Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. It has been great catching up with the students, staff and parents to find out what has been happening over the Christmas break. I would like to welcome all of the new families that have started at Frankston East and we hope you enjoy your time with us. Our preps have commenced their schooling and we are looking forward to working with them on their learning journey over the next 7 years.

It is always a busy time over the school holidays where a lot of maintenance works are undertaken around the school. Trees have been pruned, garden beds mulched, playgrounds mulched and equipment has been serviced. The whole school has been cleaned from top to bottom. Work is well underway in the room next to the Uniform shop where our breakfast program will eventually operate. Keep your eye on the newsletter later this term when the Café will be open for business.

Our Year 6 students were very excited on Monday when their Year 6 shirts and jumpers arrived. They were all looking fantastic when they left for home on Monday afternoon.

Beach Day
On Friday February 20th we will be holding our annual Beach Day at Canadian Bay Beach. This is a great day where the whole school is able to explore the rock pools at Canadian Bay. This year, the school will be fully subsidising the cost of this excursion. As such, there will be no charge to students to attend. All that will be required is a signed permission form for each student. Permission forms will be sent home in the near future.

Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards
Bikes, scooters and skateboards should not be ridden in the school grounds as this causes a safety issue for the pedestrians within the grounds. Upon arrival at school, students should walk their bike or scooter to the bike shed. The bike shed is locked up shortly after 9am by the monitors and unlocked again just before 3.30pm.

Staff Carpark
Just a gentle reminder that the staff carpark should not be used as a pedestrian entrance to the school grounds. There are pedestrian entrances on Frawley Street, Ashleigh Avenue and at the main office on Mena Street. The staff carpark is for vehicle access only.

Hot weather
Melbourne will experience extremely high temperatures over the back to school period. Parents/guardians are reminded that on hot days it is important never to leave children alone in the car. Temperatures inside a parked car during summer can be around 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature. Leaving children in hot cars, even for a moment, can result in serious injury or death. Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at greater risk of life threatening heat stroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Speed Zones
The Department would like me to remind the school community of the importance of road safety around schools. School Speed Zones will...
be enforced from the commencement of the school year. We are fortunate that the speed limits around our school are permanently set at 40km/h.

Uniform Policy
Included with the newsletter is a copy of the School Council approved Uniform Policy and uniform items. The rationale of the policy is that a uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. The policy clearly identifies what are acceptable and unacceptable items of uniform. We greatly appreciate your support of the Uniform Policy.

Student accident insurance/Ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school
We would like to advise parents/guardians that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that you seek assistance in this matter with your insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Student of the Week
Monday 9th February

P/1M—Belinda A.—For being a great classroom leader.

P/1S—Holly B.—For being a great classroom leader.

1/2W—Patricia R.—For working extremely well in 1/2W.

2/3H—Mia R.—For being a great worker in class.

3/4B—Scott S.—For settling in well to his new class.

3/4S—Hally-Rose T.—For a great attitude in class and always finishing her work.

5/6O—Bethany McC.—For a great effort on her Year 7 Maths.

5/6S—Jade C.—For fantastic high quality book work.

Until next time,
Brian McFall
Principal
UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:
- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:
- School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rings) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in Term 1 until May 1st and all of Term 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.

Evaluation:
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

February 2012

References: Exec Memo 95/022 – Student Dress Codes
FRANKSTON EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer:
Blue and white checked dress
Navy skort or skirt
Navy shorts
Red polo shirt
Red windcheater
Navy surf style school hat

Winter:
Red polo shirt
Red windcheater
School bomber jacket (optional)
Navy skirt
Navy track pants or boot leg pants

Please Note:

1. The school navy surf hat must be worn outside at all times during term and until the 1\textsuperscript{st} of May and again during term four.

2. The following items are not to be worn at school.

   Thongs, tank tops, halter neck tops, make up, transfers, coloured nail polish, dangling ear rings, jewellery, extreme hair fashions
and children.

When you first came to our school you may have seen my office with the sign Student Wellbeing. As part of my role as Student Wellbeing Manager I have a strong commitment to further strengthen the bond between FEPS and your child but more importantly the bond between yourself and your children.

In order to provide our school community with the best resources and information available to assist us all in our joint role of teaching and parenting our school is a member of Parentingideas which is Australia’s leading provider of parent education resources to schools. It is headed by Michael Grose, a well known author of books such as “Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change it.”

We also have some informative and interesting reading material which can be borrowed by parents at any time. These books have been recommended by our DEECD Psychologist and our Psychologist from onPsych who works here on a weekly basis. Titles include

‘Beyond Cyberbullying’ by Michael Carr-Gregg
‘Raising Girls’ by Steve Biddulph
‘Teach Your Kids to Shrug’ by Michael Grose
‘Great Ideas for (Tired) Parents’ by Michael Grose
‘One Step Ahead Raising 3-12 Year Olds’ by Michael Grose
‘Thriving’ by Michael Grose
Raising Confident Girls by Ian and Mary Grant
Idolising Children by Daniel Donahoo
Odd Girl Out by Rachel Simmons
21st Century Girls by Sue Palmer
1-2-3 Magic for Parents

This year I will continue to provide more insightful and helpful information from Parentingideas as well as bringing to your attention the details of any programs or forums that are being offered by local organisations.

As this is the start of a new school year I have reproduced an article on ‘Parents Working with Teachers’ to achieve the best possible outcome for your child. Michael Grose has provided 10 valuable tips to help you assist your child with their learning.

Know what your teacher is trying to achieve
Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
3 Support your teacher’s expectations and activities at home
4 Send kids to school ready to learn and on time each day
5 Inform us early of your child’s challenges and changes
6 Skill children to work with others
7 Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties
8 Participate fully in class and school activities
9 Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience
10 Talk up what happens at school

Please remember my door is always open if you have any queries or concerns.

Barb Heeney – Student Wellbeing Manager
Happy Birthday

Jan 1st        Jayden S.        P/1S
Jan. 3rd       Ryan P.         P/1S
Jan. 4th       Tristan T.      1/2W
Jan. 6th       Sophie M.       1/2W
Jan. 8th       Tanisha F.      P/1M
Jan. 15th      Riley O.        5/6S
Jan. 16th      Dyan C.         P/1S
Jan. 22nd      Jaxton E.       2/3H
Jan. 26th      Caleb J.        3/4S
Jan. 28th      Grace K.        3/4B
Jan. 30th      Matthew L.      3/4B
Jan. 31st      Ceasar S.       P/1M
Feb. 7th       Sarah P.        5/6S
Feb. 8th       Kooper Y.       P/1S
Feb. 9th       Kayden C.       3/4B
Parris B.      5/6O

Cherry Tomatoes For Sale

On Monday afternoon at 3:20 Cherry tomatoes from our school vegie garden will be sold for a gold coin donation per bag. They will be for sale each Monday afternoon at the shelter shed near the vegie garden until the season finishes. First in best dressed!

Jill Stanszus

SCHOOL PARKING

Please observe the signs as they are there to protect our children and help with the flow of traffic that can become hectic.

Parking inspectors do patrol around the school and please use the school crossing.

Uniform Shop Operating Hours

The operating hours are:

TUESDAY – 8:45 – 9:15am
FRIDAY - 8:45 – 9:15am and 3:15 – 3:45pm

Student Attendance last week

Percentage of students at school 98.1%
Percentage of students on time 96.9%
School Banking resumes this Friday 6th February. If any students are interested in school banking please see us at the office to collect a form.

Thank you
Office Staff

FRANKSTON LAUGHTER CLUB
Come and enjoy a little fun as you stretch with gently exercise & ending with a laugh………

Friday’s 1:30pm—2:30pm
Frankston South Recreation Centre
55 Towerhill Road, Frankston
Phone: 9293 7122
During school terms
Cost: $2.60—donated to centre
All ages and abilities are welcome.

Flakey Jake's
FISH & CHIPS
Phone Orders Welcome
PH: 9783 2453
Trading Hours:
Monday: CLOSED
Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10.30AM - 8.00PM
Friday, Saturday: 10.30AM - 8.30PM
Sunday: 11.30AM - 8.00PM
Summer daylight savings open 30 mins longer
OPEN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS Except Christmas Day
Shop 1, 151-153 Beach Street, Frankston
Frankston East Primary School
Mission Statement

To provide outstanding learning and welfare programs that meet the current and future needs and aspirations of our students.

Outcomes

To foster responsible citizenship and create a love for lifelong learning.
To foster the development of self-esteem and resilience.

Values

Caring    Fairness    Sharing
Enjoyment  Enthusiasm    Passion
Tolerance  Respect    Honesty    Integrity
Innovation    Flexibility    Vision
Harmony

Honour and Truth

Behaviours
At Frankston East Primary School:

❖ everyone has the right to enjoy learning in a safe and caring environment.
❖ everyone has the right to be treated with tolerance, sensitivity, respect and honesty.
   ❖ we accept individual differences in every way and celebrate these.
❖ we are committed to teaching, learning and working together as a community.
   ❖ we have the ability to respond and adapt to a changing society
   ❖ we believe that fun is part of learning