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Principal's News

PLEASE RESPECT OUR TWO MINUTE PARKING ZONES. DON’T LEAVE YOUR CAR IN THE STOP, DROP, GO AREAS OR SIT IN YOUR CAR NOT ALLOWING OTHERS TO PULL IN! NO AMOUNT OF SIGNAGE CAN COMPENSATE FOR A LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE RULES AND A DISREGARD FOR STUDENT SAFETY!

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

We currently have about 100 followers which means a lot of families are missing out on short updates about our school. Twitter is an information networking site and our school has had a Twitter account for two years. Twitter only allows 140-character messages called Tweets. It’s an easy way to discover the latest news (“what’s happening”) related to subjects you care about. We use Twitter to communicate on year 7 camp, share school achievements, post reminders about events etc. We are trying to encourage parents to ‘follow us’ on Twitter as it is a quick means of communicating. When you ‘follow’ you receive our tweets and can respond to what is being tweeted. Twitter is an adult site – to access our tweets you will need to develop an account. To do this, provide your name, email address and create a password on the Twitter site. You can access the link to our Twitter site directly from our school webpage: www.frenchviss.eq.edu.au.

Once you click on the link on our school webpage that says ‘follow us on Twitter’ you will be asked to set up your own account or sign up. There is no cost associated with this service.

Best wishes for our sporting team finalists on Friday!

Check the Queensland Telegraph this weekend for our year four children talking about their love of reading.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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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, IBIKE, IPAD

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 glued 21 tickets into your ticket book, place your ticket book in the box at the office.
Nb. We no longer have a staff guided walk from Pilbeam Drive.

Congratulations to Hannah Pirie who won the second Ipad. Hannah is in 4B and couldn’t want to call home to share her news.

How are your plants going?

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P&C News

A successful meeting was conducted. Here’s a few outcomes:

- No McDonalds Red Day this term as we feel we are already over-committed for fundraising activities
- A new policy is being adopted to support representation of school students at sporting and cultural events. In short, upon application, students who achieve selection at Capricornia level are eligible to apply for a $50 subsidy. At State level, this support increases to $200, making a contribution of $250 in all. Forms are being devised and this policy takes effect from the meeting date 9/8/12. The forms will be added to our website.
- Uniform order form will be created to allow people to pre-order and collect.
- The forms for Building Act Compliance have been lodged and approved for the pick up/drop off zone covered area. A working bee will be arranged to assemble this structure.
- Emergent access to the oval – a quote was received from Regional Council to the tune of $5300. This seems excessive to provide a drive way into the TWIST oval. The school will investigate portable ramps.
- Another fan will be ordered for the SAC before Summer.
- Tennis court keys – this system needs to be reviewed as we have not been managing this over the last two years. Current key holders can expect a phone call to check if they still require a key. The new fee will be $40 a year, with a $10 security deposit. Locks will be changed and new keys issued.

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 last week’s 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.

Don’t forget to collect your dot to dot colouring in reminder from the TWIST.

Prep 2013 for Your Child?

If you have a child born from 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008 she/he 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 this 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.

Needed in Prep year 3 – whiteboard markers - please purchase for your child/children

We have recently purchased small whiteboards for every classroom so that every child will have one to use in lessons. This means a teacher can quickly have children record a response and ask the children to hold up their answer so they can check for understanding. We call the small whiteboards ‘Show me boards’ or SMBs. We are asking all parents of students in prep to year 3 to purchase an IWB marker for their child to use on the boards. Next year this will be added to the booklet but we are keen to start using this wonderful resource now. Please label your child’s marker with their name. If you would like your child to have a few colours, feel free to purchase more than one pen.

Seat Belts On Please

We’ve had report from a concerned school community member about children getting into cars in the afternoon and not buckling up in booster seats. Please respect the law and double check seat belts for the safety of our children.

ARL Development Cup run has come to an end

The boys played in Bowen against Innilani/Good Counsel on Monday 13 August and we were convincingly defeated by the opposition 38-4. We are still very proud of their efforts and we know they have had an incredible run to make it to the semi-finals of the state – with only private schools left in the competition, we could say we finished top state school in the state for 2012. The team received many compliments on their behaviour and sportsmanship on the Bowen trip. Well done boys – we are proud of you. Thanks to Mr Norton and Mr Fogwell for their support, Mr Spyve for his bus driving again, and to the wonderful group of parent supporters.

JUNIOR CHOIR – Next Thursday 8:30am Performance

All Junior Choir members are required to wear their full performance uniform (including long white socks and black shoes) next Thursday 23 August. Students need to be at school by 8:20am on the day for a performance of the school song. The performance will be recorded for the promotional video as part of the Showcase submission. As you are aware, Frenchville has been shortlisted as a Showcase State finalist for academic success.

More Spelling Ideas – Ideas to keep spelling learning fun at home

1. Write your spelling words in alphabetical order.
2. Write a poem using at least 8 spelling words.
3. Use graph paper or the website www.puzzlemaker.com to create a word search using all of your spelling words.
4. Create a cartoon strip using at least 8 spelling words.
5. Write your spelling words 4 times each.
6. Write each spelling word you missed on the pretest 10 times each.
7. Divide each spelling word into syllables.
8. Put spelling words in sentences.
9. Type your spelling list four times on a computer, with each list typed in a different font. Print it out.
10. Create a game that can be used to practice your spelling words.
11. Rainbow Words – Write your spelling words with a crayon. Trace over each word with another colour. Now trace each word one more time with another colour. DO NOT use black or brown.
12. Ladder Words – Write each spelling word as shown below. Example:

- exit
  - e
  - e
  - exit

13. Cut 10 of your spelling words out of a newspaper or magazine. Glue them on construction paper.
14. Cut out a picture from a newspaper or a magazine and use spelling words to write a story about the picture.
15. Record yourself saying and spelling each word on a webcam. (ideas from A-Z Teacher Stuff website)
**Congratulations William Barwick in 3KC – District Sports result**

The recently published district school Athletics Carnival results didn’t provide the results for the 8 & 9 yrs ages. William Barwick in 3KC won the District boys’ 8 years championship. Congratulations William.

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**Frenchville Kids are Readers – Go Frenchville!**

What a magnificent Book Fair. We sold $1 000 worth of books. What a great effort and what a wonderful way of showing how much our students love reading and how supportive our parents are of reading at home. Thanks for your support. Commission from this activity adds more resources into our school too, with items being chosen from the Book Fair to add to our school resource collection for student borrowing. A huge thanks to Mrs Driscoll and Mrs Rosenberg for their Bookfair efforts.

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**School Opinion Survey 2012**

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of parents, staff members and students to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. The surveys are being undertaken in the week beginning Monday 13 August 2012.

A random process is used to select a sample of 40 parents to undertake the survey. The Parent Surveys will be distributed on Monday 13 August. Students will be directed to pass the survey to their parent/carer. A cover letter and confidentiality envelope will accompany the survey. If you receive a survey, please complete the questionnaire and return to the school by Friday 24 August 2012. This year the survey can be completed online or in paper form. Students and/or parents are asked to return the survey to the front office.

A random selection of Yr 5 & 7 students will complete a student survey in Week 6 of this term.

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**Fathers Day Stall – Time to send in gifts**

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**

On Friday 07 SEPTEMBER

**BRING & BUY**

Only children who donate a gift may buy one

Children are asked to donate a gift valued at approximately $2.00

If your child does not wish to purchase a gift from our stall, you may still wish to donate one in support.

Please do not send dangerous items such as lighters, razors, pocket/craft knives or unsealed food (ie loose lollies).

Children please bring in your gifts NOW! Gifts are required by Wednesday 5 September so we have time to sort them on Thursday before the stall.

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**Please wrap gifts in clear (non-coloured) cellophane**

If you have any spare plastic shopping bags at home could you please send them into the office for the Fathers’ Day stall.

Help Needed

- Assistance is required to help run the stall on Friday 07 September anytime between 8.00am and 1.00pm. Any period of time that you can assist would be greatly appreciated.

Thankyou for supporting this successful fund-raiser and special activity provided for the children.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

Roster commencing Monday 20 August:

Monday: A. Zahra, J. Connolly, J Aldous
Tuesday: R. Green
Wednesday: K. Smith, M. Cornelius
Thursday: K. Krause
Friday: J. Connolly, T. Britten, R. Grant

Tuckshop Bags – Please make sure your child’s name and class are on the bag. Big Lunch or Little Lunch must be on there otherwise order will go into Big Lunch.

C Hills (Convenor)

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**Icy Cups**

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

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**2012 BOOK WEEK BOOK BASH**

**Tuesday 21 August P-1/ 4-7**

Come dressed as your favourite book character or champion.

Prizes for best dressed in each class.

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**Rail Safety News – only cross where safe and legal**

Injury or death at level crossings, or as a result of trespassing in the railway corridor, is very real.

Please stay alert near railway tracks, and ONLY cross at designated crossings where it is safe and legal to do so.

Did you know?

- Last year there were 2752 reports of railway trespass on Queensland Rail’s City network including track crossings, children on tracks, objects on tracks, and vandalism.
- There were also 472 near misses at Queensland Rail level crossings last year.
- An unloaded 6-car train weighs 254 tonnes. A freight train can weigh up to 10,000 tonnes.
- A train moving at 60 or 80 km/h can take kilometres to stop. During wet weather stopping distances increase notably.
- Trains can’t swerve and by the time the driver can see you, it is already too late for the train to stop. If there’s a collision, the vehicle or pedestrian will come off second best.
- Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but also illegal and you could receive a fine.
- There are over 8200 CCTV cameras on the network, as well as Railway Squad police officers and mobile security patrolling the network.

Keep yourself safe

- Only cross railway tracks where it is safe and legal–use overhead bridge walkways, subways and marked level crossings.
- At level crossings, obey all signs and signals. Listen for a warning bell or train whistle, watch for flashing lights and always look both ways. Wait for the boom gate to be fully raised before crossing the tracks.
- More than one track means more than one train may be coming. You may not be able to see or hear the second train.
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**Rugby League Grand Finals at Browne Park**

- 8:55am | Frenchville 12/13C v Gracemere Giants
- 12/13C’s to meet at Browne Park (private transport)
- 12:30pm | Frenchville 10A v RGS
- 10A’s - private transport to Browne Park / bus back to school
- 2:25pm | Frenchville 12/13A v Gracemere Giants

**All Rugby League Teams will travel by bus to Browne Park**

**Tennis Grand Finals at Victoria Park**

- 12:15pm | Frenchville 1 v RGS 1
- 12:15pm | Frenchville 2 v The Hall 2

**Soccer Grand Final at Norbridge Park**

- 1:15pm | Frenchville Open Senior v Heights College

All Soccer Teams will go to Norbridge Park

**Good Luck to all teams competing in Grand Finals!**

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**Community Notices**

North Rockhampton High School presents ‘Beauty and the Beast’ Friday 17 August 7.30pm / Saturday 18 August 1.30pm & 7.30pm Book at the Pilbeam Theatre and online at www.ssaelive.com.au or Dial n’ Charge 49274111 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Rockhampton Basketball is running a Learn 2Play basketball program starting Friday 17 August. For more information contact Brad Kann 49225544