**Principal’s News**

**Dance Party Review**
It was a huge week last week with our anti-bullying focus for National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and our Dance Party. Dance Party events are always a time of celebration for us at Frenchville. Whilst we work closely with students during the day on academic work and supervision, developing relationships with them and watching their personalities grow and develop, Dance Parties provide a great opportunity to see students enjoying themselves in a social setting. Thanks to DJ Smithy and our hard working parent club members, as well as our year 6 & 7 parents who assisted with the sausage sizzle for camp fundraising. Thanks also to staff members for their supervision throughout the evening.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
All teachers will be offering parent teacher interview timeslots for parents in the remaining weeks of term and/or first fortnight of next term. We encourage all parents to take this twenty minute opportunity to meet with the teacher and hear about student progress, how students are tracking towards their individual goals and cohort targets and how they are applying themselves to their work (effort rating on the report card) as well as how they are behaving in and out of class. Please understand that I have asked teachers to restrict interviews to 20 minutes so they are able to offer as many interviews as possible and manage their existing workload too. I can assure you that teachers are well prepared and able to give you a good indication of how your child is going in class in the available timeslot. Please enquire about what you can do at home to assist your child. Together we shape tomorrow.

**Anti-Bullying Wrist Bands**
All students in our school received a wristband last week, delivered by Student Council representatives to all classes. Student Counsellors also shared anti-bullying messages. Students have special permission to wear these bands for the rest of term as a reminder about the importance of a bully free and violence free school environment. Thanks to Mr Smith for organising these gifts for our students. Student Councillors were very excited by the reactions of their peers as they presented the bands in class last Friday.

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**School Holiday Dates:**
**Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April**
School resumes on **TUESDAY 22nd April**

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Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
2014 School Photos

- School photos will be taken on the 1st and 2nd of April.
- We have new photographers this year: Advanced Life Photography (a decision made through P&C last year).
- An order envelope has been sent home with every student today.
- Inside the envelope is a flyer outlining the packages available.
- Each student ordering photos must submit a separate envelope with their details written in the appropriate section, even if they have siblings at school.
- If you require a family portrait of siblings at Frenchville State School, Sibling Order Forms are available at the office.
- All orders need to be made by the day of your child’s photo – no late orders will be taken.
- Please see draft timetable below for your child’s photo time. NB: changes to timetable may be made by the photographers.

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Advanced Life Photography  Ph.: 1300 728 972
Email: enquiries@advancedlife.com.au
Web: www.advancedlife.com.au

URGENT REQUEST

Would the parent who came into the office Wednesday 19th March and paid for their child’s ICAS competition via EFTPOS, please call back into the office as soon as possible so we can identify your child and enter them into the competitions – please see copy below of ICAS form, does it belong to you?

A deposit was also made directly into our school bank account on 04/03/14 for $30. The reference on our statement is Direct Credit 080260 BANK OF QLD 218128. Is this your deposit? If so please contact the office as soon as possible.

Prep 2015

We believe, based on previous years of enrolment data, that we will be able to offer out of catchment places for prep 2015. To avoid confusion, misinformation and concern, we guarantee, as we’ve done in the past, that enrolment forms completed and lodged at the office by the end of term one 2014 for prep in 2015 will be guaranteed a place, whether they reside in catchment or not. We will then review our numbers and decide whether we need to limit out of catchment enrolments from the start of term 2. Enrolment documents can be downloaded from our website right now. We are also requesting that younger siblings of all current students complete the enrolment forms and lodge with the office as soon as possible so that we can manage enrolment within the plan’s guidelines. If you have already lodged your forms, this means your child is automatically guaranteed a space with us in 2015, whether in catchment or not.

A reminder of the age rules for prep 2015: If you have a child born from 1 July 2009 – 30 June 2010 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2015 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. 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 493 15333.

P&C and SafeST meeting – Thursday 3/4/14

Our next P&C meeting will be conducted Thursday 3/4/14 at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

The SafeST traffic meeting will be held directly before the P&C meeting at 6pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Agenda:
- Major Raffle term 2
- Senior Camp Fundraiser – Mothers’ Day High Tea

Year 5 Laptop Update

Just like the Y5 children and parents, we have been wondering where the laptops for our Y5 students are. After several communications with the laptop supplier, we have learnt that they will leave Sydney on Monday 31/3/14. Once they arrive at school, there are several tasks that need to be undertaken before they get into the hands of students e.g. software installed, labelled, entered on database etc. We thank you for your patience and look forward to the laptops being used to support student learning in Term2. Invoices will be sent home with the devices.

Green Thumbs News

Green Thumbs members have recently been spreading mulch in gardens to reduce weeds, reuse materials, cut down on watering requirements and understand how microbes break down decomposing vegetation matter, producing heat. We have received a kind offer from one of our parents to purchase some gloves. If Green Thumbs students would like to purchase their own gloves they are encouraged to do so. This week we planned to start growing our own vegetables and flowers in small garden pots but rain has prevented this currently.

Another great night at the disco Friday night. Lots of HAPPY faces. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers on the night. Mr Smith did a great job stepping up in the DJ role. From ticket & canteen sales we raised over $4000 for the school, which is a great effort. See you at the next dance party.

Easter Raffle

The Seniors are once again conducting an “Easter Raffle” in an effort to raise funds for the Canberra trip later in the year. This year there are 26 fantastic Easter prizes ranging in value, with 1st prize being $200 (including a $100 Woolworths Voucher). Tickets are available from the office at $1 each. ALL raffle tickets, sold or unsold, are to be returned by Thursday 27 March. Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 2 April – winners will be notified by phone. GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Cross Country Carnival

Next Friday 4 April we will be running our annual Cross Country. All 9 and 10 year olds will run 2km and all the 11, 12 and 13 year olds will run 3km. All students must participate unless a note is received for medical reasons. Parents are reminded that this event is part of our Health and Physical Education Curriculum for this term. Please ensure your child wears a hat, sunscreen and brings a water bottle. Parents are invited to come along and support our students who have been training hard during their PE lessons. We have also
been holding morning fitness and cross country training for all interested students. These sessions are held Monday and Thursday mornings before school. Meet the teacher at the bottom of the stairs with your hat and water bottle. **Cross Country training won’t be on if it is raining.**

The race times on Cross Country Carnival Day are as follows:

- **8.50am** Assemble at meeting area
- **8.55am** 9 and 10 year old girls
- **9.10am** 9 and 10 year old boys
- **9.25am** 11, 12 and 13 year old girls
- **9.45am** 11, 12 and 13 year old boys

### Can we win some more iPads?

**The Bulletin**

The Morning Bulletin is giving away a set of ten iPads to one lucky school. A token will be published in The Bulletin every day 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!

### Cybersafety Messages – Stand Up and Speak Out

Cyberbullying is using technology to deliberately and repeatedly bully someone. It can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime and can leave you feeling unsafe and alone.

It can include:

- **abusive texts and emails**
- **posting unkind message or images**
- **imitating others online**
- **excluding others online**
- **inappropriate image tagging**
- **inappropriate discussions**

Remember, treat others as you would like to be treated when socialising online.

Cyberbullying is similar to face-to-face bullying, but it also differs in the following ways:

- **the bully can have a sense of being anonymous**
- **it can occur 24/7 and be difficult to escape**
- **it is invasive and you can be targeted while at home**
- **it can have a large audience - sent to groups or posted on a public forum which can be permanent.**

How do I deal with it?

- **don’t retaliate or respond, no matter how tempting**
- **block the person doing the bullying and change your privacy settings**
- **report it - click the report abuse button**
- **collect the evidence - keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversations**
- **talk to someone you trust, like a family member or friend.**

What do you do if your friend is being bullied online?

While it can be hard to know if your friends are being cyberbullied if you see or know about cyberbullying happening to a friend:

- **don’t forward messages or pictures**
- **though you may not have started it, you will become part of the cyberbullying cycle**
- **stand up and speak out - tell a trusted adult**
- **support your friend and report the bullying.**

These messages are from: [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

A new Cybersafety website quiz has been launched that is designed to highlight potential online dangers and teach safe online usage [http://www.creequiz.eq.edu.au/](http://www.creequiz.eq.edu.au/)

### Senior Camp Reminder

Just a reminder that camp payments can be made at any time. A camp bulletin was sent home last week.

### Falcon Footy Doubles

The Falcons are selling footy doubles in this Friday’s Broncos V Cowboys game. Doubles cost $2 each with the prize being $150 Cash. Please see Mr Fogwell ASAP if you would like to purchase some.