



Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024



Principal's Report



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week - there are some terrific photos in the following pages to view!

Prep 2025 - is your child enrolled?

Our Prep 2025 Transition and Orientation Program commences next week with the first online meet and greet session.

Please ensure if you have a child beginning Prep next year, that you grab an enrolment form from the office to confirm your child's placement in Prep and for the start of transition - a really important step in ensuring your child enjoys a successful start to their Prep year.



School Improvements

Buildings and Grounds Update

As a school and school council we continue the careful upkeep of our school, ensuring our buildings and grounds are maintained to a high level for our students. There have been a number of building and grounds updates over these past weeks, including:

- Early maintenance painting - including pole areas around the school in main traffic areas; external building areas around the upper Year 3/4 doorways; hall doors internal and external
- School ground maintenance
- Maintenance of oval and basketball court
- Plumbing work surrounding on-going blockages of student toilets.

Working Bee - Reminder

We are having a Working Bee coming up:

WHEN: Saturday 19th October

TIME: 8am - 12pm

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

Work will involve:

- Weeding and raking front staff car park garden area along Baxter Street
- Cleaning out and trimming trees of two x small fenced-off gardens junior building-side of student toilets
- Cleaning up garden soil area of small courtyard - near Environmental Science room
- Other?

We have limited garden tools - so we are really relying on helpers to bring along:

- Gardening gloves
- Weeding tools
- Rakes
- Tree clippers
- Wheelbarrow.



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Student Wellbeing

Social Media Safety - Information from the Department of Education

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online and on social media.

You can help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. You can explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules and boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your children the knowledge to make sound decisions online and confidence to ask for help when they need it. It is also important to stay informed about online safety.

The Department of Education recognises this important issue and has developed fact sheets about supports to help keep students safe online and what to do if they are involved in an online incident.

The fact sheets contain links to evidence-based information on supporting positive and safe online experiences, signs a child or young person might need support, what to do if something unsafe happens online, and where to reach out to for more support.

To access the fact sheets, refer to the [Safe Socials webpage](#). The fact sheets are available in 19 community languages.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON AGE LIMITS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

The government is also launching public consultation on age limits for social media.

You and your children can share your experiences to inform proposed changes via an online survey, before 5 pm on Friday 1 November 2024.

For more information on the survey and to take part, refer to [Proposed changes to social media age limits](#) on the Engage Victoria website.

If you have any queries about this information, you can contact the department by email: bullystoppers@education.vic.gov.au

150 Birthday Celebration

The count down is on to Friday 1st November!



The poster for the 150th birthday celebration at Frankston Primary School on Friday 1st November. It lists the following activities and times:

- 9:30 - 11:00: CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES (STUDENTS WITH PARENTS/CARERS)
- 9:15 or 10:15: SCHOOL TOURS (ADULTS - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY MON 28 OCT 4PM - VIA QR CODE)
- 9:30, 10:00, 10:30: OLD SCHOOL HOUSE TOURS (ADULTS - NO BOOKING REQUIRED)
- 11:00 - 12:00: HIGH TEA (ADULTS - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY MON 28 OCT 4PM - VIA QR CODE)
- 12:30 - 1:30: OFFICIAL CEREMONY (STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS & VISITORS)

QR codes are provided for the School Tours and High Tea activities. A circular logo at the bottom right of the poster reads "150 YEARS BENDING LEARNING TOGETHER".

Direct links:

* High Tea - adults - bookings essential
<https://www.trybooking.com/CVKQJ>

* Celebration Ceremony - no bookings required.

Fundraising activities include:

* silent auction - <https://www.32auctions.com/150FPS>

* memorial brick engraving - see link.
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qNPd_VzB-31VFbNM8vE1kj99t5wiSE5j/view?usp=drive link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qNPd_VzB-31VFbNM8vE1kj99t5wiSE5j/view?usp=drive_link)

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Renée Kennedy.





WELLBEING

ARE YOU AWARE OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS YOUR CHILD IS USING?

Times have certainly changed and social media platforms will continue to evolve and grow and whilst these technologies can be great for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, parents need to be proactive in monitoring their children's use. Sadly whilst there are minimum ages noted by the social media giants, very little is done systemically to enforce them so it is up to parents to monitor this.

I have highlighted the most commonly used social media platforms that many of our students are aware of and some are actually accessing at home. Hopefully it provides you with the information you need when deciding whether or not to allow your child to access these.

Children do talk about the social media platforms they use with other students and we want to encourage you to learn a little more about them before saying YES!

1. Instagram

Minimum age: 13 years

Users can snap, edit, and share photos and short videos. Privacy settings allow content to be private or public. The platform allows sharing and commenting. As long as the account is private, no one can view or comment on a post. Risks include sharing inappropriate content among friends and sharing location publicly by using the location tags

2. WhatsApp

Minimum age: 16 years

A widely popular messaging app, WhatsApp allows users to send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees. It limits access to only those people in your contact list. But people in a group chat who aren't on your contact list can communicate with you.

3. Snapchat

Minimum age: 13 years

A popular photo-sharing app, Snapchat lets users share pictures and videos for a preset length of time. Content will self-destruct when that time runs out. But keep in mind, people can still take screenshots and save the content. It gives a false sense of permanent deletion. The Discover feature may allow kids to have access to inappropriate content.

4. Twitter

Minimum age: 13 years

A microblogging site that has the option to keep 'tweets' private or public. It can help teens keep up with their friends and favourite celebrities. Even though Twitter has the option to delete a tweet, the posted content could have been copied or stored.

5. Facebook

Minimum age: 13 years

This widely used social media app lets users share pictures, videos, and comments. It also has an instant messaging feature. Facebook helps teens catch up with friends, family and events.

6. TikTok

TikTok can be safe for kids 13 years and older.

TikTok is intended for 13+ users according to the app's community guidelines. The app can be safe for teens with proper parental guidance. As you will note all the above sites have a minimum age of use. Children in primary school are deemed to be too young to be on these sites and whilst we cannot tell parents what to do in their own lives we can only advise parents in the strongest possible terms to reconsider their children's use of these platforms.

You can enable time limits and the content filter on your kid's phone and protect the settings with a passcode. Or you can download TikTok, create your own account, and use the Family Pairing feature to manage your kid's TikTok settings using your phone

Please see below for some tips of where to start:

5 Tips for **monitoring your child's social media**

1. Don't allow kids younger than 13 on Facebook.
2. Check the privacy settings on your child's phone and apps.
3. Use monitoring apps such as Net Nanny and WebWatcher to track your child's social media behaviour.
4. Have a discussion.
5. Stay educated.

How do I **manage my child's Social Media?**

1. Decide which sites they can join. Monitoring may start before your child even has a social media account.
2. Create an email account for your child. Many large providers for email allow children to have email addresses.
3. Set up an account together.
4. Turn on privacy settings.

'Friends Learning Together' is a great motto!

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

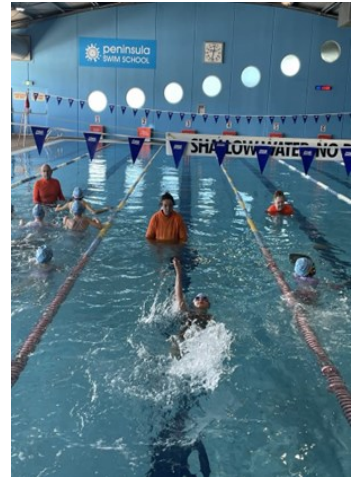
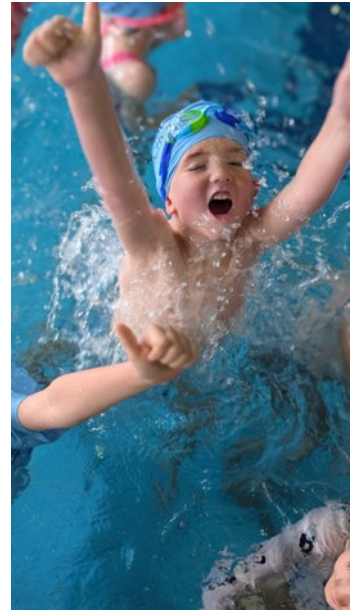
The Prep – 2s have started Term 4 with a splash! Our week-long intensive swimming program has been a huge success. The program allows the children to gain confidence and skills in the water, whilst enjoying time with friends and learning to work together. Not only do the children learn swimming skills, but they also develop many life skills. The children have demonstrated organisation, resilience, flexibility and positivity. Thank you, parents/carers, for being organised and providing all of the materials required.

A big thank you to the parents who came along to watch and support the children, we really appreciate your assistance at the pool. We are all extremely proud of the students for being great representatives of Frankston Primary School!

The Junior Team



Prep to Grade 2 Swimming



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

What a spectacular evening for our FPS community! A huge round of applause for our incredible students who took us on a whirlwind journey through times past as they celebrated 150 years of FPS history with story, music and dance.

Our Choirs, Drumming Group, and Aerobics Teams dazzled us with their performances. The Year 5/6 actors found a mysterious key that unlocked the past, weaving humour and drama into their time-traveling tale. Shout out to these talented crews for their enthusiasm and teamwork!

Let's not forget the Prep/One Team, who had us all spell-bound as they walked with dinosaurs and soared with pterodactyls. For many of these little stars, it was their first big stage experience—who knew cave people and explorers could be so adorable? Our Year 2 team took us back to the old school yard with flip-top desks and nostalgic games, while the 3/4 team spun us through the rock 'n' roll of the 1950s. The Year 5/6 team then wowed us with a disco dance spectacular from the 1970s and 1980s - proving that "Staying Alive" is still a crowd favourite. Behind the scenes, our busy 5/6 Backstage Crew worked like little ants, making sure everything ran smoothly.

Watching our students shine on stage filled our hearts with pride and brought tears of joy and big smiles from staff side-stage. We are sure many of our audience felt the same! Finally, for a bit of fun and a laugh, the staff took us through the eras with a well-choreographed and in time dance routine ...







Student Achievement—Congratulations



A huge congratulations to Harper for placing 3rd this week in the Schools District Northern Peninsula Division Year 11 Boys Hurdles!

A massive effort to achieve a placing – we are so proud of Harper!



SPOTLIGHT

Book Club ISSUE 7

WHY BOOKS ARE THE BEST PRESENTS!



- Books are a great source of entertainment for long car rides, beach days or during that quiet time before bed—no power points or chargers required!
- Reading the same book as a friend or family member means you have something to connect over and exchange opinions and ideas on.
- A book is such a thoughtful present because it takes time and consideration to pick the right one. Picking a book that is enjoyed and read over again is a sure sign that you truly know the gift recipient.

AGES 3+

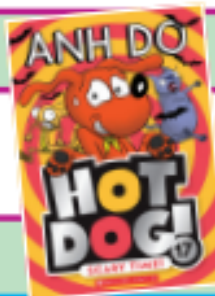
Martha May has marvellous manners, especially at Christmas. She writes very neat cards and gives very thoughtful gifts ... and she never forgets to leave yummy snacks for Santa Claus and his reindeer! But what will happen when Martha May gives Santa a giant pudding?! Find out in the explosive Christmas tale by Dave Hughes, Holly Ife and Philip Bunting! This Edition of Excuse Me, Santa! comes with a bonus letter and envelope to leave out for Santa!

EXCUSE ME SANTA!
ITEM 012



AGES 5+

A bushwalk to the famous Banana Waterfall sounds like fun ... until it turns into a Banana Water-fail! There's something spooky going on! What could it be?!



SCARYTIME!
(HOTDOG! #17)
ITEM 002

AGES 7+

Mina, Hana and Zora are returning to the Magic Forest for another epic adventure. The girls love when they get to spend time together, but it's even more special when they get to do it as Storm Dragons! With help from her twin sister and cousin, Mina must trust her instincts and use her roar to restore the balance of the forest's lightning storms. If they have any chance to save this special place, they must outsmart the Chaos Queen before she becomes even more powerful. Includes dragon fidget.

MINA THE LIGHTNING DRAGON
(The Dragon Girls #14)
ITEM 007



AGES 9+

Discover where it all began in this exclusive limited edition of The Dragonet Prophecy! Five dragonets have been chosen to fulfill a prophecy and end a terrible war between the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. But not every dragonet wants a destiny—and when Clay, Tsunami, Glory, Starflight, and Sunny decide to take fate into their own talons, the world will never be the same.



THE DRAGONET PROPHECY
(Wings of Fire: Limited Edition, Book 1)
ITEM 030

SCHOLASTIC

REMIND STUDENTS WHEN TO HAVE THEIR ORDERS PLACED BY:

25th October



Canteen Fundraising



Pizza Muffin

Ham or Vegetarian

Tues 15th October

Recess \$3.00 each



Milo Milkshake

Soy or Lactose free milk available

Wednesday 16th October

Recess \$2.50 each



Corn on the Cob

Tues 22nd October

Recess \$1.50 each



Pancakes with Maple Syrup

Wednesday 23rd October

Recess 2 for \$3.00

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



Save \$400
**on school uniforms,
textbooks and
activities**

Parents and carers
of Victorian school-aged children
will receive the one-off
School Saving Bonus

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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

Monday 14th 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 2024	FPS 150 Year Celebration Day	
Wednesday 6th November	2025 Prep Information Night	
Wednesday 6th November	Somers Camp—Selected Students Grade 5/6 Students	
Monday 11th November	Whole School Assembly	
Wednesday 20th Nov	Grade 3/4 Camp - Camp Briars	
Friday 22nd November	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	



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.





Starting Secondary School

 INFORMATION SESSION



STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL

ESSENTIAL TIPS FOR PARENTS

Transitioning into Year 7 can be a daunting and unknown experience for both parents and children. The move to secondary school is one of the most significant transitions in a child's education.

In this 60-minute session, you will learn essential tips and strategies to support your child. We focus on the emotional & social aspects that can impact confidence and well-being.

You will feel better prepared to guide your child through this key phase.

Our Speakers



Tara Watson



Michelle Galileos

www.parentconnections.com.au

Tara & Michelle work directly with teens who share what support they need from parents. This has formed the 'Essential Tips' session, with evidence-based strategies and tips that work.

SESSION INCLUDES

- Understanding the transition from Grade 6 to the Year 7 teen.
- Why teens behave the way they do.
- Tips to handle the changes in behaviour & the challenges.
- Support from here - You are not alone.

Attendees also receive free access to on-going support with the PC Community.

**PLEASE REGISTER
HERE**



DAY, XX MONTH, 2024
TIME | SCHOOL VENUE



Community News

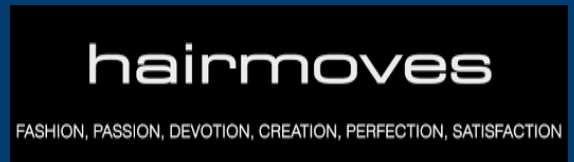
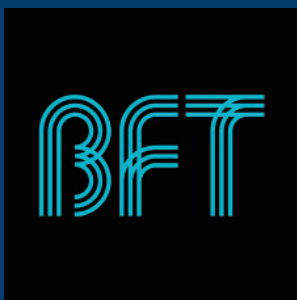
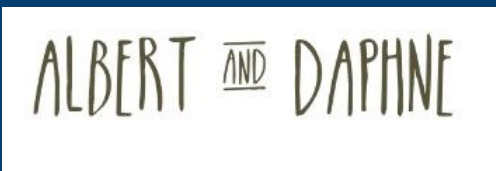
Get \$200 to help your child play sport!



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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.



 ENCHANTED
ADVENTURE
THE HOME OF TREE SURFING

 SEAROAD FERRIES
QUEENSCLIFF - SORRENTO

 EAGLE
ARTHURS SEAT



 MELBOURNE
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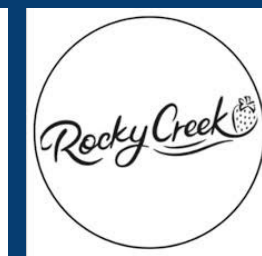

Rhino
TIGER
Bear



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SPIRITED
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B-B-Q
AT HOME

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 FUNCTIONS
BY THE BAY

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

FRIENDS LEARNING TOGETHER

Frankston Primary School

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

9:30 - 11:00

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES
STUDENTS WITH PARENTS/CARERS



9:15 or 10:15

SCHOOL TOURS
ADULTS - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY MON 28 OCT 4PM - VIA QR CODE

9:30, 10:00, 10:30

OLD SCHOOL HOUSE TOURS
ADULTS - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

11:00 - 12:00

HIGH TEA
ADULTS - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY MON 28 OCT 4PM - VIA QR CODE



12:30 - 1:30

OFFICIAL CEREMONY
STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS & VISITORS



Community Aspire Optimism Respect Resilience Empathy Inclusion