



# Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

## Principal's Report

This is our final newsletter for this term, with school finishing for Term Three next week, Friday 20th September 2.30pm.

We are wishing everyone a happy and safe school holiday period and hope the sun shares some spring sunshine on us all!



### School Production

Our school has a large hum of excitement as you walk around it at the moment, with all classes busily putting the final touches on their class production items.

It is certainly going to be a packed house with our ticket sales going really well for this exciting event. Its always a big show at Frankston Primary School and we are sure our families are just as excited and looking forward to the big night!

We are lucky to have such dedicated teachers and staff working tirelessly forming the acts for the evening show and our parents and carers who have used your own time in creating, making, purchasing and putting together costumes and props.

It is going to be amazing!



### Staffing News

#### Congratulations Mr Boucher!

It is with great pleasure that we can share that Mr Boucher and his partner have welcomed new Baby Boucher into their family - all is well, even if Alannah Blake did decide to arrive earlier than expected!

Alannah Blake is safe and sound - just eager to enter her new world.

Congratulations Mr Boucher!

### School Improvements

#### Buildings and Grounds Update

Buildings and Grounds works over these upcoming school holidays include:

- Painting maintenance across external and internal school building areas.
- Grounds maintenance and tidy.

#### Working Bee

We are having a Working Bee next term:

**WHEN:** Saturday 19th October

**TIME:** 8am - 12pm

Even if you can stay for a 2 hour period - that would be amazing!

Stay tuned for areas of the school that we will work on - but we would love your help to volunteer!

Next term we will have further information and registration information!



### 150 Birthday Celebration

Reminder to keep Friday 1st November free for our 150 birthday celebrations!

- Classroom activities - 9.30 - 11am
- High Tea (adults only) - 11am - 12pm
- Special Ceremony 12.30 - 1.30pm

We also still have Scarves and Beanies available in the office for sale.

Beanies \$15 and Scarves \$25

Stay tuned for finer details of our day of celebration at the start of next term!



## 2025 Prep Transition and Orientation Program - Commencing Term 4

Prep 2025 Transition and Orientation Program is due to commence from Term 4 Week 2.

If you have a little one due to start Prep next year, please ensure you contact the school office to organise enrolment if you have not completed this already.

<p><b>Meet our Prep Teachers Video Conference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 minutes for children along with their Prep parents to meet our 2022 Prep classroom teachers</li> </ul> <p>Download WebEX – <a href="http://www.webex.com">www.webex.com</a></p> <p>Use ID CODE: 576 761 907</p>	<p><b>Session 1: Week 2 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 4pm</b></p> <p><b>Session 2: Week 3 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 4pm</b></p> <p><b>Session 3: Week 4 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 4pm</b></p> <p><i>We hope that you and your pre-prep child will be able to join us for one or all of these sessions to say 'hello'. 'Meet' your prep teachers and some other children in prep next year!</i></p>
<p><b>2025 Prep Parent Information Night</b></p>	<p><b>Week 5: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 7pm</b> <b>In our Dolphin Centre.</b></p>
<p><b>Parent – Teacher Pre-Prep Interview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 minute parent-teacher <u>phone</u> interview</li> </ul>	<p><b>Week 6: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <b>9am – 4.30pm</b></p> <p><i>Bookings will be made through our on-line parent booking platform.</i></p>
<p><b>Prep Transition Sessions 9.30am – 10.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Prep Orientation Days 9.30am – 12.30pm</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Week 7 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November</b></li> <li><b>Week 8 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Please note – there is a parent information session on each of these days on student wellbeing and school readiness.</b></p>	<p><b>Week 9 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>



If your child is unable to attend a Transition or Orientation session, please let our school know by contacting the office on 9786 3769.

Parents will be notified in writing of their child's 2025 prep grade and teacher once the transition and orientation program is completed.



## WELLBEING

**R U OK?**

## STARTING CONVERSATIONS

Conversations have the power to change lives - helping to create supportive communities where we can talk openly and feel empowered to seek help when we need it, is something we all should strive to do.

Here are some top tips about starting conversations with your children:

**Ask questions and listen**—Asking questions can give them space to express how they're feeling and what they're going through, and it will help you to understand their experience better. Try to ask questions that are open and not leading or judgmental, like "how does that affect you?" or "what does it feel like?"

**Think about the time and place**—Sometimes it's easier to talk side by side rather than face to face. So, if you do talk in person, you might want to chat while you are doing something else. You could start a conversation when you're walking, cooking or stuck in traffic. However, don't let the search for the perfect place put you off and if they take the opportunity to go first, try to listen. Remember conversations for them are often extremely hard to start as they are not sure of what your reaction will be!

**Treat them the same**—When a child has a problem and they open up about their problem, they don't want to be treated any differently. If you want to support them, keep it simple. Don't try and fix it—When someone has a problem, they're still the same person as they were before. Do the things you'd normally do. Be patient.

Always remember no matter how hard you try, children might not be ready to talk about what they're going through. That's ok – the fact that you've tried to talk to them about it, may make it easier for them to open up at another time when they feel more comfortable to talk to you.

If you continue to suspect that something isn't quite right with your child then perhaps try getting another person that your child knows and trusts to attempt to start a conversation with them.

I am often amazed at how much children will tell us when they feel that it is ok to share something without judgement or fear of getting into trouble.

Our kids will make mistakes as they go through life and we do want them to be able to open up to us.

## 50 Conversation Starters for Kids to Get Them Talking

1. What's the most interesting dream you've ever had?
2. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
3. What's your favourite thing about your teacher?
4. If you could have one superpower, what would it be?
5. What superpower would you *not* want to have?
6. What's something you really want to learn how to do?
7. What's your favourite part of the day?
8. What do you usually play at recess?
9. Do you like dinner or breakfast foods better?
10. Who is your best friend and what do you like about that person?
11. Did you learn anything new in school today?
12. If you could wish for three things, what would they be?
13. What's your favourite holiday?
14. What three words do you think describe your personality best?
15. What's your favourite subject?
16. If you could have any job, what would it be?
17. What's something that cheers you up when you're sad?
18. How does it make you feel when you see someone getting picked on?
19. What's one of your happiest memories?
20. Which school rule do you wish you could get rid of?
21. What do you think is the best part about being a grown-up?
22. What's the best part about being a kid?
23. What's the worst part about being a kid?
24. Do you want to be famous?
25. If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
26. What's something you wish you could change about the world?
27. What's something that really scares you?
28. What's something that makes you angry?
29. If you could only have five toys, which ones would you choose?
30. What do you think your friends like most about you?

31. If our pet could talk, what do you think they would say?
32. Who did you play with at school today?
33. What's one thing you're really looking forward to right now?
34. If you had a magic wand, what's the first thing you'd do with it?
35. What did you have for lunch today?
36. What's something that made you smile today?
37. What's the most important trait in a friend?
38. What's something that most people you know like, but you don't?
39. What do you think you're really good at?
40. Which of your friends is easiest to talk to?
41. What's the nicest thing anyone has ever said to you?
42. What's your favourite thing to do when you're alone?
43. What's your favourite thing to do with your friends?
44. What would you do if one of your best friends was doing something you thought was wrong?
45. What's something you're really, thankful for?
46. Who is someone you'd really like to meet?
47. What do you worry about most often?
48. If you could do anything you wanted right now, what would it be?
49. What's something you wish you were better at?
50. What's one thing you did to help someone recently?

**Not every conversation starter will trigger the lively discussion you may be hoping for, and that's OK. There's naturally going to be some trial-and-error when it comes to finding out what types of questions your child finds most engaging. Even the best conversation starter has the potential to be irritating to a sleepy, hungry or grumpy child. If you're after meaningful conversation, make sure the conditions are set up for success.**

**Keep trying to engage your children in conversations, often so much time is spent behind computer screens or texting which takes us away from the true art of those 'real' conversations.**



TALK AND LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED

**'Friends Learning Together' is a great motto!**

**Jo Booth, Sheila McDonagh, Janelle Doyle and Jackie Aitken  
(Wellbeing Team)**

# FRANKSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRODUCTION

## Production Night

**Wednesday 18th** September at Frankston Arts Centre 7-9pm

Performing Students:

- Dropped to designated spot at 6:30pm
- Collected from designated spot at conclusion of production (communicated to parents at the end of the show)

**Students will need:**

- drink bottle
- appropriate snacks
- small activities to do whilst backstage (no technology please)
- change of clothes as communicated by class teacher

More information to come next week...

## Whole School Rehearsal

**Wednesday 18th** September at Frankston Arts Centre 9-1pm

Students will need:

- water bottle
- snack and lunch in disposable bag
- smaller back pack to carry items (not school bag)
- full school uniform

Reminder: this excursion is covered under your child's local excursion permission form



## Ticketing & FPS Raffle

### Production Tickets

Reminder to purchase your Production tickets through the Frankston Arts Centre. The tickets are selling fast!

### Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the night. Efftop available. Go in the draw to win local business vouchers, including Bunnings!



*Thank you to the parents and carers who have been supporting our school and students with costume and prop preparations. Your generosity in helping bring our event come to life is very much appreciated.*



## UNLOCKING THE PAST ..... A STEP BACK IN TIME

### 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.





## Get ready to make change Victoria

You can now exchange eligible drink containers for 10 cents. Together we can make a positive difference to our community and our environment.

Frankston Primary School has registered to become a Fundraising donation Partner with Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme.

What a great way to support our school and to help clean up our environment at the same time.

Our Donation partner ID is : **C2000024816**

## It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

### Step 1

Collect eligible drink containers



Check for the 10c mark →

### Step 2

Find your refund point



Search interactive map →

### Step 3

Earn or donate your refund



Find out more →

Your containers can earn a 10 cent refund and do something good. Donate your valuable container refunds at your nearest refund point.





**Save \$400**

**on school uniforms,  
textbooks and  
activities**

CDS gives charities and community groups the opportunity to raise funds while making an impact. Once you are fully set up, you can donate their refunds and receive the opportunity to make a difference while making an impact. Once you are fully set up, you can donate their refunds and receive the opportunity to make a difference while making an impact. Once you are fully set up, you can donate their refunds and receive the opportunity to make a difference while making an impact.

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

**School Saving Bonus**

Find out more



**VICTORIA**  
State  
Government

Department  
of Education

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](http://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

**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**

Grade P-2 Swimming Program

**Monday 14th October**

Semper Dental Visit

**Wednesday 16th October**

**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**

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**



# 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



## 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!



550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale



Learn more: [moonlitsanctuary.com.au](http://moonlitsanctuary.com.au)

**Info : 5978 7935**



# Community News

## Artisticat

### FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. [www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au) There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$14 a class (exc GST)

The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

**LIMITED PLACES  
BOOK NOW!**

To book go to  
[www.artisticat.com.au](http://www.artisticat.com.au)





# 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.



acro★kids

**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

## Frankston Indoor Sports

Kids Birthday Parties Package Starts From \$260

Weekend Inflatable & Nerf Parties

**Venue Hire Available**





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**MPRG** MORNINGTON PENINSULA REGIONAL GALLERY



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MUSIC SCHOOL



KX Pilates Frankston  
+61 404 988 637

34A Wells Street  
Frankston VIC 3199

[kxpilates.com.au](http://kxpilates.com.au) | @kxpilates

**FRANKSTON**  
FOOTBALL CLUB  
EST. 1887



ENCHANTED  
ADVENTURE  
THE HOME OF TREE SURFING

SMALL  
IDEAS  
Melbourne



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Mornington Golf Club  
Est. 1904



**FRANKSTON  
FOOTBALL CLUB**  
EST. 1887



**SOCIAL  
FAIR**



**FUNCTIONS**  
BY THE BAY



# Frankston Primary School

*Friends Learning Together*



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

Davey Street, Frankston, 3199 T: (03) **9783 3769** E: frankston.ps@education.vic.gov.au  
[www.frankstonps.vic.edu.au](http://www.frankstonps.vic.edu.au)

Community Aspire Optimism Respect Resilience Empathy Inclusion