



Friends Learning Together

Newsletter

Friday 4th August 2017

Principal's Report

Building Opening

We had our final site meeting with the builders on Wednesday and the building works in our Junior Learning Centre are almost complete. Next week, there will be a few tradies returning to fix a few items and we are hoping to move in on Monday 14th August. The new classrooms look sensational and we know that our students are going to enjoy learning in such a beautiful environment. Our students will benefit from having flexible learning spaces where they have opportunities to work utilising a variety of styles to suit all learning needs.

I would like to thank our Junior School Staff for the work they have done with their classes in their current spaces. The teaching and learning for all of our junior classes has been fantastic this year. Although we have been in small spaces, our teachers have continued to work as if they were in their usual classes. The support our teachers have given each other and have received from the whole staff typifies the strong and cohesive staff we have here at Frankston Primary School.

Working Bee Tuesday 8th August 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Thank you to everyone who has replied to the Working Bee invitation for next Tuesday 8th August. The Working Bee will be on from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. During this time, there is a fair amount of weeding, trimming and shovelling of mulch to be done, not to mention many other odd jobs. If you can bring along shovels or any other tools to help with trimming some of our trees or bushes that would be great. We will be serving hotdogs and drinks following the working bee, so if you haven't replied yet but still want to come along let us know on Monday so we can cater for you.

Bunnings BBQ – Sunday 27th August

Thank you also to parents and staff who have replied for the Bunnings BBQ. The roster has been filled and a note will be sent home shortly with all the details.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results have been published for each state and the federal politicians are once again jumping up and down because there is apparently no growth in Australia's results nationally over a ten-year period. In Victoria however, in both years 3 and 5, the average achievement this year is either above or close to the base year data. There has not been a decline over the ten-year period. In plain simple English, Victorian students are doing well and have continued to do well over the time these tests have been administered. Individual school results will be published on August 15 and we know our students tried their best, and we wish them all the best.

Parent Opinion Survey

Approximately 70 parents will receive an envelope today with a link to our parent opinion survey. This year the survey is online and parents are asked to complete it between the 7th and 27th August. We hope to get a high response rate for the survey so if you are one of the 70 parents who have been sent this envelope please take the time to go online and complete the survey.

Tree Planting Week

This week is national Tree Planting week and all of our students and staff have been involved in planting various trees and plants around the school. I know that there is a bit of rain forecast over the next few days and this will give our plants an opportunity to become established. Thank you to Sienna and Cohen's mum for providing us with some plants for our courtyard garden.

Snow Camp

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in our Mt Buller camp last week. It is amazing to see the development over the three days and the successes each student had as they learned to ski. By the end of the three days, many of our students were skiing on intermediate runs. I know that all the staff who attended from the five schools in our Federation were thrilled with the enthusiasm and the behaviour of all of our students. The camp also gives our students a wonderful opportunity to meet with other students who may end up at the same Secondary College.

Prep Tours

This week we have continued to conduct several prep tours for our prep intake for 2018 and our numbers for 2018 are steadily increasing. If you know of anyone else who is looking for a school to enrol their child, ask them to phone us to book a tour. We also have several vacancies at over levels as well for anyone who may be interested.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

Morry Rubinstein
Principal

