



Friends Learning Together Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2019

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 2!

It has been a short and smooth week back for everyone this week and fantastic to hear from students, teachers and families about the special holiday time they have had over the last two weeks.

This week it was very special participating in our school ANZAC Assembly Service. The SRC and School Choir lead a beautiful and heart-warming service that moved the adults and children in attendance. Our SRC also attended the local Frankston RSL service held at Beauty Park and we were very lucky to be able to have our photo taken with two servicemen who were the guest speakers!



School Improvement Initiatives

Garden Work and Maintenance

Our front entrance area to the office has had some work completed over the holiday period. Come along and have a visit – you will see our front garden area has had some maintenance and new planting work and the seating area has had a lovely coat of fresh paint.



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Parent Forum – Tuesday 30th April 7pm.

We really hope to see you there! Grab a parent and carer friend and come along!

Reminder that our Parent Forum on Restorative Practice and building a Positive School Culture is *Tuesday 30th April 7pm* - help us develop amazing school-home connections in the support of all children at Frankston PS.

Please note that whilst this forum is for parents and carers and we hope that children may be able to be cared for out of this session at home, we also understand that at times organisation around this may be difficult.

We will have a G rated movie on this night in the event parents have no other organisational arrangement for support at home. It is also recommended that in the event children need to attend this time with parents, parents may like to organise a quiet activity for your child to do during this time. Please note that children in attendance during this time remain in the 'care' of parents – yet we will organise a space close to the parent information area so parents are able to maintain supervision of their children during this time.

Student Wellbeing

Attitudes to School Survey

Each year our students in Year 4, 5 and 6 complete a Department of Education and Training online survey to tell us how they feel about their experience at school. This Attitudes to School Survey provides our school and staff with valuable data on our students' views of their wellbeing, engagement, learning and relationships with teachers and peers. As a school we analyse these results and use the information to reflect on our performance, identify areas for improvement and plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. Our students will complete this survey between the dates of April 29th and June 7th.

Student Learning

French Language Program

We are starting a new French Language Program this term Prep – Grade 6! Our French Language Program is a virtual learning program that has been set up alongside Edithvale



Primary School. Kate Marino (Performing Arts and Cultural Studies) will utilise the link with Edithvale PS's French Language Teacher, online learning programs and hands-on activities to deliver our new French Program. It is a Department of Education and Training requirement that all state schools deliver a Language Learning Program.

We are also very interested in accessing support from our French speaking families – if anyone is interested in volunteering classroom support time, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Kate Marino (just remember that a current Working with Children's Check is required. Accessing this is easy and free!). We are very excited with this new program and look forward to sharing their learning with you soon!

Premier's Reading Challenge

The 2019 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open. The Challenge began in 2005 and is now in its 15th year. It was originally set up to encourage more Victorian children to read and learn literacy skills that will set them up for life. The PRC encourages children to read a set number of books until the 6th September and record their efforts online.



Our school has registered all students and have provided the grade 3-6's with a username and a password so that they can record their books. The grade 3-6's must read 15 PRC books.

The grade Prep-2 teachers have been given a variety of listed books to read to their class and these books will be recorded by the PRC co-ordinator. The grade prep-2's must read 30 PRC books.

Once completed, all students, will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of Victoria. Any further information is available on line at www.education.vic.gov.au.

Clubs Program – Junior

Our new Junior Clubs Program started this week – oh what fun all of the students (and teachers) had on Wednesday afternoon! We had creative lego building – even blind-fold building! Craft activities, bug searching and lots of creative dance moves. One student was even heard saying 'this is the best day of my life!'

Organisational

Uniform Swap, Sell or Donate

Our next uniform swap, sell or donate session is scheduled for Wednesday 1st May at 3pm. Parents and Carers have found this a valuable support over the last few sessions.

Whole School Diary Dates to Keep Free this Term

Tuesday 30th April – Adam Voigt Parent Forum 7pm

Wednesday 1st May – Parent and Carer Association Meeting 9am

Tuesday 7th May – Mother's Day Afternoon Activities 4pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday 21st May – Education Week Open Night 5.30pm – 8pm

Long Service Leave – Mrs Gorfine in the Office

This term Mrs Julia Gorfine, our Business Manager, will be on Long Service Leave. Mrs Gorfine will be replaced by an experienced relieving Business Manager, Julie Cain. We are looking forward to working with Julie and welcome her warmly to the Frankston Primary School family!

Renée Kennedy
Principal