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# NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3 Friday October 23rd 2026

We are delighted to celebrate the positive results reflected in our recent School Performance Report. These results highlight the strong work taking place across our school and reflect our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality teaching and learning for every student.

We are particularly proud of the hard work, effort and commitment our students demonstrate each day. Their willingness to learn, embrace challenges and strive to achieve their personal best is an important part of our school's success.

These achievements are also a testament to the dedication of our staff and the ongoing support of our parents and carers. Thank you to our entire school community for the important role you play in creating a positive learning environment where every student is supported to learn, grow and thrive and achieve their best.

We are proud of our school's achievement and together we look forward to building on this success in the future.

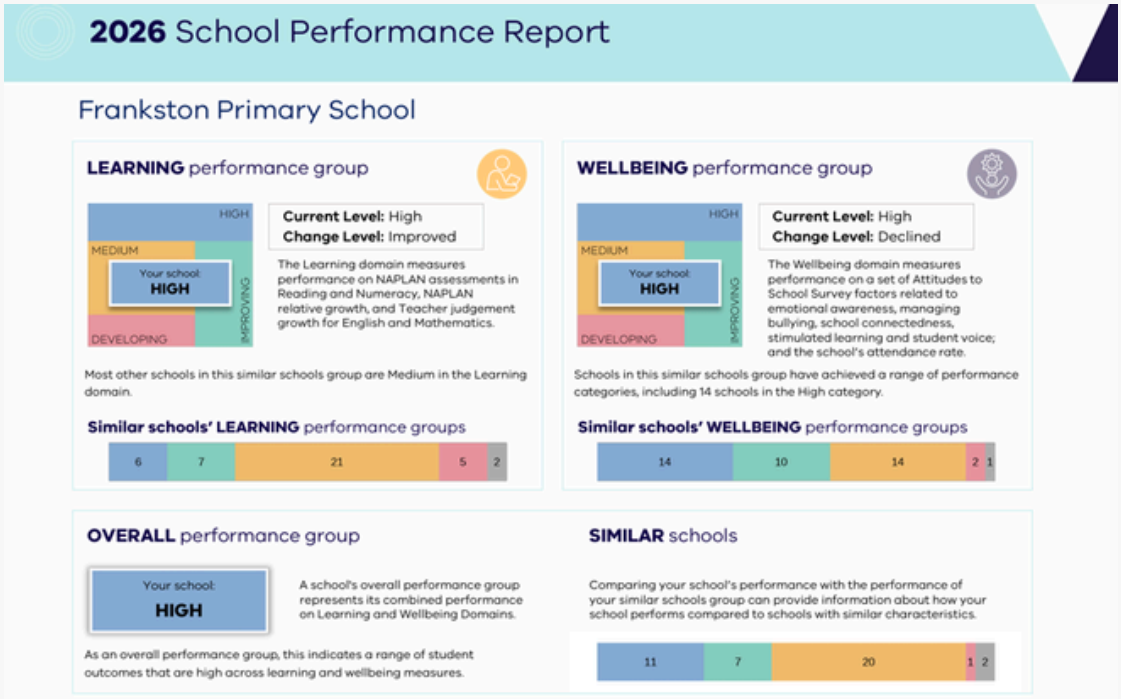
## Student Wellbeing - Child Safe Standards

**Important information re: Changes to the Working with Children Check (WWCC) system**

**Details**

From 19 October 2026, schools must notify the Social Services Regulator (SSR) of the details of all the workers or volunteers that engage to do child-related work through a new online system called WWC Connect. This system will help the Social Services Regulator to see where people with WWC Clearances are working and volunteering. It will also let them act faster if someone's WWC Clearance stops being valid.

The SSR requires all WWCC cardholders to complete a mandatory online child safety training module when their WWCC is next due for renewal (once every 5 years). It takes about 30 minutes and is separate (and different) from the school's child safety training for staff and volunteers.



**What this means for Parents and Carers**

Frankston Primary School requires all volunteers to have a valid WWCC under our volunteer's policy. We are very grateful to our many volunteer parents and carers who help us with many student activities – in the classroom, on excursions, camps, at concerts, sports days, breakfast program, canteen, school council and parent and carer association etc.

**What are school will be doing**

If you help at our school in a volunteer role, our school is required to enter your details into the new WWC Connect system. We will do this when you start and finish volunteering, and at any time your details change. Only schools can enter this information. Volunteers cannot do this yourself.

**What we need from you**

If you are a volunteer at our school, we will be collecting the below information from you (we will have parent and carer details. We will need to collect this from a family member if they volunteer and we do not have direct contact details).

- Name on WWCC, WWCC number and expiry date
- Address, phone and email

**Privacy notice:** The department is collecting your personal information to meet requirements under the Worker Screening Act 2020. We will share this information with the Social Services Regulator, and with others where the law allows it. You can ask to see or correct your personal information by contacting our school office. To learn more, please read the privacy policy at vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy.

Thank you for your help with these changes to support our culture of child safety, and for all the support you give our school as a volunteer.

## Student Wellbeing - Revised Child Safe Policy

**Child Abuse (including grooming) – Identification and Response Policy and Procedures**

Our school and school staff are committed to providing an environment where our students are safe and feel safe. Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm.

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. Our school has reviewed and revised one of our Child Safety Policies in line with recent Education Department updates. The Mandatory Reporting Obligations Policy has now been replaced by the Child Abuse (including grooming) – Identification and Response Policy and Procedures. The updated policy is available on our website.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to email frankston.ps@education.vic.gov.au – Attention: Renée Kennedy.

Our families are important partners in this process, and we welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## What's New in the School

**150 Birthday Celebration Family Tiles**

Great news to share that our 150-birthday family tile display has been completed. This work commenced on the school holidays (held up by rain the 2nd weeks) and was completed with the beautiful sunshine last weekend.



The display looks great in our little office courtyard. We have had a number of families come past this week to look at it – please feel free to come past to view this display.

## Before and After School – Parking and Safety for All

Before and after school car parking times around our school can be tricky when it is busy.

Just a reminder to all around some safety measures for families and children:

- If parking and leaving your car – please see if you can leave the front of the school for cars pulling straight in and out
- Please ensure parking is legal – there have been a few council parking members around
- If parking across the road – please walk across to your child and support them by crossing the road with them, this ensures their safety as they cross in between cars.

A reminder that the **staff car park is for staff cars only** – this is vitally important as staff come in and out of this car park regularly and require easy access to workplace parking.

We thank you all for your cooperation and understanding in these areas that supports these safety measures for all and hopefully an ease for all parents and carers in these times.

## Staffing Update

We would like to wish Miss Quirk all the very best as she begins her maternity leave and prepares for this exciting new chapter in her life. We thank her for the care, dedication and warmth she brings to our school community and know that she will be greatly missed while she is away. We wish Miss Quirk and her growing family lots of love, happiness and special moments as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.

Miss Quirk's final day at work is Friday 30th October.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Amy Finocchiaro and Mrs Linda Robertson (working between 1/2A and 1/2C) as our 1/2C Teaching Team for the remainder of the year.



Hoping everyone has a lovely weekend.

Renée Kennedy
Principal

# TERM 4 CALENDAR

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| Monday 26th October | • Fathering Project<br>• Whole School Assembly |
| Monday 26th October-Wednesday 28th October | 3/4 Briars Camp |
| Tuesday 3rd November | No School - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday |
| Monday 9th November | Whole School Assembly 2:40pm |
| Monday 23rd November | Whole School Assembly 2:40pm |
| Tuesday 1st December | General Up-Day Transition 9:15am-11am |
| Monday 7th December | Whole School Assembly 2:40pm |
| Tuesday 8th December | Year 1-6 Orientation Transition Session 9:15am-11am |
| Wednesday 16th December | Year 6 Graduation 5:30pm |
| Thursday 17th December | Year 1-6 Orientation Transition Session 9:15am-12:30pm |
| Friday 18th December | • Final Assembly 9:15am<br>• Last day of term - early finish 1:30pm |

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