristy Whitehead and I have been appointed as part of the Physical Education specialist team at Frenchville State School, teaching two days a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Although I am based mostly as the PE teacher for the Preppies this year, I have been warmly welcomed to the school by all staff, students and parents. I have taught PE in Tieri and Capella and in 2011, transferred back home to Rockhampton to teach PE at Crescent Lagoon State School. I had last year off on maternity leave as I had a beautiful baby boy named Corey. Life has changed greatly with my new addition but I love every moment.

I have a very real love for sport, both teaching and playing, and enjoy not only encouraging students to become involved in being active, but encouraging sportsmanship at all levels. Teaching at Frenchville feels like coming home to my first teaching school, as it was at Frenchville where I enjoyed completing my second prac with Leisa Driscoll and my internship with Mr Paul Eckel. I am very much looking forward to joining and staying part of the Frenchville family.

Enrol Now for Prep 2015

If you have a child born from 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2014 at Frenchville State School.

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➢ Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School. Your early notification of your intention to enrol your child in prep at Frenchville in 2015 is appreciated as it will assist greatly with our staffing and facilities planning. Frenchville catchment restrictions may apply. Applications are numbered as they come in and we draw ‘out of catchment enrolments’ based on this list and the order in which applications are received. Get your forms in to be included on the 2015 intake list.
➢ FOR ENROLMENT FORMS: www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au.
➢ Click on Our Enrolment Pack from the main menu to download forms.
➢ For more information please call the school on 49315333.
➢ Our website contains more information about the enrolment management plan including an interactive link to show you which school catchment area your residential address falls within.

Spellathon – Our first fundraiser for the year

We are having another Spellathon this year! Previous spellathons have shown that these events are a great way of improving school work and raising funds for our school at the same time. The Parents and Citizens’ Association is keen to continue to support our school with improvement to school accesses and support for more classroom resources. A successful spellathon will definitely put us on the path towards our priorities.

Dates for spellathon are as follows:
- lists and sponsorship forms will come out this week/early next week (with Spellathon to commence in week 4 from 17/2/14)
- spellathon in rooms in week 6 (3-7 March)
- forms and $ back by 19/3 (week 8)

Details of how you can help will be included in the forms sent home. The Spellathon packs were prepared by our hard working teacher aides. If you have any problems with lists, or items left out, please see the office.

Great Results Guarantee Update

All parents who applied for this initiative have been sent an email about the training program which will commence this Friday at 9am in the TWiST. We are unable to accept any further applicants for this program. Thank you for the overwhelming response from parents.

Library / The TWiST News

We have been very busy updating class lists so children can commence borrowing. All children from grades 1-7 are able to borrow this week. Prep will start a little later. Every class visits the library each week and students are able to borrow before school and at lunch times. Class teachers will let students know when their library borrowing day is. Please remember children need to bring a library bag to borrow books.

If you had a “Holiday Clean-Up” and found any books belonging to Frenchville State School please just drop them into the TWiST or return it with your child. Remember it is never too late to bring back an overdue!

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.

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**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 & Fundraising Calendar
- d. Uniform supplier implementation
- e. Councilor Fisher Update
- f. Dept. of Transport Community Safety Grant
- g. Credit Card Payments – documentation on form

**Frenchville Seconds Stall**
Donations for the Frenchville Seconds Stall/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. Our Chaplain Deb Arnold opens the Stall each Friday morning from 8.15am.

**SPORT FIXTURES**

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**Basketball at Hegvold Stadium**

**Tuckshop Roster**

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**Tuckshop Helpers**
Please return the helpers form in last week newsletter if you can help. We only ask for 3 hours once a month.

**Tuckshop Orders**
Please make sure your child's name and class are on their bag.

**C Hills (Convenor)**

**Community Notices**

**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
- Choosing your strategy, the “three choices”
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

**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.

**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!

**SPORTS FIXTURES**

**North Rockhampton Athletics Centre Sign On and Information Day Sunday 23rd February 2014**
Sports Oval, North Rockhampton High School, Cnr Dean and Robinson Streets, Frenchville. Sign-on from 3.00pm to 5.00pm for athletes from 5 to U17 years (Proof of age must be shown at time of registration if joining for the first time) All new athletes can sign on for a 2 week trial ($10) to see if they like it. For more information, please contact Paul on 0437 022 380 or view details at www.nrac.org.au

**Frenchville Junior Football Club - Players Required**
Frenchville Junior Football Club are urgently seeking players for our U12, U13 and U14 age groups for boys born in years 2002, 2001 and 2000 respectively. Any parents or students interested in enrolling please contact our Sports Manager - Terry Kennedy on 49261828 or email the Frenchville Junior Football Club on fjcjuniorfootball@gmail.com. New and continuing players are both welcome. Cost is $220 and all players receive a Frenchville training strip and socks. Competitive training sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

**ISA Junior Indoor Cricket FREE Come and Try Afternoon!**
18 February for ages 5-13 years. Includes free cricket and free sausage sizzle. For more information contact Eilish Grundon 49278499 or download a nomination form from the website www.isarocky.com.au

**ISA Junior Indoor Netball FREE Come and Try Day!**
15 February from 9am to 11am. Free sausage sizzle. For more information contact Eilish Grundon 49278499.