Principal's News

This week I’d like to use this section of the newsletter to talk about ‘cyber bullying’, a real issue that can cause issues for parents, students and even the Police Service. Although we have not had recent issues with cyber bullying we believe it is crucial that we remain vigilant about this issue. As parents, we often provide the tools to our children to become perpetrators or victims of cyber crime. For example, through purchasing a laptop, smart phone or Ipad, we potentially leave our children open to cyber bullying. At Frenchville we love technology and we encourage the use of ICT devices in learning and so we all, parents and staff, share a joint responsibility to make sure kids are safe online, that unacceptable behaviours are made clear and that students know to report incidences of cyber bullying or anything else they are worried about online. Last year I attended a session about cyber safety conducted by Michael Carr-Gregg. Mr Carr-Gregg is used extensively by Education Queensland to monitor bullying and provides resources and support to address it in schools. Here’s some of what Michael had to say:

-Parents need to take responsibility for cyber safety – don’t outsource this to the school. Just like you set consequences for inappropriate behaviour, make sure you make it clear to children what is acceptable and not acceptable online. eg. the times for accessing internet, conditions of using certain sites, imposing regular checks on what your child is doing online, sitting with them occasionally and asking them questions about what they are doing. Putting items such as phones and Ipads in a charging station every night in your house, away from the child’s bedroom is a good strategy. Children do not need access to these devices during the night.

-Children under 13 should not be on Facebook. They are breaking the rules of the site. Mr Carr-Gregg says children under 13 do not have the emotional maturity to manage their digital footprint. Posting pictures and comments on sites like Facebook can leave them open to predators, insults by peers and cyber bullying.

-Find your digital spine: set limits and boundaries and enforce them. If this means locking the device in the boot of the car or removing the cable due to inappropriate use or a disrespect of your rules at home, Mr Carr-Gregg encourages this. Every time you don’t act, you reinforce the unacceptable behaviour.

-Search online for resources that might help you explain why cyber bullying is not okay. Try a search on You Tube for a clip “Words Hurt” for example. This resource says more in images than words and might help your child understand what to do if they are the victim or perpetrator of cyber bullying. Another resource from ACMA for parents on You Tube is the clip “How cybersmart are you?” This clip shows the importance of keeping up with this technology so that you can support your child.

-Download the cyber bullying help button at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton for more support

-If your child is the victim of something nasty online, be sure to take a screen clipping of the offensive or inappropriate material as evidence. This can be done by using the keys CTRL, PRNT SCRNR or FN, PRNT SCREEN (depending on the computer) and pasting the contents into a word document. On an Iphone, this would be done by pushing the on button and the small round button on the phone at the same time. This screen image would then be put into the pictures section of the phone.

Together we can manage any potential cyber threats. We appreciate your support and encourage parents to bring any concerns about inappropriate ICT use to our attention if it likely to have an impact on our school, even if the events occurred after hours.

Leisa Neaton
Principal

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Walk to School – IWALK, 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
THIS IS OUR LAST WEEK OF WALK TO SCHOOL.

Student Health FYI
The school has had a reported case of Influenza A. If you are concerned about your child please consult your doctor.

Grand Final Results – Some further results in Rugby League
10A lost to Rockhampton Grammar Man of the Match (FSS) L Mann
Congratulations Lionel.

Oval weed spraying this weekend – Stay away!
This Sunday 02/09/12 our ovals are being sprayed for clover. Accordingly, the ovals are not open for any use. Please avoid our grounds this weekend.

Out of Hours Intruders
We’ve recently had a spate of vandalism in our grounds which has included smashing of classroom windows, leaving taps and hydrants on and tipping over bins. This is not only annoying but obviously, we want the people responsible to be caught and charged by Police. Therefore, our advice to anybody using our grounds without authorisation is to STOP immediately. Hopefully you will avoid being questioned about crimes in our school if you have not been present on the grounds.

Staff Leave

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Earn & Learn & Coles for Schools
Woolworths Earn & Learn and Coles Sports for School are now closed. Thank you for your generous support.

4940 sheets!
43075 vouchers!

Optiminds – Honour All Round
Last Sunday we had 3 teams representing our school in the Regional Optiminds Challenge at CQ University. Each team had a long term problem to solve and present in a dramatic format. The solutions were prepared over a period of 6 weeks, mostly in the students own time. On the day, the students also had a “spontaneous” problem to solve. Our teams performed very well on the day, with Teams 1 and 2 receiving Honours for their efforts. Well done to the following students: Team 1 (Science/Engineering Problem) – Jessica McGrath, Amber Wright, Jordyn Watson, Tyler Welling, Copper Murray & Eishan Beutra Team 2 (Language Literature Problem) – Elli Bourke, Steven Kyriazis, Matthew Smith, Ben Dingley, Zoe Kirk and Sarah Coker Frenchville 3 (Social Science Problem) – Semone Van Tonder, Navindu De Silva, Nabila Ali, Wura Olaniyan, Esaba Mashiat & Connor Zahra. A big thank you to Mrs Edwards for preparing these students for the event and supervising on the day.

Best Wishers Choir Singers
Students will be participating in the Choral Festival on Monday night. See the details of how to purchase tickets later in this newsletter. This event is always a lovely evening of song and leaves a smile on our faces each time.

Website Live on 31/8/12
Our new Frenchville website will go live on Friday 31 August. We have used a number of student images on this site. Most parents sign a publication permission form upon enrolment, which includes the use of children’s images and work on the internet. However, if you wish to revoke this permission and your child’s image is on the website, please email Leisa Neaton on lneat@ke.edu.au and your child’s image will be removed. Some of the images we’ve used include:
- The picture from the school photo cover this year
- Images from the TWIST opening eg. choir performing, string orchestra, break out sessions conducted at the opening
- Song song creation session in the TWIST
- The traffic movie
- A movie of the choir singing the promotional school song The Falcons ARL Development Cup Team

Student Banking
It is wonderful to see so many students saving their money through student banking each week. Many are also claiming their well-earned rewards. Unfortunately, some items are becoming unavailable. We have no wallets left and our stock of watches, lunch boxes and handballs is low. Once they have gone, we can no longer order them from the bank. Money boxes, drink bottles, booklets and pen pods are still available. If you have 10 tokens and would like a reward item, please send your order with your next deposit. Please remember to write all details of your deposit on the form and stub (we cannot process any deposits with blank or incomplete forms – if this happens, the deposit book and money will be returned to your child). Thank you again for your valuable support of Student Banking.

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 (previously sent home) including money 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.

We’ve sold over 100 tickets already. Will you join us at the cinema? Mums and Dads, this is a great reward for your children if they have been completing homework, doing their chores at home and making you proud of them.

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.frenchvilles.qld.edu.au. Click on the ‘Enrolments’ Tab from the main menu to download forms. For more information please call the school on 49315333.

Needed in Prep to year 3 – whiteboard markers - please purchase for your child/children
We are asking all parents of students in prep to year 3 to purchase a whiteboard marker for their child to use on the new child whiteboards. Next year this will be added to the booklist 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.
Scoliosis Health
Scoliosis (spine curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 girls in every 1,000 are at risk of developing a spine curvature. Visit the official website: www.scoliosis-australia.org to learn more and perform a self-assessment on your child.

Fathers Day Stall – Gifts needed urgently!
FATHERS’ DAY STALL - URGENT
On Friday 31 AUGUST
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).

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 31 August anytime between 8.00am and 1.00pm. Any period of time that you can assist would be greatly appreciated. The ladies will be at the school activity centre during this time.

Science in 2CJ
On the 2nd of August, Mr Le Page (Head of Science at ST. Brendans College) came into 2CJ to explore living things using microscopes. Through the microscope we looked at a large daddy long leg spider, many green ants, a small black ant and a tiny spider. We also observed slides with different types of hair. We enjoyed experiencing living things with Mr Le Page. We felt like scientists and hope Mr Le Page comes back soon. A big thank you to Mr Le Page and ST. Brendans College.

Written by Jack Le Page, Jasmine Kelly and Connor Guley. 2CJ.

123 Magic Booster Session
All families that have completed the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parenting Program are invited to attend a booster session at Frenchville State School on Monday 10th September from 5:30-6:30pm.

It is understandable that some families may not have fully implemented the 1-2-3 Magic program, though I would like to encourage you to come along regardless of how far you got with it. This session will be very informal and will give you an opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions that you may have. It will also be a great time to share experiences and learn from each other.

Places may be limited so please R.S.V.P by Thursday 6 September by phoning me on 4999 0335 or email dwebb58@eq.edu.au . Debbie Webb or Greg Muller gmmull12@eq.edu.au.

Walking Club
HEALTHY BODY = HEALTHY MINDS
Year 4 to 7 children meet Miss. Stokes and Mrs. Hewitt on the steps of the top oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays at second lunch play to walk the oval to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine – and each other's company while gaining some fitness! Remember to wear your hat and bring your water bottle.

Ecumenical Religious Instruction – WEEK 8
On Thursday 30 August, Joh Knijnengenburb will be visiting the school to speak to the Ecumenical religious instruction students only. Joh has pastored and ministered for over 25 years. He has worked in a variety of organisations including World Vision, School Chaplaincy, Qld University, Brisbane Youth Detention Centre Education Unit and Long Term Residential Care. Joh is a seasoned performer, songwriter and musician. He is passionate about engaging people to know God and grow in faith. The guest speaker has been organised by the Ecumenical religious instructors.
All Ecumenical students will attend the 30 minute session with Joh Knijnengenburb, unless you withdraw permission for your child/ren to attend. To withdraw permission for your child, please communicate your request to the school office by 3:00pm Wednesday 29 August.

Falcons’ Rugby League
Our annual Rugby League team photos will take place on Wednesday 5 September. ALL PLAYERS are required to bring their playing socks and football boots on this day. Any players who are yet to return their shorts and/or jersey to their respective coaches need to do so immediately as these will be required for the team photos.

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.

Tuckshop Roster
Roster commencing Monday 03 September
Monday: J. Connolly, J. Aldous
Tuesday: C. Hinton
Wednesday: K. Jenkins
Thursday: J. Lynch, T. Pirie
Friday: I. Stevens, J. Connolly
C Hills (Convenor)

Community Notices
Rockhampton Cycling Club Inc. Come and Try Day Saturday 8 September - Kenrick Tucker Velodrome Berserker Street. For more information call Brett 0413089974 or Adonna Ruff 0412320139 Register online: www.rockhamptoncyclingclub

Cathedral College – for information about the transition program for year sevens attending Cathedral College in 2013, please email Karen_lester@tccrok.catholic.edu.au or phone 49991300.

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