

Foundation Newsletter

Term 1, Week 2 2020

Important Dates

Parent Information Night

Tuesday 18th February

Family Teddy Bear's Picnic

Friday 28th February

Restorative Practice Parent
Info

Wednesday 4th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 9th March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 18th March

End of Term

Friday 27th March

Start of Term Two

Tuesday 14th April

Term 1 - Our New Chapter Begins

What a fantastic start we have made to the first year of your child's primary school years. The students are settling in well to the expectations of school life, learning routines and quickly developing independence. They have already begun their Literacy journey, focussing on sounds, pencil grip and correct letter formation. Friendships are flourishing and cooperation skills are quickly improving. We look forward to sharing more during our Parent Information Session.

Supplies

Thanks to all our parents/carers who have ensured that all supplies have been purchased and brought to school. Please be sure that ALL supplies listed on the booklist have been purchased asap. It is vital that all students have correct supplies.

Hats

Frankston Primary School is a Sunsmart school. Please ensure your child has a named navy blue wide brimmed hat as stated in the school's policy. Without an approved hat, students can not play in the yard.



Assembly

Assemblies will be held each Monday at 9am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. Foundation students will attend assemblies as of Monday 17th February.

Fruit and Veggie Snack

Fruit and veggie snack will start in week four, 17th February. It provides a valuable 'brain food' break at 10am each day. Fruit and vegetables are an excellent source of fuel for the brain, instead of releasing short bursts of energy like processed food, fruit and vegetables have carbohydrates that the body breaks down gradually, releasing glucose to fuel the brain and body over time.



Parent Information Session

We encourage all parents/carers to attend our Information Evening on Tuesday 18th February at 6pm-7pm. This session will provide you with all relevant information for the year's expectations, learning objectives and focuses for your child's first year of school. Please make an appointment if required to discuss any personal situations, issues or private matters.

Communication Books

Each Prep student will be supplied with a communication book. All newsletters etc will be attached. We ask that all communication books are kept in the handy pouch and returned to school every day. Communication books can be used to advise your classroom teacher of general information. If a note is made, please ensure it is handed to your child's teacher in the morning.

Buddy Program

Each Prep student has now been allocated a Grade Six Buddy. The Big Buddies are extremely excited and have been workshopped on how to effectively assist the younger students in their transition to Primary School. Throughout the year, there will be numerous opportunities and activities offered through the Buddy Program.



English Online- Assessments

The English Online Interview is an online tool for assessing the English skills of students from foundation to level 2. It assesses students across the three modes of English in the Victorian Curriculum F-10 – reading, writing and speaking and listening. The interview is one-to-one between a teacher and student.

Your child will be asked to stay at school until 3.30 on the day of their testing. A timetable will be available next week. It is vital that ALL students attend their testing day.

Home Reading

Home reading will begin in week four. At this stage, we are encouraging all families to share reading experiences. We ask for families to promote a love of Literacy by sharing stories as a family, with parents reading to the children, discussing pictures and story lines and asking questions related to the story.

Literacy

This year sees Frankston Primary School implementing a new, evidence based approach towards Literacy, embedding multi sensory learning and immersing the students in phonemic awareness. The students are already displaying enthusiasm towards the inclusion of this approach. This will be discussed in more depth during our Parent Information Session.

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Family Teddy Bear's Picnic

As a celebration of our Prep transition, we will be holding a Family Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday 28th February. The students will be involved in a range of activities throughout the day. Parents/carers will be invited to join us for a Teddy Bear's Picnic and fun activities at 12:30pm on the oval. More information will follow.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Amy Carlile & Bec Wilson