Principal’s News

Recently we published our homework expectations in the newsletter to keep everyone informed of our homework processes. We know that when parents and teachers work together we have the best chance of making a positive difference to student outcomes. Here’s a few tips to assist with homework routines:

Spelling: every child will have spelling words each week, especially from year two to seven, and it is a good idea to hear all of the words at the start of the week to form a good picture of the words your child spells easily and the ones that are tricky for them. Ensure your child is thinking about sound patterns as they spell the words. You can break them up into syllables, link to base words or words with similar sounds they already know how to spell (eg. rhyming words) recall rules which will assist the child to retain the spelling eg. ‘when two vowels go walking the first one does the talking’. Hearing them orally, and in writing for the tricky words, is a good way of ensuring your child has mastered them all by the end of the week. Even if your child is 100% proficient on Monday, remember to still revisit the words during the week. This can be done orally while driving to school for example. At home, magnetic letters on the fridge, a whiteboard and pen, a notebook or chalkboard are good ways of ‘mixing it up’. Most importantly, ensure your child knows what each word means, can use it in a good sentence and can spell the words even when they are not heard in list order. It is also a good idea to revisit tricky words in subsequent weeks as retention is very important. Teachers will often retest lists at the end of term to measure retention of spelling words. Sight words are common in lower school and particularly in prep, with students working their way through the Magic 100 word lists – flashing the words down on cards in different orders can be useful. Also popping them down as stepping stones and playing a bit of game, saying them and stepping on the word after they’ve named it, is another good way of promoting mastery. The whole family can join in. Identifying the words as the child reads books, on cereal boxes, at the shops etc. also reinforces the importance of the sight words and children feel very special when they are being congratulated for knowing their words and identifying them in context.

Number facts: It is very important that students retain their number facts if they are to operate effectively with numbers and to solve mathematical problems. We start in prep with numbers one more than, two more than and before, after and inbetween. It is a good idea to familiarise students with numbers and their positions and values. Counting of collections is also useful. Students move to doubles, one more, two more, three more and rainbow facts to ten in year one with facts increasing in complexity as they progress. It is great if students can master the reciprocal facts eg. $5 + 5 = 10$, $10 - 5 = 5$ or $3 + 2 = 5$, the turnaround 2+3=5, and 5-3=2, 5-2=3. By year three, students start to explore multiplication facts and by year four they are consolidating these facts and we are looking for mastery. Firing quick multiplication and division facts at students in the car, or while you’re cooking dinner, can assist retention. Like spelling, work with your child’s strengths – have them write out the facts and shade or tick the ones they are confident with, hopefully leaving only a few tricky ones which you can practice over and over with them. Try catching them at odd times – just before bed, as they’re helping put the plates out etc. to make it casual and second nature – aim for automaticity. You tube clips with music and actions are available on the internet to reinforce the fact families. There’s also some resources in our virtual classrooms. See your child’s teacher for further assistance or support if you are stuck for ideas. Very few students will gain mastery of number facts at school only – home support is crucial with number facts.

Leisa Neaton  
Principal

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Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter:  
http://twitter.com/frenchvilless  

Our P&C meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. All welcome.  
P & C Email: pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au
Walk to School – I WALK, I BIKE, I PAD

Walking plan for Frenchville Road - Friday Walk to School.
- 8.20am Depart Eichelberger Park
  Don’t forget to get your tickets for walking, riding or bussing to school each day. Tickets are usually at the administration gate and pick-up zone gate at 8:15am. If you arrive earlier than 8:15, or the tickets aren’t there when you arrive, please see Mr Smith to obtain your ticket. After you have used 21 tickets into your ticket book, place your ticket book in the box at the office. We will have another IPAD draw this Friday, 10 August.

Nb. We no longer have a staff guided walk from Pilbeam Drive.

New Website on the Way

We are currently revising our school website. ‘Websites for Schools’ is a new EQ website program designed to support schools to update their website. Whilst we will keep newsletters and calendar dates current, we will not be updating our existing website with 2013 materials. We hope to have our new site commissioned by the term 3 holidays.

P&C Meeting Thursday 9/12 in the Staffroom

The term’s SafeST meeting will be conducted beforehand at 6pm. We encourage parents who have feedback about traffic issues to email our P&C on pandc@frenchviss.eq.edu.au. Parents are also welcome to attend this meeting.

Our general meeting will follow at 6.30pm.

Agenda items:
1. General Business
   a. McDonalds red day
   b. Financial support to school groups
   c. Uniform order form concept
   d. Covered area at pick up/drop off zone
   e. Emergency access vehicles – oval
   f. Fathers’ Day Stall

Want to see a Special Movie with your Kids?

Special Movie Fundraiser

Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted

Sunday - 16th September

Frenchville State School and their families have a very special opportunity to see Madagascar 3 together. Funds raised will assist the P&C with continued improvements at our school!

Please complete and return the form with this newsletter including money in the attached bag, to the office by Friday 7th of September at the latest.

Seats are limited for both a morning and afternoon session of the movie and all tickets (adults and children’s) are $12. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis so to avoid disappointment, please return the form ASAP.

Why not also pre-purchase Combo’s from the candy bar at a discounted rate and just collect them when you arrive?

Everyone is welcome, Mums, Dads, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends. However, this is not a school excursion. It is a family event and your supervision is required for your child.

Prep 2013 for Your Child?

If you have a child born from 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2013 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 2013 is appreciated as it will assist us greatly with our staffing and facilities planning. All enrolments will be accepted.

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.

Helpers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to wash our sports bibs. Please contact the office 49315333.

Instrumental Music

Congratulations to our String and Band students on a fabulous night of music on Monday night. Your performances at the Combined Schools Concert were superb.

Lessons and rehearsals return to our normal schedule to prepare for the Spotlight Concert in November.

Mrs Everitt, Mr Clancy and Mr Iott.

Maths Teachers Challenge Team – First Place!

Well done Frenchville. Students participated today in this event, which attracts both public and private schools. Frenchville was awarded first and sixth places. Special thanks to Miss Shank for preparing the teams. Well done students Matthew Smith, Tyler Wessling, Steven Kyriazis, Jessica Chavasse and Cooper Murray who represented the winning team. Coming in sixth was Corey Edmonds, Ellie Bourke, Elishan Beota, Angus Houston, Baeden Cunningham. This is also a great achievement. Special thanks to Rani Stephens, our reserve, and Mrs Stewart and Mr Norton who also attended to support with supervision.

Best Wishes Falcons – ARL Development Cup

Our boys play up in Bowen on Monday in the semi finals. Go Falcons.

Rockhampton Chaplaincy Ride – Junior Bike Challenge

On Saturday 15 September Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committees are organising a junior bike challenge at the Kenrick Tucker Velodrome. All year 4 to 7 students are eligible to participate, setting goals for how many kilometres they think they can ride in three hours. Sponsors are collected, with all amounts over $2 being tax deductible. We have given permission for our school chaplain Kevin Murray to canvas students to assess their interest and to provide information about the challenge. For more information call 0400197644.

Student Absenteeism for Family Holidays

We sometimes receive emails or calls from parents enquiring about the impact of family holidays booked during the school term and asking for catch up work or whether this will have an impact. Whist we are happy to supply some basic work such as spelling, number facts etc. it would be irresponsible of us to suggest that student absenteeism during term time does not have an impact on student learning. Put simply, every day counts. With the national curriculum, increased content is evident and explicit and focused teaching by the classroom teacher is the best way of covering this content, assessing student learning and teaching to rectify any gaps. We encourage all parents to consider family holidays carefully and to try to arrange the timing of these holidays for their school breaks. We would also suggest that if you are concerned about your child missing work, that you procure a text book for the year level to take with you during the holiday. Your child may not enjoy doing school activities on holidays however, and if the plan for the holiday is to enjoy some relaxing family time, it is probably quite difficult to manage large amounts of school work during this time.

No Knives at School

Recently Principals have been reminded that students are not permitted to have knives at school and have been asked to communicate this to the parent community. This is because:
- Every student has the right to feel safe and be safe at school.
- There is no reason for a student to have a knife at school.
- No knives are allowed to be taken to school by students.
- It is against the law for a student to have a knife at school.
- A student that has a knife at school can receive very serious consequences.

What kinds of knife are banned?

You are not allowed to have any type of knife at school including:
- flick knives, ballistica knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives, butter knives, fruit knives or craft knives
- any item that can be used as a weapon, for example, a chisel.
- If you need a knife or tools for school subjects, school staff will provide them and supervise their use.

What will happen if I bring a knife to school?
- If you have a knife at school, the principal may call the police.
- Police can search you and your property at school if they think you have a knife.
- If you have a knife at school, you may be disciplined. This includes being suspended.
- You may be charged with a criminal offence and face serious consequences if convicted, including a fine or jail.
District Athletics Results – Congratulations Frenchville students

Boys 12yo
Discus – Shafree Rilaya 1st
Shot Put – Montel Lawton 2nd

Boys 11yo
High Jump – Kasey Deeth 1st

Girls 12yo
200m – Jordan Zielke 1st

Girls 11yo
200m – Emily Baartz 1st
800m – Rebecca Black 2nd
Multi-Event – Tia Sait 1st

Girls 10yo
800m – Shelby Downing 2nd

AWD Girls
100m – Katie Butler 2nd
200m – Katie Butler 1st

Rockhampton Representative Hockey Results
Rockhampton Rep - Under 11’s Hockey in Mackay
Division 1: Lachlan Sisley, Lachlan Plant, Callum White, Regan Weatherhead finished runner’s-up
Division 2: Kadence Lenzina, Jackson Wright, Taj Barnett finished 3rd

Information supplied by Melissa Pipe

Magic Parenting Course

Magic Parenting - Parenting Course Starting Soon!
Are your kids driving you crazy?
Do you wish they would do as you asked without arguing?
Are you sick of nagging?
Are you sick of their fighting?

A three session parenting course is offered at two convenient locations and times in Term 3. The course starts in Week 6 and will be held over three consecutive 2 hour sessions on either Monday evenings (13th, 20th & 27th August) at Frenchville State School or Tuesday mornings (14th, 21st & 28th August) at Berserker Street State School. Course content is designed for parents of children aged 2-12 years old. Parents and caregivers from other schools and centres are most welcome to attend. To cover the cost of course materials, a small fee of $15 is payable if your child is not a student at Berserker St SS.
If you are interested in attending, contact Debbie Webb on 4999 0333 or collect a registration form from the school office.

6 – 10 August in the TWIST
8.00-8.45am and 2.45-3.30pm

Earn & Learn & Coles for Schools – Yes we are still collecting

Battery Recycling

We’re currently participating in the “Battery Weigh In” so we need all your dead batteries to be placed in our purple recycling bin in the office. This is an initiative of our P&C.

Tuckshop Roster

Roster commencing Monday 13 August:

Monday: J. Connolly
Tuesday: P. Simpson, T. Ross
Wednesday: J. Pennell
Thursday: S. Flint
Friday: K. Boyland, J. Connolly

C Hills
(Convener)

TURN CAPS INTO COINS!

Pauls will contribute 10¢ per cap for every “Collect-a-Cap” collected. So the more caps we collect, the bigger the contribution to our school.

Clothing Pool Donations Needed Please

Clothing Pool donations would be appreciated, as we move into the second part of the year. Donations to the pool should be clean and in reasonable condition. P&C operates the Frenchville Seconds stall, relying on donations of pre-loved uniforms by the school community. These can be bundled up and brought to the office. Our School Chaplain Kev Murray mans the Clothing Pool on Friday mornings before school out of the white shed beside H block (prep).

Beauty and the Beast Colouring In Competitions

Last term some children coloured in the Beauty and the Beast competition from North Rocky High. It’s not too late if you didn’t participate – there are more entry forms in the TWIST this week. Please colour neatly and submit to Mrs Driscoll at the TWIST for a chance to win some prizes for the neatest entry including free tickets to the show. Entries close Monday 13/8/12.

SPORT FIXTURES

10 August 2012

Rugby League Preliminary Final
12.45pm 11A v Sacred Heart
NRHS Robinson St

Rugby League teams not playing will be travelling to North Rockhampton High School to support 11A’s in the finals.

Soccer Semi Final

Open Boys
12.25pm Frenchville v St Anthony’s
Norbridge Park 4

Soccer teams not playing will be travelling to Norbridge Park to support Frenchville in the finals.

Netball Finals at Jardine Park
12.50pm Junior A v Berserker
Court 2

1.25pm Senior A v RGS
Court 4

Netball teams (not incl. midgets) not playing in the finals will be travelling to Jardine Park to support teams in the finals. ** Midgets netball teams will remain at school.

Tennis at Victoria Park Courts 12.45 – 2.30pm

1. Frenchville 1 v RGS 1
Court 17

2. Frenchville 2 v The Hall 1
Court 12

3. Frenchville 3 v The Hall 2
Court 11

4. Frenchville 4 v RGS 4
Court 13

5. Frenchville 5 v The Hall 6
Court 14

5. Frenchville 6 v Crescent Lagoon 4
Court 18

Icy Cups

To raise funds for the Year 7 camp Only 50c available after school Monday and Wednesday in the undercover area.

Community Notices

URGENT: change of date due to clash with other sports
Cricket Trials 12yrs Boys and Girls Rockhampton/Keppel Coast Primary School Cricket Trials are on WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST from 3.45pm to 5.15pm at Jads Park, Norman Road, North Rockhampton to select a 12yrs Boys and Girls Rockhampton/Keppel Coast Primary School Cricket Team to participate in the Capricornia Trials in Emerald on 9-11 September 2012 (boys) and 2 & 3 September in Yeppoon (girls).

Hornets Touch Football are looking for players for U8mixed, U8 Girls & Boys, U10 and U12 Girls teams. The season commences on Saturday 18 August. Contact Cassandra Howell at ECOSCOPE@bigpond.net.au or 0439640124.

North Rockhampton High School presents ‘Beauty and the Beast’ Friday 17 August 7.30pm / Saturday 17 August 1.30pm & 7.30pm Book at the Pilbeam Theatre and online at www.seeflive.com.au or Dial n’ Charge 49274111 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Cultural Festival Rockhampton Rockhampton Heritage Village
Sunday 12 August 2012 9am – 2pm Entry $2

Stephanie Wallace Yoga for adults and kids 0449889359