



Friends Learning Together Newsletter

Friday 29th March 2019

Principal's Report



Over these last two weeks I have had the pleasure of morning tea with these following students:

Ethan – 1/2M	Chevvy - 1/2C	Zoe – 1/2M	Angie – 1/2M
Isabelle – 1/2M	Sarentiy – 1/2L	Cooper H – 1/2M	
Cooper W – 1/2M	Maddie S – 5/6D	Callum – 3/4W	

Organisational Information

End of Term One and Start of Term 2

Just a reminder that end of Term is next Friday 5th April – school time finishes at 2.30pm.
Start of Term 2 commences Tuesday 23rd April (Easter Monday is a public holiday).

School Leader SRC Assembly – this Monday

Just a reminder to parents and carers that our SRC and Senior Leaders Assembly is this Monday morning. We have quite a number of excited students looking forward to this special assembly – we hope you can make it and help us celebrate and recognise our student leaders in this special ceremony.

School Improvement Initiatives

New Exciting Activities and Programs Term 2

We are very excited to announce two new initiatives starting Term 2 – Junior and Senior Clubs Program and Lunchtime Activities. The new Clubs Program aims to engage students in inspiring high-interest learning activities and involve student choice in order to promote high engagement in learning. Newly introduced Lunchtime Activities aims to promote high-interest choices for engagement for students at lunchtime – promoting safe and structured social play opportunities for students to enjoy.

Our new **Clubs Program** is designed to engage students in areas of high interest and provide new learning experiences in a small group setting. Students will be offered several activities, from which they will elect their favourites, and work in a multi-age learning environment to explore these endeavours. We are really looking forward to the start of our Clubs Program and we know that our students are excited and looking forward to this time beginning! Please see further information that was sent home with students this week.

Lunchtime Activities will also start Term 2 and run on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Our staff will run activities for our students to engage during lunchtimes in such as outdoor games and structured activities, gardening, books and indoor games and library time.

Our Work Connecting with Parents and Carers

Parent Communication Forum – Term 2



We are holding a Parent Night, Term 2 with Adam Voigt – *Tuesday 30th April 7pm.*
Help us develop amazing school-home connections in the support of all children at Frankston PS.
We hope to see you there!



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.

We really hope you can make this session – grab a parent and carer friend and come along! You will love it!

Student Wellbeing

Attendance

Students attending school **on time and every day** (unless unwell) is vitally important to ensure strong foundations and learning for the whole child – socially, emotionally and academically.

Student absence from school should be minimal so they can learn and benefit from all of the learning opportunities that school provides – ideally students should be absent from school no more than 10 days for the whole school year.

Did you know – that students who are absent one day a week from Prep to Year 12, miss out on approximately 2 and a half years of schooling in their schooling time. High absence impacts upon student

We are looking forward to seeing all of our students at school on time and at school every day next Term!

Celebration!

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day together. We celebrated the wonderful diversity of our school community – sharing cultural clothing, greetings, song and food. This was such a fantastic morning with so many of our parents, families and community members joining us.

We also had a fabulous 3 – 6 House Sports Day. All of our students encouraged each other, celebrated and cheered on each and every student participant – whether a student came first, or tried their best and ran over the finish line after everyone in their race – our students cheered and encouraged. We are so proud of all of our students!

ANZAC Day Ceremony

On Wednesday 24th April we will hold a whole school ceremony at **9.15am** to commemorate the 80 years since the outbreak of World War 2. We invite all our parents, family and carers to attend the ceremony.

We look forward to family and friends to joining us for the ceremony in honour of ANZAC Day – the ceremony will include performance from our choir, special readings from our SRC, wreath laying, The Ode and Last Post, minute's silence.

Lastly

I cannot believe that this is the final newsletter for Term One already, how this term has flown!

I wish everyone a happy holiday period at the end of next week and hope that everyone's Easter break is one filled with love and happiness amongst friends and family.

Renée Kennedy
Principal

