



Friends Learning Together

Newsletter

Friday 15th February 2019

Principal's Report

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MORNING TEA WITH PRINCIPAL

This week as the first week back enjoying morning tea with students I had the pleasurable company of our two School Captains – Jules and Maya. Both Jules and Maya lead our first whole school assembly this week on Monday, with both doing an outstanding job for their first time presenting in front of our whole school. Thank you Jules and Maya – you were both amazing!



Our Work Connecting with Parents and Carers

2019 School Council Elections

Information went home this week with students to families. As mentioned, we have 5 parent and 2 DET staff positions up for School Council Election nomination.

Exiting parents are Chad Wilson (current School Council President), Astra Balzan, Peter Dotlic, Erina McCann and Gwen Prattley, with this being our final good bye to Gwen Prattley as an exiting family of Frankston Primary School. Thank you very to all of our exiting parents for your support and commitment to Frankston Primary School, our community and School Council.

I am hopeful that we receive at least 5 nominations from parents to be a part of our 2019 – 2020 School Council. If you are interested but unsure, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jo Booth to discuss this possibility further. Remember – parents can either self-nominate or nominate another.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office and close Monday 18th February.

Parent and Carers as Partners Association

We received Ministerial approval for our Parents and Carers as Partners Association in the final end of Term 4 last year – which is terrific and very exciting. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27th February 9 – 11am – this will start with the Annual General Meeting which consists of members nominating to either become financial members or 'ordinary' members (nominal agreed amount for financial membership such as .20 cents), the election of office bearers, and following this will be the first meeting for the Association. A core focus of this meeting will be scheduling in meetings and discussing suggestions for the development of a Parents and Carers as Partners Plan.

Please note that as per the Parent and Carer Association Constitution, a Financial Member who nominates for office MUST BE PRESENT at the Annual General Meeting or have indicated their intention to nominate in writing (nomination form can be collected from the office) to the Principal prior to the meeting.

All memberships are welcome at the Parent and Carer meetings, however only Financial Members (.20c) can vote if voting is required.

PLEASE REMEMBER to collect and submit your intention to nominate for Parent and Association office bearer position form from the office if you cannot make the Annual General Meeting – all forms to be submitted to office by Tuesday 26th Feb 4pm.

If any parent/carer should have any questions – please do not hesitate to contact myself through the office.

Newly Introduced Parent Information Nights – enhancing school and teacher communication

In order to enhance our school communication and connection with parents this year we are introducing Parent Information Nights – we believe this is a great way to support parent knowledge about our school and about the focus for each year level and a strong way to build school communication between teachers and parents/families.

Please book these nights into your diaries and schedules to come along:

- Prep – 2 – Wednesday 27th February 6 – 7pm
- 3 – 6 – Wednesday 6th March 6 – 7pm

Further information from levels to come – we hope to see you there.



School Improvements – What's New!

Free Tennis Lessons for all 3/4 students

We are extremely lucky to welcome the Kids Tennis Foundation into our school to provide free tennis lessons to our 3/4 students for all of this year. Kids Tennis Foundation provide all of the equipment, along with a qualified experienced tennis coach.

The focus of this wonderful program is to:

- Raise the self-esteem of participants
- Provide a medium to develop communication skills
- Build self-confidence
- Foster physical and social skills in all children
- Foster tolerance and cooperation between all children accepting all differences

This program is conducted Thursdays at school, with each 3/4 class rotating between 5 session weekly blocks throughout the year. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our students shine within this program.

Brand New Ipads and Student Netbooks

As a school we are very keen to build the access and use of ICT within our students' learning.

We have purchased brand new Ipads for our P – 2 classrooms and student netbooks for our 3 – 6 classrooms – and are looking forward to utilising these devices to engage and enhance our students' in their learning.

Organisational Information

8.50 Bell – a Smooth Start to the Year

We have had such a smooth start to the year thanks to our fabulous staff. Our transition with the 8.50am bell moving students and staff to classrooms assisting with morning organisation and readiness for learning has been wonderful and started without a hitch.

Renée Kennedy
Principal