Great Results Guarantee – What’s All the Fuss?
The Great Results Guarantee will provide $291 000 to Frenchville State School through State funding to assist junior learners in our school. At the P&C meeting we discussed how this money will be used to further enhance learning outcomes in the year one and two classrooms. This initiative will result in:
- more teacher aide time to be used in classrooms to support learners with sight words, beginning reading, beginning writing and to support teachers with reading groups. Every year one and two classroom will have a teacher aide four times a week, each morning session. We are currently training interested parents to undertake these paid roles. We will spend $187 000 on new teacher aide wages. This will also mean that some more teacher aide time from general allocation can be directed to other parts of the school to top up prep hours and year three.
- continuing professional development for our teacher aides and teachers including working with Associate Professor John Munro from the University of Melbourne in relation to reading comprehension and vocabulary and Ann Baker, the resident maths coach for South Australia, who has worked with us on our maths improvement journey for the past three years. We will spend an additional $24 420 on professional development.
- more classroom resources including home readers, class readers, hands on equipment such as construction materials and blocks and more assessment kits to track student progress. We will spend an additional $50 000 on these resources.
- some release time for teachers to review student data, set targets and goals and individualise programs for students who need it. We will spend $30 000 on additional teacher relief and/or additional teacher time

As stated above, these amounts are in addition to our budgeted annual implementation plan items. Please see our website for our full annual implementation plan and budget in the ‘Performance and Achievement’ section or follow the hyperlink shown below:


At Frenchville we believe in a high level of transparency and a genuine openness in relation to school decisions. We are keen to work with you as parents to make sound educational decisions that result in high quality educational experiences for all students. The Great Results Guarantee is another opportunity for us to make a positive difference together for all learners. We believe the greatest and most important thing we can do for learners is to set them up with high levels of literacy attainment which will assist them to access the standards in the national curriculum and their future life pathways. Moving towards this outcome starts with you as parents before formal schooling, and continues in prep as students move towards becoming competent and enthusiastic early readers and writers.

Don’t forget our leadership investiture ceremony for our senior leaders next Monday 24/2/14 from 9am in the school activity centre.

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Comprehension Support - Try These at Home

We have included some comprehension tips in this newsletter and future newsletters to support you to assist your learner at home. We try to incorporate positive support for parents related to core learning as often as we can in the Frenchville Focus.

Idea 1: THE ONE MINUTE REPORT

Before reading, give your child the following instructions, “Here is a story for you to read. After you have read it, I will give you 2-3 minutes to think of the main idea. Then you will have one minute to tell me the main idea of the story. Do you have any questions?” You can also ask, “Tell me what you are going to do.”

Give your child time to read the passage. Provide assistance with words as necessary. Give your child 2-3 minutes to think about the main idea. Tell your child that it is time for their one-minute report (be sure they are ready) and start the timer. Stop your child at the end of one minute. Encourage them to continue if they have not used the entire time.

Repeat back the main points of the story to your child as they have stated them. Ask him or her to decide whether you really learned the main points. This will help your child evaluate his or her response.

Idea 2: QUESTION PAIRS

- Parent and child both read the first section of a story or text
- After you finish reading, both you and your child should create and write down three questions about the important information in the story.
- Read the next section of the story and create three more questions.
- Exchange lists of questions – the parent answers the child’s questions and vice versa. Check each other’s answers.

Remind your child that it is important that we ask ourselves questions while we read to become aware of what we know and do not know about the story.

Please Don’t Enter Classrooms without a Staff Member

Many of our Frenchville classrooms have shared verandahs. This makes access to individual rooms complicated and can result in confidential conversations being interrupted. We have a blanket rule – no parents or students in the classrooms without a staff member present.

Please follow us on Twitter

Our school has a Twitter address. We try to pop in updates and reminders to assist with communication and promotion of up and coming events. Please follow us @Frenchvills.

School Webpage has further school information

If you are new to Frenchville or if you are an existing parent who is not sure about something, please refer to our website www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Besides the weekly upload of this newsletter, there is quite a bit of information about our school, an events calendar, a repository for school documents and policy information.

We also encourage parents to download the QSchools App onto their smart phones and portable devices so information will come directly to you. The app is free and there is a link to download it on our website.

Private School References

Please be advised that as a State school we do not provide written references for private high schools. We would encourage parents to look into all options before deciding on a high school. If asked for a written principal reference please notify the school that the Frenchville policy is not to provide these references, provide a copy of the latest report card and advise that if the principal of the school requires further information he/she can call us at Frenchville for a verbal referee report.

Student Leader Results - Congratulations

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School Captain Investiture

The 2014 Investiture of School Captains, Student Councillors, House Captains and Cultural Captains will occur in the School Activity Centre on Monday 24 February at 9.00am.

Spellathon – Our first fundraiser for the year

Spellathon packs were sent home last week.

Dates for spellathon are as follows:
- spellathon tests in rooms 6 (3-9 March)
- forms and $ back by 19/3 (week 8)

Details of how you can help were included in the forms sent home in the spellathon packs with students.

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

- 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 us 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.
P&C AGM, Followed by General Meeting

Congratulations to our 2014 executive team (you may recognise some names from previous years):

President – Matt Sleaford
Vice President – Angie Zahra
Treasurer – Kylie Coombe
Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au

Our AGM and February general meetings were productive. Some P&C news:

1. The 2014 levies (prep $40, instrumental music $40, depending on use of a school instrument or own instrument and the 1:1 laptop program) were endorsed.
2. The 2014 fundraising calendar was finalised. Term one fundraisers include the spellathon and the dance party on 21/3/14. There will be a price rise for dance party tickets this year from $4 to $5 for a single admission. Family rates will remain at $10. It was also decided that drinks and chips would rise to $2. This is our first price rise for dance parties in the last decade.
3. The new model constitution was adopted for the Frenchville P&C.
4. The Great Results Guarantee was discussed. A summary is on the front of this newsletter.
5. P&C discussed additional fundraisers for senior students (year six and seven) due to the double cohort attending camp this year and gave approval for a trivia night and some footy doubles sold at a parents’ workplace, as well as the usual Easter raffle, sausage sizzle at the dance parties, glow stick sales at the dance parties and a football jersey raffle. A chocolate drive for just year six and seven will also be considered if needed.

Community Notices

Capricornia Silver Band Inc. Brass and Percussion Workshop
Don’t miss this great opportunity exclusively for brass and percussion players. Date: 1 March 2014 Time: 8.30am-3.30pm
Venue: Capricornia Silver Band Hall, Diggers Lane North Rockhampton. Cost: $10 per student
Ask your Instrumental Music teacher or visit the band website for more information and a registration form! Places are limited.

Fitzroy Junior Rugby League 2014 sign on day for ages under 6 to under 12 on Saturday 22 February 9am to 12.30pm at Saleyards Park, John Street, Allenstown. We will also be having a sign on at the Heat Expo the following day, Sunday 23 February 9am to 1pm. All past players and new players welcome.

Fitzroy Sharks Sharksies Mini/Mods Sign On Day
Saturday 22 February 9am-12.30pm at Saleyards Park, Cnr Bartlem & John Street Allenstown. Age groups from U6’s-U12’s must be 5 years old to play. All new players and parents welcome.

Rockhampton Softball Free Have a Go Clinic
9am-12.00pm Saturday 22 February 2014 Rockhampton Softball, Kele Park, 128 Western Street. All primary school aged children welcome. For more information contact Rockhampton Softball on 040765480 or rocksoftball@internode.on.net

Nerimbera Football (Soccer) Club Registrations
Pilbeam Park, Koongal. We are still accepting players for all age groups, all ability boys and girls. Contact: Angela Blofield 0408736476/ nerimbera@gmail.com

Interested in art? Art workshops for students year 1 - 7 in drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. Experienced teacher. Phone Ainslie 49363338.

Frenchville Rovers Hockey Club would like to invite all junior and senior players to join up for the coming 2014 season. For enquiries contact: Lynette Foster (Secretary) 0439392969, Stephen Kydd (Sr Coordinator) 0407766130 Melissa Pipe (Jnr Coordinator) 0412442506 or email: roversfrenchvillehockey@gmail.com
Web: www.frenchvillerovershockey.com

Piano / keyboard lessons. 20 and 30 minute piano/keyboard and theory lessons are available for adults and children in Rockhampton with a piano teacher with Qld Conservatorium of Music qualifications and 23 years experience. Please call Rebecca on 0400 610 522.