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Principal’s News

Home Reading – Is it important or just a useless task?
This poster summarises the importance of home reading with students. Many principals in the area have been sharing this with parents in their school communities lately. We all want the best literacy outcomes for our learners. It’s easy to think we don’t need to read with our students each night, but look at what a huge difference this makes. How much can your child manage to skip without falling behind? A thought provoking infographic.

Student Leaders Inducted Last Monday
Congratulations to all of our senior students, who were inducted into office on Monday. We are proud of each and every one of you. To all of our Seniors (that’s all year six and seven students this year) we look forward to your active participation, your leadership and ideas, your enthusiasm and contribution to our school this year. 2014 should be a year of accomplishment and confidence building.

Shade Sails Finally In
We are enjoying our new shade sails up beside the senior modular and the senior toilets. The handball courts finally have shade and students have been maximising the use of these courts this week, after the shade sails went in over the weekend. This project finalises a commitment made by our P&C when we removed the shade sails on the bitumen area to build our TWiST back in 2010. Thanks to the help of a Community Gaming Fund Grant and our P&C’s commitment to fundraising and seeing this task through, all students can enjoy this new area. Not only can it be used as an eating area and play area by the seniors but also a passive shaded area for classrooms nearby who do not have withdrawal spaces. What an improvement to our school facilities! Together we shape tomorrow.

Please, No Nail Polish at School
At school captain investiture on Monday as I watched students file into the school activity centre I noticed we had some students with nail polish on their fingers. A reminder that we do not like nail polish on the finger nails of students. It detracts from our school image and reputation. On weekends, of course we understand students may like to wear it, but at school it can become a learning distraction. Please purchase nail polish remover for your child if she insists on wearing polish, so that it can be removed before school days. We appreciate your support and advocacy for keeping our uniform standard high and maintaining expectations.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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Comprehension Support

We have included another comprehension tip in this newsletter to support you to assist your learners at home.

ORAL QUESTIONING
Answering questions is an excellent way in which to check reading comprehension. The text type determines the types of questions which can be asked to support understanding.

e. Fiction text: Who are the main characters? Describe them; Where is the story set? How do the characters try to solve the problem in the story? Do you believe the problem is solved? Why/why not? What is the theme of the story? What is the author trying to say?
Non-Fiction Text: What is the text about? What is the purpose of the text? How is the text arranged? How do the diagrams/tables/graphs/illustrations support the author’s message?

P&C Dates for the Year

General Meetings start at 6.30pm.
13th March – General Meeting
3rd April – Safe ST and General Meeting
8th May – General Meeting
12th June – General Meeting
17th July – General Meeting
14th August – Safe ST and General Meeting
11th September – General Meeting
9th October – General Meeting
13th November – Final Safe ST and General Meeting for 2014.

The Safe ST meetings are from 6.00pm-6.30pm before the general meeting.

We are also seeking a new secretary if anyone is able to take on the role. Pam Jeffrey has indicated she is too busy at work and is also studying, so she is unable to continue. Pam has made a significant and valuable contribution to our school over a long period. If you are interested in the role please email pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Pam would be more than willing to talk to anyone about what’s involved.

Next PPT session – 3 March 6.30-7.30pm

Imagination Library – A Chance to Promote Reading for Before School Age Students

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is a literacy program designed to provide a book a month to children from birth to year five. This program has been operating in the US, Canada and the UK for some time. Mary Pitman, our Support Teacher (Literacy and Numeracy) has been advocating for this program to come to Australia and it’s finally here. For just $6 a month, children supported by this program will receive a high quality, age appropriate piece of literature in the form of a picture book, delivered to their home each month until they are five. Rotary in Australia is also supporting this program.

To introduce this program to Frenchville families would take significant community investment. We are interested in hearing from local businesses, clubs and organisations who may like to support our school to introduce the Imagination Library to the younger siblings of Frenchville students. Obviously, this is an investment in the future, because students receiving books are pre-schooling age. We do not have any reliable system level data on how many younger siblings are at home in our families. There could be 100, there could be 500. Mathematically, this would mean an investment of between $600 and $3000 would be needed from each business/organisation. If you are interested, please email Mary Pitman on mpitm3@eq.edu.au and if we gather sufficient interest, we will proceed with conducting a meeting to discuss this possibility further. Thanks.

Staff Leave

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We are hopeful Mrs Sampson will return to 6S next week and wish her the best for a continued recovery.
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.

Medical Appointments in School Time

We recently received some feedback that Frenchville does not allow students to attend medical appointments in school time. This was particularly in reference to speech therapy assessments. This is not the case – we understand that sometimes it is impossible to arrange a medical appointment out of school time. We would prefer students have minimum disruption to class time but medical appointments are authorised absences and student health concerns which can impact on student learning must be addressed.

Late Arrivals Impact Your Child’s Learning

Teachers are regularly reporting that some students are arriving ten to twenty minutes late each day. This is impacting on your child’s learning. School starts at Frenchville at 8.40am. We need your child to have full attendance and this includes being on time every day. Please invest in an alarm clock and give your child every chance at achieving positive academic results and establishing good attendance habits which will set him/her up for a bright future.

Shade Fold Away Tent for Frenchville

Congratulations to our Frenchville school community. Through your efforts collecting tokens from The Morning Bulletin last year, Frenchville received a portable shade tent which we will use on sports days. Well done everyone. Another great example of ‘Together we shape tomorrow’.

The Bulletin

The Morning Bulletin are giving away a set of ten iPads to one lucky school. A token will be published in The Bulletin everyday from Saturday February 22 until Monday March 31 and the school with the most tokens at the end of the 5-week promotion, wins the set of ten iPads. Start collecting tokens now!

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 3 March

Monday: Help Needed
Tuesday: K Askew
Wednesday: K Jenkins, A Brown
Thursday: Help needed
Friday: K Boyland, K Rawiri
C Hills (Convenor)

Tuckshop Helpers – Can you spare 3 hours a month?

That’s all we need, three hours a month. With so many families in our school we desperately need some helpers. Chris in the tuckshop is very willing to train and support anybody willing to help. Please consider if you can support on an RDO or in your spare time. The tuckshop is a significant fundraiser for P&C and also provides a great service to our community.

Icy Cups are available after school on Monday, Thursday and Friday in the undercover area.

Green Thumbs

Green Thumbs Club recommenced this week. The Frenchville Campus is large and with over 100 learners we strive to promote sustainable practices on our campus. Green Thumb Club is an optional lunch time activity to engage learners who have an interest in sustainability. Some activities include: mulching gardens, planting seedlings and growing plants from seeds, weeding gardens, collecting litter using tongs, maintaining worm farms in the gardens, raking areas of the school, monitoring power use eg. turning off lights not needed during the day, recycling cardboard and collecting items which can be reused eg. Plastic bags for collecting litter, icecream containers for sorting foodscraps. Grades 3 – 7 are working with Ms Mackenzie on Mondays and Tuesdays and grade two are working with Mrs Neaton on Thursdays. Any students who still have a green thumbs vest at home who are not doing Green Thumb Club this year need to return their vest to school.

ICAS Competitions

Reminder – ICAS Competition form and money due to the office by Thursday, 27 March.

SPORT FIXTURES

28 February 2014

Cricket

Frenchville Seniors v Park Avenue Kalka Shades 4
Frenchville Blue Juniors v Glenmore Glenmore SS
Frenchville White Juniors v Frenchville 5’s Frenchville
Frenchville Minors v St Joseph’s PA (Border) Judds Park

Softball

Frenchville Year 7 v RG5 2 Frenchville
Frenchville Year 6 v Allentown Allentown

Hockey at Kalka Shades

1.00-1.15pm Frenchville 2 v Allentown 1 Turf 1
Frenchville 4 v Rockhampton Grammar 2 Turf 2
1.20-1.35pm Frenchville 1 v Rockhampton Grammar 3 Turf 1
Frenchville 3 v Rockhampton Grammar 1 Turf 2
1.40-1.55pm Frenchville 2 v Rockhampton Grammar 2 Grass 2
Frenchville 4 v Frenchville 3 Grass 3
2.00-2.15pm Frenchville 1 v Rockhampton Grammar

Basketball at Hegvold Stadium

Emmaus College

Information regarding the enrolment process for students wishing to enter the College in 2015 is available from the office.

Community Notices

Community Involvement Campaign for Cancer The Cathedral of Praise and Heights College is hosting a Fundraising Day for Cancer Council Qld on May 3rd 2014 on the oval at Heights. Frenchville SS could also win a $2000 voucher toward sporting equipment for their efforts in promoting the Cancer QLD Family Day to the community. When an individual registers online to come to the event at www.copchurch.com.au they will be given the opportunity to nominate our school with a dropdown menu. The school with the most nominations by April 30th 2014 will be deemed the winner. Please promote this event with your work colleagues and their associated community groups (e.g. sporting clubs, churches)

St John Cadets – fun, friendship and first aid

The Rockhampton Cadets meets every Saturday from 9.30am - 12pm at Goodwill Street, North Rockhampton. Adult members meet every second Thursday at 7pm at 72 Glenmore Road, North Rockhampton. If you are interested in becoming a St John Junior, Cadet or adult member please contact Jai Pobar on 0431 796 921. New members are always welcome.

Kindsports will be offering an Allstars multisport program for prep to year 2 children after school on Thursdays on our school oval. The structured program provides children the opportunity to play and learn a variety of sports, and is designed for 5-6 year olds. Each lesson runs for 45 minutes. A free come and try day will be held on Thursday 6th March starting at 3.00pm. A 4 week course will commence Thursday the 13th March ($50). For more information please call Wayne on 1300 367 980.