



Friday 6th February 2026

Principal's Report



Welcome to Term One 2026! A very warm Frankston Primary School welcome to all of our students and families, with a special welcome to our new families and Prep students. We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant and supportive school community.

The 2026 school year has begun smoothly, with a wonderfully positive start to Term One. Our dedicated staff worked tirelessly over the holiday break and in the lead-up to the term to ensure every classroom was warm, welcoming, and ready to support high-quality learning from day one.

I am incredibly proud of our Frankston Primary students, who have returned enthusiastic, organised, and eager for the year ahead. They have settled into their new classrooms beautifully — managing new school supplies, reconnecting with friends, welcoming new classmates, and forming strong, positive relationships with their teachers as they begin their learning journey for the year.

School Staff

This year our staffing profile includes:

Prep Team:

- Prep 00A - Rebecca Wilson/Clare Hillas
- Prep 00B - Brooke Sandry

Year 1/2 Team:

- 1/2A - Linda Robertson/Natasha Beattie
- 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 - James Graham / Clare Hillas
- 5/6B - Sarah Elias

Specialist Team:

- Visual Art - Janelle Doyle
- PE - Tim Bowden
- Performing Arts & Auslan - Dani Casey
- Environmental Science/STEM-Bec Thurgood
- Literacy Support - Carly Paul
- Disability & Inclusion Leader -Michelle Polley
- Mental Health in Primary Schools - Bec Wilson
- Learning & Teaching Leader - Mel McGeoch

Education Support Staff:

- Kelly Gosch, Angela Thompson, Laurelle Fisher, Claire Ruggeri, Zara Wiseman, Tegan DeYoung, Emma Marshall, Eden Oakes, Georgia Leavold, Ripley Tippett, Bec Day, Hayley Sulemani, Caitlin Philp, Ava Grysza.

School Office:

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

Jo Booth is taking extended leave for Term One - we wish her well and look forward to her return.



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School Council 2025—2026

The final School Council meeting for our 2025 council is Tuesday 17th February, with our 2026 School Council's first meeting of the year being Tuesday 17th 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:

- 2 x two year tenure parent School Council positions.

The first point of call is for nominations and then a possible election, if there are more nominations that positions vacant. Nominations open Monday 9th February -

further information on the process and timeline will be sent out to parents on Monday by 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.





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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
- Tree Maintenance



Parent Consent Forms

Our school gains parent consent on your child's enrolment, for the following areas:

- Photography, filming and recording for social media (Facebook and Instagram), Class Dojo and within school
- Local Excursion
- PG Movie
- Sunscreen.

Please note, that should you wish to change your original consent to these areas, please contact our school office in writing through Frankston.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

IT Acceptable Use Agreement

At Frankston Primary School we are committed to building a culture of respect and responsibility.

We show this in the way we use technology and interact online. We teach our students about responsible digital behaviours, including how to recognise and respond to online dangers and threats. We support students to develop the digital skills they need to make a positive impact in the world.

We are intentional and discerning about our integration of digital tools into the curriculum, providing rich, interactive and personalised experiences, while ensuring a balance with offline learning opportunities.

Over the next few weeks class teachers will be discussing the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement with all students.

For Parent and Carer information - please see:

[Acceptable Use Agreement](#) on our school website.



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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.

Breakfast Club Days

- Mondays - 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:

- Emma Marshall - Daily Co-Ordinator

Parent Volunteers:

- Parent and carer volunteers require a current Working with Children Clearance - we are looking for more volunteers!

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 and creating a child safe area for children.

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, for Breakfast Club or volunteering in the canteen please notify Mel Taylor in the school office.

See you Tuesday 17th February!

As you read this newsletter I am already one week into my leave - and will have transferred from skiing in Chamonix (France) to Zermatt (Switzerland).

I look forward to seeing everyone on my return - and know that our school is in great hands with all of our amazing staff.

Happy weekend everyone

and see you soon!

Renée Kennedy

Principal.





School Council Message to Families

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 all of our students, 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.

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 in 2026 - your financial contributions through Parent Payments make a huge difference to what our school can supply our students.

Frankston Primary School Council



Office News

CSEF

Applications for the 2026 Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund have now opened for this year.

The Camps, Sport and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is available to families holding a valid means tested concession and/or health care card.

The CSEF payments are paid directly to the school and made available to families to spend on camps, sports, excursions and in-visits. The CSEF payment cannot be used towards uniforms or other expenses unrelated to the above listed items.

From 2026, eligible families will see an increase in support from \$154 to \$400 per student. Families with more than one child at the same school can combine (or pool) their CSEF to use on one child or for a specific activity (for example, a camp).

If you believe you are eligible, please contact the school office for an application form (both digital and hard copy available).

If you have previously been a recipient of the CSEF, you do not need to submit a new application unless your circumstances have changed (ie, a new sibling has commenced at the school, you've had a change of name or CRN).

Applications close on July 4th, 2026.

School Savings Bonus (SSB)

The School Savings Bonus (SSB) payments in 2025 was a once off payment. There will be no SSB payment provided for 2026. If you still had a remaining SSB balance on your school account, they can still be utilised and will not have expired.

Colour Run

We are super excited to be hosting a Colour Run in 2026.

Our colour run will be help on the last day of term, Thursday April 2nd. There will be some exclusive prizes available throughout the fundraising campaign—details on these will be announced in the coming weeks so stay tuned!



Details Update Form

In the next couple of weeks, a form will come home with your oldest student to ensure the details we have on file are accurate. Please complete the form in it's entirety where possible.

Some of the details we obtain during the course of your students enrolment relate to our funding. Having updated details ensures we are funded correctly. If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.



WELCOME BACK

Coming soon — Compass

We are very excited to announce that we have made the decision to switch our school's Student Management System to Compass in 2026. Our Compass platform will go live from Term 3.

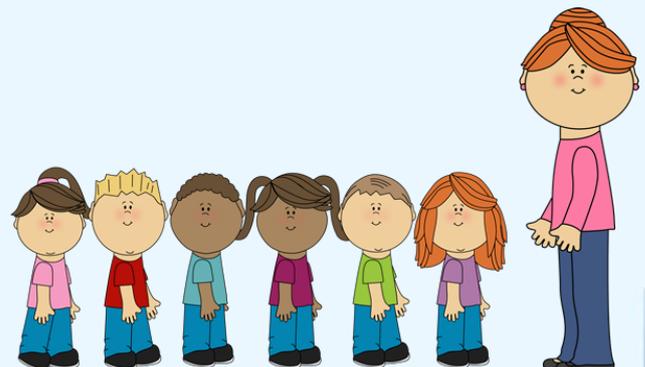
Some families may be familiar with Compass through siblings or experiences at other schools, while other families may not be familiar with the platform at all.

We will be hosting a parent information evening in Term 2 to assist anyone with setting up their account and to answer any questions you may have about Compass.

We're so excited for the 2026 school year and look forward to supporting students and families throughout the year. As always, please feel free to contact us via phone or email should you have any questions!

Yours truly,

Tristan, Mel & Kelly



Specialist Team

Welcome Back!

Welcome to all our FPS families for 2026!

Hello and welcome back! It has been fabulous to have so many parents/carers and students coming up to say hello, Don't forget if you can't catch us on the days we are working – ClassDojo is a great way to connect.

Your child's teacher will post via Dojo the days students have Specialist classes. Watch out for Specialist Team information about upcoming events, class activities and the fun stuff that we all love to see!

Reminder- We love to hear from you!

Just a reminder too as well as saying Hello – we would love to hear from you if you have a special interest or are keen to support the Specialist Programs. This could be anything from providing upcycled materials for Visual Arts, assisting with garden preparation, sharing Austan skills, costume making and attending sporting events. It is always good to check in with us first as to what you may be able to help with. We know there are lots of hidden talents out there...

Visual Arts

It has been wonderful to see the great start made not only by our returning FPS students, but also our fabulous 2026 Preppies and some new faces in other classes!

In our initial Visual Art classes, we have worked on our class agreements, safe movement and use of resources guidelines. Then we moved on to creating our own personal art diaries ready for the year's art adventures ahead!

Our P-2 student focus is on exploration of colour, line, crayons, water colour and self-portraits.

Our 3-6 student focus will be on how Visual Arts can be used as form of self-expression through exploration of media including drawing and collage materials.

Janelle Doyle

Visual Arts

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday





Physical Education

Welcome back to Physical Education in 2026. I'm very excited to be part of the Frankston Primary School community and am looking forward to keeping our students physically active! Our current focus with our Year 3-6 students will be focusing on Athletic skills relevant to 100M and 200M running as we have District Athletics fast approaching. Our P-2 students will be focusing on cooperative play, enjoyment and learning about expectations in P.E through inclusive, engaging and challenging games.



Tim Bowden

Physical Education

Monday/Thursday/Friday

Auslan

I am thrilled to be starting the 2026 year off with Auslan and then moving into Performing Arts in Semester Two. I'm so excited to be working with students to build their knowledge of Auslan and the Deaf community. The first few weeks of this term we will be looking at the hand-shapes that are used to create our words and learning about their dominant hand and learning basic greetings and manners.

Dani Casey

Auslan/ Performing Arts

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday



Environmental Science

What a terrific start we've had in Environmental Science & STEM. All classes spent their first lesson with Mrs Thurgood discussing safety and expectations for all students in the EnviroScience room, as well as completing activities that focused on sustainability and teamwork.

Bec Thurgood

Environmental Science & STEM

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday





Just a friendly reminder that all children are required to wear a school broad-brimmed hat during the months of August to the end of April.

August to end of April the following year is Sun Smart time - and a school broad-brimmed hat is a compulsory part of school uniform - keeping our students (and staff) safe from harmful UV rays through this high UV index period

Please remember to name your child's hat so that we can get it back to them in a timely fashion.

We all want our students to be able to learn and play outdoors, but as educators we need to support children and families to know the risk of UV. By teaching sensible sun protection habits from an early age and implementing sun protection measures, schools and early childhood services can play a significant role in reducing skin cancer risk.

[Sun-Smart-Policy-2022.pdf \(frankstonps.vic.edu.au\)](#)



Leadership & SRC Ceremony

Dear Parents and Carers,
Our 2026 Leadership and SRC
Presentation Ceremony will take
place on Thursday 26th February
commencing 9.15am (sharp)
in the school hall.

Please be seated by 9.10am
We look forward to seeing you all
and celebrating our 2026 leaders!



Canteen—Fundraising Weeks 2 & 3

Pizza Muffins—
Ham or Vegetarian
options available



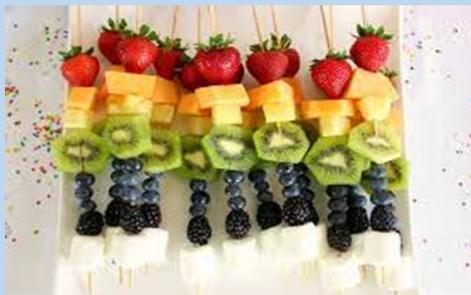
Recess
Tuesday 10th February
\$2.50

Milo Milkshakes



Recess
Wednesday 11th February
\$2.00

Fruit Kabab



Recess
Tuesday 17th February
\$2.50

Dim Sims



Recess
Wednesday 18th February
2 for \$2.00

Friday's Canteen—Fundraising



FRIDAY LUNCH TIME ICE
CREAMS & ICY POLES ARE
BACK!

Zooper Doopers \$1.00 Each

Ice Creams \$2.00 Each



****** Please note only 1 ice cream or zooper
dooper per child******





Friends Learning Together

FPS Calendar Term 1

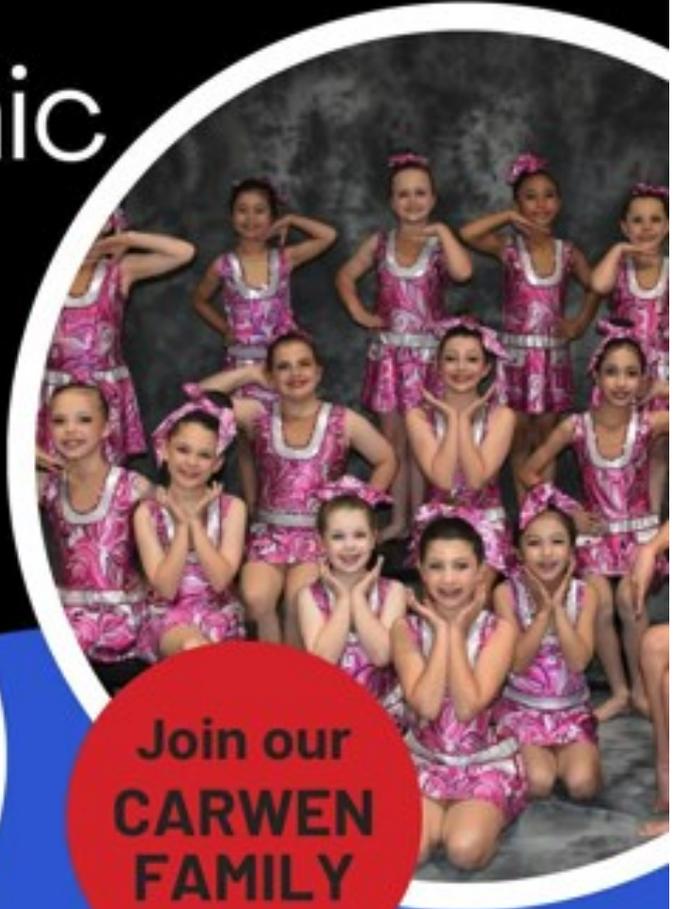
WHAT'S ON

Monday 9th February	Whole School Assembly 2.45pm—School Hall
Tuesday 17th February	School Council Meeting
Wednesday 18th February	District Swimming (Selected Students) - Pines Pool 7am - 8.30am
<u>Thursday 19 February</u>	<u>Curriculum Day</u>
Monday 23rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fathering Project 7.30am School Assembly
Thursday 26th February	Year 6 Leadership Badge Assembly 9.15am
Friday 27th February	Parent and Carers Meeting - 9am All welcome
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11th March - Monday 23rd March	NAPLAN Assessment - Year 3 and Year 5 students
Tuesday 17th March	School Council Meeting
Monday 23rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Track Event - selected Year 3 - 6 students 2nd Hand Uniform Shop - 3pm Assembly 2.40pm
Wednesday 25th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harmony Day Morning Tea 10.15am Harmony Day Activities 11.30 - 1.30pm
Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 30th - Specialist Teachers Tues 31st - Prep - Year 2 Wed 1st April - Year 3—6
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 1— 2.30pm Finish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colour Run



Carwen Calisthenic College

Come and try a unique style of dance that blends gymnastics, ballet and more! Our Open Nights are free!



Join our
**CARWEN
FAMILY**

AGES AS OF 31ST DEC 2026

- Tots/Tinies ages 3-7 Thurs 4th Dec 4:15 - 5:30pm
- Sub Juniors ages 8-10 Tues 2nd Dec 5:00 - 6:30pm
- Juniors ages 11-13 Thurs 4th Dec 5:30 - 7:00pm
- Inters/Seniors ages 14+ Tues 2nd Dec 7:00pm

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY FILLING OUT OUR EOI FORM FOUND IN OUR INSTAGRAM BIO
 **CARWENCALISTHENICS**

For further information, email us on:
carwencc@gmail.com



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Community News

Stage School Australia

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For ages 4 - 18.



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Melbourne!**

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Community Aspire Optimism Respect Resilience Empathy Inclusion