



Friends Learning Together

Newsletter

Friday 19th July 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 3!

Welcome back everyone! It has been terrific to catch up with students, parents and families this week on return to school. We have a very busy and exciting term ahead and are certainly looking forward to all of our work, learning and community activities over the upcoming weeks.

Celebrating A Great Community Get Together!



Our Frankston Primary School Parent and Carer Association held a school community 'Stay and Play' event at the end of last term.

Many families and our students joined in the play on the playground equipment, a sausage in bread, a great catch up conversation and time in the warm winter's afternoon sun before the start of the school holidays.

Thank you to our hard working Parent and Carer Association for the great idea in supporting our community connections, organisation and time on the day.

Parent Communication

Parent Teacher Interviews

We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible on Monday (Prep – 2) and Tuesday (3 – 6) for our Parent Teacher Interviews. Just a reminder that if you are still to make an appointment to see your child's teacher, please contact our office.

We Want Our Parents to Tell Us What They Think!

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents are usually invited to participate in this survey, this year we are sending an invitation out to all families to complete the survey to be able to gain feedback from a wide spectrum of our parent community. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July to Sunday 11th August.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September and will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

School Improvements

Facebook and School Website

Now that our School Facebook page has been created and updated, we will now increase our posts to this page. Go on and have a look and 'like' and 'follow' our school. Our last post was on the school holidays which shares a number of updated photos of our school – share this page with your friends and family so everyone can see our beautiful school.



As we work through our new parent consent forms sent home end of last term, more photos of students will appear as a form of sharing the great work of our students and teachers. We are looking forward to many likes and shares of our new page!

Sustainability

A main focus for our Sustainability Team over the next few weeks of this term and the remainder of this year is on 'waste'. We are aware of problems at times with our bins and bin use outside in the yard, and also in regards to appropriate recycling systems and processes outside and inside our classrooms.

A feature this term will include the purchase of appropriate recycling waste bins inside classrooms, further recycling bins outside and education about how and what waste to recycle; as well as future nude-food days in order to promote waste reduction.

We will also focus on the last tidy up of our veggie garden area and chicken enclosure to start to enable a more focused use and learning opportunities of this space.

Student Learning

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2019 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is currently underway and this year we have 270 students registered for the challenge. Together we have read a total of 3 674 books to date, with the most popular author at the moment being David Walliams! The PRC closes on the 6th September, so please keep adding all of your finished books.



Clubs Program

Our Junior and Senior Clubs Program returns this term, with information going home shortly.

We know that our students and teachers are excited for the start of this program again and we are looking forward to sharing in our students' learning experiences as their club learning activities begin.

Organisational

Uniform Swap, Sell or Donate

Our next uniform swap, sell or donate session is scheduled for this Monday 22nd July straight after assembly. Our Parents and Carers Association are also holding a parent morning tea chat at this time in the hall. Please come along, swap, buy or donate a uniform and enjoy a chat, coffee or tea and discussion with other parents. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

School Diary Dates

Monday 22nd July – Parent Morning Tea and Uniform Swap, Buy and Sell – come and join our Parent Association

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July – Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 14th August – Curriculum Day (student free day)

Monday 19th Aug – Fri 23rd Aug – Book Week Activities – theme 'Reading is my Super Power'

Wed 28th August – Father’s Day Stall (during the day for students)

Wed 28th August – Father’s Day Afternoon Activities – 3.45 – 5pm

Friday 30th August – Family Movie Night

Last Day Term – Dress Up Footy Parade & Special Footy Lunch Day

More information will certainly come in advance about these dates and activities.

Long Service Leave – Mrs Gorfine in the Office

This term Mrs Julia Gorfine, our Business Manager, will continue Long Service Leave this term, with Mrs Julie Cain continuing as relieving Business Manager for Term Three.

Snow Camp

This coming Wednesday – Friday, myself and Mrs Doyle, head off with our lucky group of students from the 5/6 area for 3 days skiing at Mt Buller. We are all very much looking forward to our skiing and learning experiences up at Mt Buller - let’s hope that the weather is promising and the sun shining for three days of sensational skiing!

This is my first snow camp – wish me luck everyone!



Renée Kennedy
Principal