



Newsletter

Friday 30th August 2024

Principal's Report

What an amazing morning of Father's Day activities we had yesterday!

All of our classrooms from Prep through to Year 6 were full of activity with Dads, Step Dads, Grandads, brothers, cousins, uncles and special persons all spending time with very special young people in their lives within our classrooms. The vibe, sense of community and enjoyment filled our morning with joy! It was so great to see everyone!

A special thank you to all who were able to come and visit and spend some time enjoying a morning at school!

A very big thank you as well to Kerri Nazeer and Jess Spalding, who organised and ran our Father's Day stall at school - our students looked forward to it and absolutely loved selecting a little gift for their loved one for this this Sunday.

A big happy Father's Day to all of our Dad's, Step Dads and special adults in our community for this Sunday! We are wishing you all a very special and happy day!



Information for Families

School Student Broadband Initiative

What is this initiative?

The School Student Broadband Initiative offers eligible households with school-age students free internet at home until 31 December 2025.

Led by the National Broadband network (NBN), the Australian Government initiative seeks to boost educational opportunities and narrow the digital divide.

To support eligible students to take part, schools have been given the names of students whose household may possibly be eligible.

How will families know?

We will send this communication home to eligible families via Class Dojo early next week.

Next steps for eligible families

After receiving the letter from our school, families and carers can choose to contact the NBN's National Referral Centre for an eligibility assessment.

If homes are deemed eligible, families will receive a voucher from NBN to use by 31st December 2024 to access free internet at home until 31st December 2025.



Don't Forget Hats!

Remember school broadbrimmed hats are required to be worn outside by all students from this Monday!

Don't forget to find them, dust them off and pack them!

Sun smart season has begun!



Information for Families

Save \$400 on school uniforms, textbooks and activities

\$400 School Saving Bonus for Families

Great news that the School Saving Bonus that has been mentioned throughout the media and previously in a school newsletter, will be distributed to schools after the 18th of November 2024.

Once funds are available at our school, parents and carers will receive an email directly from the Department of Education with their \$400 School Saving Bonus - remembering that this is a once-off payment for the support of families and students.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

Parents and Carers do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email parents and carer in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

Our school is contacting parents and carers to ensure we have your email address on file - if you have an updated email address from the start of your child's enrolment, please contact our school so we can update our file.

What can the \$400 Bonus be spent on?

Parents and Carers decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- book list and school items for 2025
- camps, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting events
- School uniforms, graduation events.

The bonus can be used at our school's textbook or

uniform suppliers either in-store or online. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until [30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.](#)

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

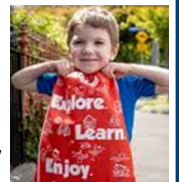
More than one Child?

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds.

The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More Information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Or read the government flyer we have added in this newsletter.



Prep Bags 2024 Parent and Carer Survey

Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a [Prep Bag](#) bag full of goodies in Term One, to celebrate this milestone in their education journey.

The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to complete a short survey about the 2024 Prep bags, by 5 pm on Sunday 29 September 2024.

Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2025.

You can have your say at [Prep bags 2024 evaluation survey](#).

Happy Weekend Everyone!



WELLBEING

An important REMINDER.....

We are again appealing to all families to continue to encourage your children to attend school every day and on TIME.



Too early



Right on time



Too late



ROUTINES can assist families to be on time.

Simple things that children can do the night before school can help with that early morning rush.

- Put their bag at the front door before they go to bed
- Have clothes ready on the end of their bed or on a chair the night before
- Prepare notices/canteen money etc in a handy pouch or envelope and place in school bag
- Have a regular place in the kitchen for to collect lunchbox es/drink bottles before leaving
- Set a timer in the morning with intervals to keep track of time

Thank you for arriving at school on time!

Arriving late to school **interrupts the learning and teaching** for everyone.

Lost school days build up one absence at a time and **impact learning and friendships.**

We need to ensure that we are teaching children about the importance of school routines not just for now but for future schooling and beyond.

The impact of arriving late to school is that they miss out on valuable instruction at the commencement of each lesson and sometimes miss out on entire lessons and introductions to new skills being taught.

Our aim at Frankston Primary School is for our students to recognise and value being at school and the importance of punctuality.

Let's continue to work together to support your child's attendance goal whether that is to maintain their current attendance level or improve their attendance percentage and then we will all celebrate this together.

Be Here! Every Day! All Day!

FPS
18.7%
Average Absences

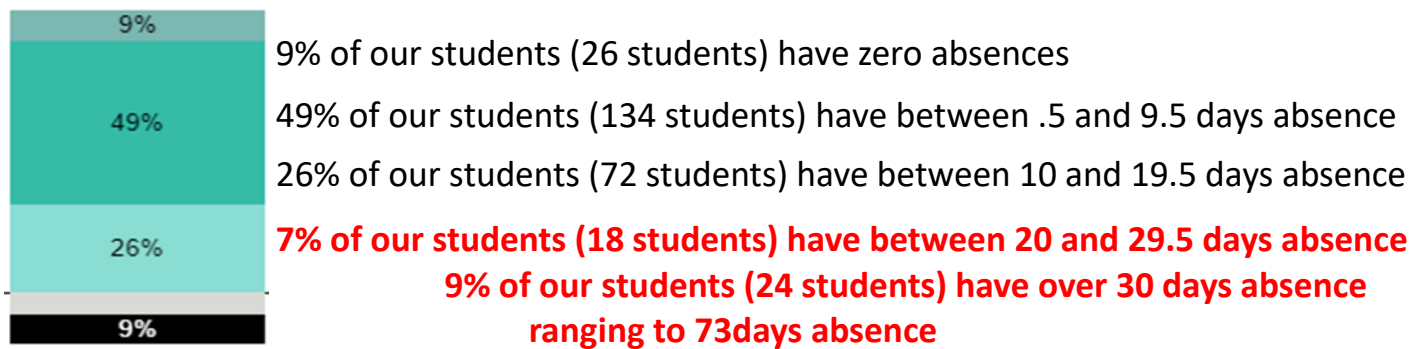
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Why is it important to continue to improve our student absence?

Our absence data has shown us that the work you are doing along with us to ensure that your child is attending school really is making a difference and assisting us to maintain significant improvement in our school's attendance rates. Right now though our data shows us that our current percentage of absences is now beginning to increase in comparison with last year. I would like to reiterate that the importance of reducing absence rates is NOT about the DATA but about your child's learning. The DATA simply gives us a picture of how we are comparing to previous years and other similar schools.

I encourage everyone to maintain your focus on the importance of your child being at school EVERYDAY and remember the implications of frequent absences when deciding whether or not your child stays home when they are actually NOT sick.

If you look at this table below it gives you a breakdown of Frankston Primary School's student absences.



As a school our job is to identify our students and track those students who have increasing absences and the explanations provided for their absence.

What concerns us is the large number of absences across all of our data that are unexplained. Unexplained absence means that despite the school's daily SMS asking parents to provide an explanation for their child's absence the school continues to have large numbers of unexplained absences.

Please ensure that you inform the school when your child is absent from school and the reason for their absence.

Let's continue to work together to reduce unnecessary absences and see our students engaged in the learning opportunities available to them at FPS.

Jo Booth (Assistant Principal-Wellbeing Officer)



2024 Frankston Primary School Production – Unlocking the Past... A Step Back in Time

We are getting excited now as our amazing FPS students prepare for the FPS Production on

Wednesday 18th September at the Frankston Arts Centre

Our show starts at 7 pm and will run until approx. 9 pm

Please note student drop off between 6.30 and 6.45 pm

Detailed information re Rehearsal Day and arrangements for our students on the night to follow

What a show we are planning as we tell the story of times past through music, dance and drama! our talented Grade 5/6 actors transport you to a world where history comes alive! They'll lead you on an unforgettable adventure through time, unravelling mysteries of the past. A mysterious key has been discovered—but what secrets does it hold, and what doors will it open? Join us to find out!

Stomp along with our Prep/1 students as they take you for a Walk with The Dinosaurs and explore the School of Hard Rocks. Before you know it, you'll be tapping your feet to the music of the old school yard with the Grade 2s. The 3/4s will bring you back to the 1950s with some old time moves at 'The School of Rock 'n' Roll'. Finally, watch as the 5/6s bust out their flares and burn the floor with their disco moves as they perform to hits from the 1970s and 1980s.

Alongside the main production, prepare to be dazzled by performances from our Junior and Senior Choirs, the high-energy routines of our Aerobics Teams—'Aerostars' and 'Euphoria'—and the infectious beats of our drumming group that will have you clapping along in no time.

Wondering about the staff finale...? Well, what are you waiting for? Grab your tickets and come watch us move and groove back to the present day!

UNLOCKING THE PAST A STEP BACK IN TIME

Ticket Sales Update

Tickets for our upcoming event on
Wednesday 18th September
Frankston Arts Centre 7-9pm

Go on sale

Tuesday 3rd September from 10 am

Please note they are only available from the
Frankston Arts Centre Box Office
Online/Telephone or In Person
2024 Production Ticket Pricing

Full Price Adult

\$30.00 each

Concession

Full time student/ Pensioner/
Senior/Unemployed

\$25.00 each

Child

12 months - 16 years

\$15.00 each

Under 12 months -On the knee (free)

**FAC will not be able to provide any ticket
information until the sales go live on
TUESDAY 3rd September.**

**A link to further information and access to
ticket sales will be posted soon.**

Important Photography Video Information

There is NO public recording of the
Production allowed. Theatre goers are
unable to take photos or videos during the
production.

FPS staff will take photos of students
backstage and during the performance for
school-based use of photos – and will
follow all current parental consent usage.

There will be 2 assigned photographers to
capture the performance on the night for
school-based use of photos – and will
follow all current parent consent usage.

PLEASE NOTE:

We will also have an assigned
videographer for our 2024 Production
recording the performance.

The recording of the performance will be
available early Term 4 for families to
purchase. It should be noted that we
are unable to guarantee exclusion of
being recorded, of any child
participating in the performance.

To discuss alternate arrangements for your
child, please contact our school office
on 9783 3769.



**FRANKSTON
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CENTRE**

Save \$400

**on school uniforms,
textbooks and
activities**

**Parents and carers
of Victorian school-aged children
will receive the one-off**

School Saving Bonus

Find out more



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Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025.

Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

in October, to verify your email address

in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus information.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the

[School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus



Friends Learning Together

What's Happening

Please note that this page will be updated each newsletter
as new events are scheduled—Camps and excursion dates will be updated in the new year

Monday 2nd September	Whole School Assembly @2.30pm
Friday 6th September	Parent and Carer Association Meeting
Monday 16th September	Whole School Assembly @2.30pm
Wednesday 18th Sept	Production Night
Friday 20th September	Last Day of term 3 School finishes @2.30pm

Monday 7th October	First Day Term 4
Monday 7th Friday 11th October	Grade P-2 Swimming Program
Monday 14th October Wednesday 16th October	Semper Dental Visit
Monday 14th October	Whole School Assembly
Friday 18th October	Parent and Carer Association Meeting
Friday 25th October	World Teachers Day
Monday 28th October	Whole School Assembly
Friday 1st November	FPS 150 Year Celebration Day
Wednesday 6th November	2025 Prep Information Night
Monday 11th November	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday 20th Nov Friday 22nd November	Grade 3/4 Camp - Camp Briars More information to families will be sent out shortly
Monday 25th November	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 26th November	Up Day
Friday 29th November	Parent and Carer Association Meeting
Tuesday 5th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Monday 9th December	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 10th December	Year 6 to 7 State Wide Transition Day
Wednesday 18th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 20th December	Final Assembly - Basketball Court Last Day of Term 4 finish @1.30pm

Canteen—Fundraising



Chocolate Mousse with Berries

Tues 3rd September
Recess \$3.00 each



Fruit Smoothie Mango or Berry

Wed 4th September
Recess \$3.00



Spaghetti Jaffle

Tues 10th September
Recess \$2.50



Jelly & Frog

Wed 11th September
Recess \$3.00



Community News

30 30 years
of OSHC
Camp Australia

Your
OSHC.



Tuesday 10 September 2024
The fun starts as soon as school ends!

Let's celebrate 30 years of outside school hours care with an incredible party right here at FRANKSTON OSHC!

Featuring awesome experiences like: DIY Friendship Bracelets, Ball in a Cup, Pass The Parcel, Egg & Spoon Races and heaps more!

Plus it wouldn't be an anniversary without CAKE! Leave a bit of room in your tummy for a yummy afternoon tea!

Open to the whole Frankston Primary School community*!

Come, check out our experiences, have a little food and have a lot of fun.

Book now

To book your child in, visit the Parent Portal app now!

campaustralia.com.au



Visit on the day

Come on down and see what all the fun is about!

*Please note that only children booked into After School Care will be able to attend unsupervised.

All other children present must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Community News

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Magic *by* Moonlight

A MAGICAL LIGHT FESTIVAL

5TH SEPT - 6TH OCT

GEORGE PENTLAND BOTANIC GARDENS

BOOK TICKETS: 

MAGICBYMOONLIGHT.COM.AU



Community News



At SEM Magic, our strong club culture, experienced coaches, supportive environment, professional administration, and Five-Tiered Squad Development program ensure your child will have a rewarding community basketball experience.

SUMMER 2024/25 DETAILS:

- 🏀 Season starts October 2024
- 🏀 Teams for U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18
- 🏀 Competitions at Frankston, Chelsea, Western Port, and Mornington Basketball Associations
- 🏀 Play up to 2 games per week!
- 🏀 Senior teams for family and friends of SEM Magic
- 🏀 Five-Tiered Squad Training system for all players
- 🏀 Team selection trials: To find the best team and competition for every child
- 🏀 Financial Assistance: Available through PayPal, club payment plans, and the Ray White Scholarship Fund
- 🏀 Registration Deadline: Sunday, 15 September

REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES

- 🌐 www.semmagic.club
- ✉ admin@semmagic.club
- ☎ 9783 0642





Community News



Become a Berry Street foster carer

Partner with us and support a local child on their journey.

Childhood is a journey, but not every child starts in the same place.

In our local community there are many children and young people who need a safe place to live.

As a Berry Street foster carer, you'll be a part of a team that is committed to supporting children who are unable to live with their family.

And by providing them with a safe and nurturing home – you'll be there for them at a crucial moment in their life.



**BERRY
STREET**



Community News

MOONLIT SANCTUARY **JUNIOR KEEPER CLUB**



SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

AGES: 7-14

9AM-2PM

Registration Fee
\$104
per day

Activities Include:

- Feeding wildlife
- Food prep
- Animal enrichment

Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment!



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550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale



Learn more: moonlitsanctuary.com.au

Info : 5978 7935



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

FRIENDS LEARNING TOGETHER

Thank you to the following businesses who have donated to our 150th birthday Celebration on the 1st of November 2024.

Please support those who support our school.



KIDS PARTY

Celebrate your next birthday in style

PACKAGES START FROM \$260

Inflatables & Nerf Party Booking or Venue Hire Available Friday to Sunday

Frankston Indoor Sports & Inflatables – Carrum Downs

Book your party with us

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THE HOME OF TREE SURFING

SMALL
IDEAS
Melbourne



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BY THE BAY



Frankston Primary School

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COMMUNITY • ASPIRE • OPTIMISM • RESPECT • RESILIENCE • EMPATHY • INCLUSION

ENROL NOW FOR 2025

PREP 2025 OPEN MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS *We look forward to meeting you!*

TERM 1:

Tues 20th Feb 9.30 – 10.30
 Tues 27th Feb 9.30 – 10.30
 Tues 5th March 9.30 – 10.30
 Thurs 7th March 4 – 5pm
 Tues 19th March 9.30 – 10.30
 & 4 – 5pm
 Thurs 21st March 9.30 – 10.30
 & 4 – 5pm



TERM 2:

Thurs 18th April 9.30 – 10.30 & 4 – 5pm
 Tues 23rd April 9.30 – 10.30
 Tues 14th May 9.30 – 10.30
 Thurs 16th May 4 – 5pm
 Tues 21st May 9.30 – 10.30
 Thurs 30th May 4 – 5pm
 Tues 11th June 9.30 – 10.30 & 4 – 5pm



TERM 3:

Thurs 18th July 9.30 – 10.30
 Tues 23rd July 9.30 – 10.30am
 Thurs 25th July 4 – 5pm



Prep Parent Information Session 6.30 – 7.30pm

Thurs 2nd May – 2024
 Thurs 6th June – 2024

Group Tours Completed

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OR CALL US AND BOOK YOUR PERSONAL TOUR

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