Dear Parent/Guardians,

It’s hard to believe it is only 13 days until the end of the school year. As you all know, this is an extremely busy time of the year. Teachers are currently putting the final touches to the end of year reports. Reports will sent home on Friday December 16th.

Music Extravaganza
We have been busy with bands and choirs over the last 10 days. The McClelland College Year 7 band performance, Berwick Primary School Year 6 band and Performing Arts group and last Friday the Doreen Primary School Band and Choir performed with our Band and Choir in the St John’s PS Performing Arts Centre. Both schools put on a 90 minute performance for our whole school and the Year 5/6 students from St John’s Primary. It was a great event. I was impressed by all performances and the St John’s kids were thankful to be a part of the whole thing. The Doreen and FEPS band and choir students participated in workshops in the afternoon before the Doreen students had to head back to school. They all had a great time. It was interesting talking to the Doreen students during lunchtime. The music and bell was a treat for them when it was time to go inside. As they told me, they just have a ‘ding-a-ling’ bell that someone walks around and rings. I would like to thank Mr Marsh for organising this event. We are planning for our students to visit Doreen next year and this may become a regular event with both schools. Normally we would publish a video of the performance on FEPSv, but as we had students from other schools involved, we have made this video only available within the school.

Andjelija is a great role model for our school. She is friendly, organised and responsible. Andjelija always listens hard to instructions and is sure to follow them correctly. She puts lots of effort into her work, making sure it’s the best she can do and that it’s presented beautifully.

Andjelija is kind and makes an effort to get along with everyone. She has taken many opportunities this year to get involved in school activities, like being a part of the choir. Andjelija is a fantastic student and has been a great member of our grade.

It can be seen on the TV in the school office if you are interested.

Year 6 Graduation
Our Year 6 students will be participating in their Graduation Ceremony on Friday this week and they are all looking forward to this full day event. It is a big day for our graduating class and I am looking forward to joining them on Friday, starting at 9:30am.

Carols Night
Wednesday next week will see our annual Carols here at the school. The kids have been working hard to get ready for our festive performance. The performance will start at 7:00pm with the PFA running a sausage sizzle from 5:30pm. Please remember that students should be accompanied by an adult to the night and that all students will be sitting with their grade for the duration of the performance.

Kelly Sports Day
Kelly sports will be running a Sports Day on Friday December 16th here at school. It will be similar to
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the event we held last year. It is due to start at 9:30am—11:30am and everyone is welcome to come along and watch. We would encourage students to dress in their house colour shirts on this day. The school is fully subsidising this event, so there is no charge to families.

Whole School Bowling
Monday the 19th of December we see the whole school walk to the Karingal Bowling Alley for our annual ten pin bowling day. This is a great buddy activity and it is always a pleasure to see the kids using their Getting Along skills when bowling. They are always very supportive of each other and we have great time. There is no cost to families for this excursion as the school will fully subsidise the cost.

Breakfast Club
Friday December 9th will be the final breakfast club for 2016. Our numbers have grown over the year with the kids feasting on some great breakfast items. McPancakes have been a strong contender for ‘best ever’ breakfast, not to mention Mrs Heeney’s porridge. Breakfast Club will be back in the new year.

Until next time,

Brian McFall (Principal)

Student of the Week
Monday 12th December

PM—Jacob S.—H.—For being a great team leader in our class.

1/2S—Liam C.—For being a great friend.

1/2H—Dylan C.—For being a hard worker and a great friend to others.

1/2B—Chloe F.—For trying hard with her work.

3/4B—Vanessa B.—For her enthusiasm to her learning.

3/4H—Jordan K.—For his outstanding reading and using creative voices.

4/5W—Chinta L.—For her focus and enthusiasm towards learning.

5/6S—Carla A.—For always working to the best of her ability and being a great role model.

5/6O—Jackie R.—For always working tough and putting in 100% effort.

Are you leaving Frankston East Primary School at the end of 2016?

NAME: ............................................................................................................. GRADE: ................

PARENT SIGNATURE: ..............................................................................................

Please let the office know by returning this slip. Thank you

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On Tuesday our grade 6 children had their Year 7 Orientation Day at their new secondary school. Emotions ranged from excitement to apprehension as they embarked on the next major change in their life. The following article by Michael Grose makes for some interesting reading for the parents of our year 6 children.

**Goodbye Primary School, Hello Secondary School**

The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children’s lives. They’ve spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant.

Developmentally they’ve come a long way from those skinny little kids who lined up for class on the first day holding a parent’s or carer’s hand. Now entering puberty, most are taller than their mothers and the only people they’ll hold hands with are ‘special friends’, but not in public. Those displays of affection will come later in the secondary school years.

Changing from primary to secondary brings a mixture of emotions in kids such as excitement, apprehension, pride and, in many cases, sadness about leaving friends and familiar surrounds behind.

Parents often go through the same range of emotions as children at this time so we need to acknowledge those feelings in ourselves, just as we should in our children.

**Looking back**

This is a time for kids to celebrate their achievements; show appreciation to their teachers and enjoy the friendships that they’ve formed. Here are three ideas:

1. **Let’s celebrate**
   Primary school graduation ceremonies play an important part in the primary school life, as they mark the end of an era and the start of a new part of their lives. We need to be careful that the meaning doesn’t become lost as graduations become increasingly lavish, even to the point where some students are transported to their graduation in a stretch limo. *Keep them simple and keep them close to the school’s values.*

2. **Show gratitude**
   As a former teacher I know how much a simple thank you can mean from students at the end of the year. So make sure your kids take the time to thank their final year teacher and as well as seek out to thank other teachers who contributed to their education over their primary school journey. *Gratitude costs nothing but has a great impact.*

3. **Enjoy friendships**
   Encourage your kids to be open and friendly at this time of the year, and steer clear of cliques and fellow students who want to exclude others from their groups. The end of primary school can be tricky to navigate, particularly when early maturers stick together and ostracise certain classmates. *This is the time for friendly behaviour and inclusiveness.*

**Looking ahead**

When primary school is finished and the holidays are coming to an end it’s time to focus on the new experiences of secondary school. Some kids take secondary school in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty.

If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school’s culture and communication methods.

Your attitude as a parent can help your child quickly adjust. Here are three ideas for you to help kids make a smooth adjustment:

1. **Promote friendships** The sooner kids form new friendships the sooner they’ll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in...
activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. **Be ready to listen** Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it’s normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. **Keep your attitude positive** Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss settling in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

This will be the final article for Parent’s Corner for 2016. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year and above all a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing you in 2017.

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**Happy Birthday**

- Dec. 9th: Aaron K. 1/2B
- Dec. 10th: Ella M. PM
- Dec. 10th: Jack M. PM
- Dec. 11th: Jak O. 1/2B
- Dec. 11th: Nathan M. 3/4B
- Dec. 11th: Erin M. 3/4B

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**Watering the School Vegie Garden**

To keep the school vegie garden going over the summer holidays we need a few people willing to water. They need to have their own hose and be prepared to water a few times in one week. Further details can be obtained from the school office or from Mrs. Stanszus if you are able to help out.

Thank You
Jill Stanszus

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**Student Attendance last week**

- Percentage of students at school: **93.2%**
- Percentage of students on time: **92.9%**

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Christmas Stall
Our Christmas Stall will be held on Monday 12th December. Gits prices are $1.00, $2.00 & $3.00. Gift wrapping is also available for $1.00
Thank You

School Choir

We are very proud to present Iysis P. 1/2S and Kayden C. 4/5W with our Choir Member of the Month awards for November 2016.

Iysis is always smiling, joins in enthusiastically and is a pleasure to have in the choir and Kayden has shown great commitment and enthusiasm during choir practices. Congratulations Iysis & Kayden, keep up the great work!

We would also like to congratulate the following choir members on receiving attendance awards for;

35 lessons

30 lessons
Jaxton E, Blessing T, Kobey E, Chloe F, Keira K, Ceasar S

25 lesson
Cabrielle T

10 lessons
Monique S

5 lessons
Matilda F

Until next time........FEPS Harmony

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Uniform Shop
Operating Hours

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

To provide the Frankston East Community with a friendly and dynamic learning environment that engages students who work to achieve their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation.

Frankston East Primary School promotes itself as an “Established School with Modern Ideas, based on Traditional Values”

We Value:

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<td>We accept individual differences in every way.</td>
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<td>We believe in the right of every child to excel to their personal best.</td>
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<td>We instil in the child the confidence to approach the unknown.</td>
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<td>We encourage honest and open community interaction and involvement</td>
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<td>FUN</td>
<td>We never lose sight of the fun and enjoyment of learning.</td>
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<td>We incorporate musical awareness, appreciation and performance throughout our programs.</td>
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Our commitment to child safety

Frankston East Primary School is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children.

We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child’s safety, which we follow rigorously.

Our school is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks. Our school has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers. Our school is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks.

We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability.

We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments. If you believe a child is at immediate risk of abuse phone 000.