



Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025

Principal's Report



Welcome to Term One 2025 everyone! And a very special Frankston Primary School welcome to all of our new students and families and our new Prep students and Prep families, we are excited to have you as a part of our wonderful school community.

We have had a marvellously smooth start to our 2025 year and Term One. Our amazing staff have worked very hard over the holiday break and towards the start of this term in ensuring all of our students had warm, welcoming classrooms and learning environments to return to for the start of their new year.

I am very proud of our Frankston Primary students who have all returned fresh and ready for a brand new school year – working hard to sort all of their new school supplies, welcoming old and new friends and building positive starts within their new classrooms and with new teachers for their school year.

Welcome to New Staff

This year we are welcoming a number of new staff to our Frankston PS Team so I thought I would re-publish our staffing profile:

Prep & Prep/One Team:

- Prep 00A - Rebecca Wilson
- Prep/One 0/1A - Brooke Sandry

Year 1/2 Team:

- 1/2A - Linda Robertson
- 1/2B - Dani Rankin
- 1/2C - Natalie Quirk

3/4 Team:

- 3/4A - Rhi Drake / Leah Cooper
- 3/4B - Michelle Rudolph
- 3/4C - Jill Lynch

5/6 Team:

- 5/6A - Bron Green / Clare Hillas
- 5/6B - Sarah Elias
- 5/6C - Ciaran O'Connor

Specialist Team:

- Art - Janelle Doyle
- PE - Tim Bowden
- Performing Arts & Auslan - Dani Casey
- Environmental Science/STEM - Bec Thurgood
- Literacy Support - Carly Paul
- Numeracy Support - Sarah Penaluna
- Disability & Inclusion Leader - Michelle Polley
- Student Wellbeing Support - Janelle Doyle

Education Support Staff:

- Kelly Gosch, Angela Thompson, Laurelle Fisher, Claire Ruggeri, Paige Stannage, Zara Wiseman, Tegan DeYoung, Melissa Lee, Emma Thompson.

School Office:

- Tristan Cleary - Business Manager
- Mel Taylor - Office Administration

Principal Class:

- Jo Booth, Assistant Principal & Student Wellbeing Leader
- And myself!



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School Council 2024—2025

The final School Council meeting for our 2024 council is Tuesday 11th February, with our 2025 School Council's first meeting of the year being Tuesday 11th March.

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Frankston Primary School Council is made up of a parent body, staff representatives and a co-opted community member. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience.

School Council:

- is a focal point for decision making on governance school policies
- is the governing body at the school
- is a representative body at the school
- is a representative body with a membership reflecting the important partnership between students, teachers and parents
- is accountable to the local community.

School Council meets a minimum of eight times through the year and conducts an annual general meeting and annual reporting meeting in March.

This year we have these School Council parent positions vacant to fill:

- 6 two year tenure parent School Council positions.
- 1 one year tenure parent School Council position.

The first point of call is for nominations and then a possible election, if there are more nominations that positions vacant. Nominations open this Monday 3rd February - further information on the process and timeline will be sent out to parents on Monday by the school office via ClassDojo.

School Policies

School Privacy Policy and Collection Notice

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website [School Collection Notice](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

Dogs In school Policy

Whilst Frankston Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, including our school service dog, pet dogs are NOT permitted on school grounds. We ask that families please leave their pet dogs at home or safely tether them outside school grounds, well away from school entry and exit gates, when attending our school.

For a full coverage of our [Dogs In School Policy](#) - please see our policy on our school website.



School Improvements

Buildings and Grounds Update

Providing and maintaining safe and high quality buildings and grounds for our students remains an important focus for us as a school, with a number of projects completed over the holiday period.

Completed works include:

- Gutter and downpipe cleaning
- Oval and basketball court maintenance
- Mowing and tidying of sensory garden
- New softfall to both playground equipment areas
- Thorough school clean, including refreshed student toilets
- New yellow line guide markings
- Fresh seat painting in areas of the school.

School Saving Bonus Reminder and Support

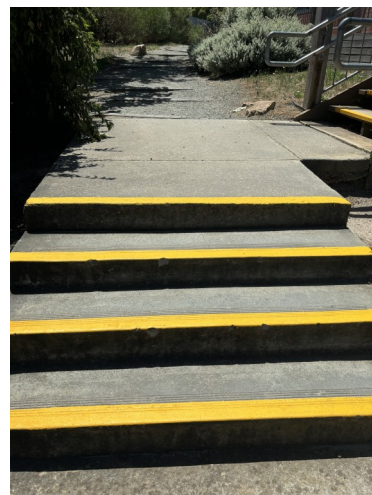
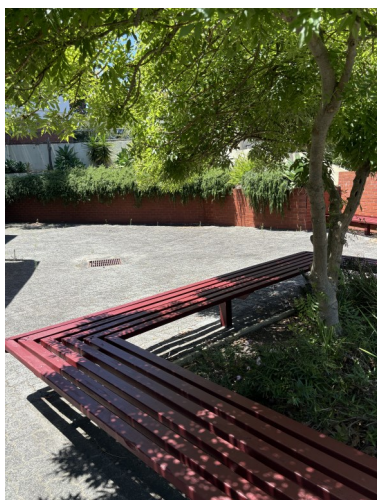
The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) - a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government students from Prep—Year 12 in 2025.

Most families should have now received their SSB codes and have started to take advantage of this government support.

If you have only recently completed your enrolment into the Victorian Government school system, you can expect to receive your SSB code/s in the coming weeks.

If you have transferred to our school from another Victorian government school, any remaining funds on your SSB code(s) will soon be available to use at our approved school suppliers. We request your patience as this change is processed through the system.

The Department of Education has established a dedicated contact centre to support the SSB. The contact centre can be reached by either [completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form](#), or calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.





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Breakfast Program Start Up

Foodbank Victoria, in partnership with the Victorian Government, delivers the School Breakfast Clubs Program in schools across Victoria.

We are pleased to share that we will again be able to offer our students the opportunity to enjoy breakfast before school this year.

Breakfast Program will commence this term in Week 3 - I am quite sure that many students are looking forward to the start up of this program in the mornings.

Breakfast Club Days

- Mondays
- Tuesdays
- Wednesdays
- Thursdays

Breakfast Club Times

- Strictly 8.30am - 8.50am (allowing students to enjoy breakfast and be ready at line up at 8.50am)

Breakfast Club Staffing

Our breakfast club will be coordinated by staff on these mornings and supported by amazing breakfast club parent and carer volunteers.

Staff:

- Michelle Polley - leadership staff
- Emma Thompson - daily coordinator

Parent Volunteers:

- Parent and carer volunteers require a current Working with Children Clearance.

Place of Breakfast Program

- Dolphin Centre

Breakfast Club Running Protocols

- Students may enter from 8.30am
- Breakfast is to be eaten at the Breakfast Club tables with students seated.
- All breakfast to be consumed inside.
- On finishing breakfast, students to exit to play and prepare for line up.
- Please note that the Breakfast Club area is an area for students - parents may drop their child/ren at the door for students to enter.

**** This helps form a quiet and valuable time for children to eat their breakfast together and connect before school. As well as assisting in the smooth and efficient running of Breakfast Club.**

Breakfast helps students thrive in the morning in their learning - we are looking forward to seeing all of our regular attendees and some new faces this year at Breakfast Club!

If you are interested in volunteering on one or more of these days, please notify Renee Kennedy.



Thank you for a great to the term!

Happy weekend everyone!

A Message to Parents and Carers from Frankston Primary School Council:



School Family Parent and Carer Payment Financial Contributions -

Did you know...

Curriculum contributions from our parents and carers contribute to:

- maintaining our school's grounds and facilities and help employ a grounds maintenance person
- help our school supply and update laptops and ipads for our students Prep – Year 6, including our 1:1 laptop ratios in Year 5/6
- purchase new sports equipment
- purchase new literacy texts and new maths equipment
- Purchase student wellbeing materials in support of positive student emotional and social learning.

Parents and Carers have received your 2025 Parent Payment contribution information – School Council believes that only through contributions from the WHOLE School community can we offer the best possible education, materials and support for our students and our school.

Council reminds our parent and carer community, that our school always welcomes payment plans and confidential discussions that supports parents and carers making alternative payment/instalment arrangements.

We thank you, for supporting our school this year in 2025 - your financial contributions through Parent Payments make a huge difference to what our school can supply our students.

Frankston Primary School Council



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

Term 1 Upcoming Events

Monday 17th February	School Assembly @ 2.45 in the school hall
Tuesday 18th February	Curriculum day— Student Free Day
Wednesday 19th February	District Swimming Trials—selected Students
Monday 3rd March	School Assembly @ 2.45 in the school hall
Monday 10th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 12th – Mon 24th March	Years 3 & 5 Student NAPLAN Testing
Monday 17th March	School Assembly @ 2.45 in the school hall
Monday 31st March	Glasses for Kids program years Prep—3 (More information to come)
Monday 31st March	School Assembly @ 2.45 in the school hall
Tuesday 1st April	District Athletics Track 3 - 6 - selected students
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Term 1 Easter Bonnet Parade—9.15am—10am 2.30pm Dismissal
Tuesday 22nd April	First Term 2

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.**

