Dear Parent/Guardians,

The end of the year is upon us, but we haven’t slowed down. We have lots to get through in the next few days before the school year ends and Christmas is on our doorstep.

Parent Helpers
Yesterday the staff had a morning tea for the parent helpers that have helped out around the school over the last 12 months. We appreciate the support of all these people who are able to give us some of their time to support the programs we offer. Whether it be listening to kids read, covering books, helping out on excursions, preparing end of term lunches, etc, every contribution counts to making FEPS a great place to be. So on behalf of the staff, thank you to everyone that has helped out in 2016.

Carols Performance
Tonight we have our Carols performance. It will kick off at 7pm on the asphalt area near the staffroom. There is a lot of time and preparation that goes into this event and we hope you will be able to join us for class performances, the band and choir. The PFA will be running a sausage sizzle prior to the carols starting at 5:30pm, so please feel free to come along a bit earlier for a sausage in bread.

Christmas Stall
Tomorrow (Thursday) the PFA will be holding a Christmas Stall. So if the kids need to buy some small gifts as Christmas presents, this is a great opportunity for them to do so. The stall will run in the morning with all classrooms visiting the conference room.

House Sports
This Friday from 9:30am, Kelly Sports will be running our house sports between 9:30 and 11:30am. This is not a free dress day, but we would love it if the kids wore a shirt in their house colours so that they are part of their team.

Whole School Bowling
On Monday, the whole school will be bowling at Karingal AMF Bowling Centre. We will be walking there (half the school at a time) and the kids will have a great bowling session. This is an annual event and is always a great day. Please note that the first group of children will be leaving at 9:05am. Please be at school on time.

Final Assembly
As we finish on a Tuesday this year, our final assembly with be on Tuesday morning at 9am in the school hall. There will not be a Monday morning assembly that week. We have quite a bit to do at the final assembly, including attendance certificates for Term 4, attendance certificates for the whole year, service awards and a farewell to our Year 6 students. We hope you will be able to join us on Tuesday morning.

Farewell to our Year 6 students
On behalf of the school community I would like to wish all of our Year 6 students every success as they move onto the next stage of their learning journey. We look forward to hearing of their adventures as they move into secondary school.

Staff Changes in 2017
I’d like to make the school community aware of some staffing
changes in 2017. Mrs Liz Hamilton, who has been with us this year, will be returning to her Family Leave at the end of the year. Mrs Andrea Dunkley, who has been running our support program for the last year and a half, will also be returning to her Family Leave. And finally, Mrs Belinda Hazzledine with be taking a year of leave in 2017. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish them all an enjoyable 2017 and thank them for their contribution to our school community.

Joining the FEPS team in 2017 will be Miss Sophie Fatouros who will be sharing a grade with Mrs Jenny Hoyne. Sophie and Jenny have shared a grade in the past and are looking forward to working together again next year. Mr Adrian Rolfe will also be joining the teaching staff next year. Adrian has been working with us this year and has replaced a number of staff while they have been on leave throughout 2016. On behalf of the school community, I would like to welcome them to the FEPS team.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to catching up in the new year when school returns on Wednesday February 1st (Year 1-6) and Thursday February 2nd for our Prep students. Please note that Tuesday January 31st is a curriculum day, hence our start date is Wednesday February 1st 2017.

Merry Christmas everyone,

Brian McFall (Principal)

P.F.A.

It is that time of year again when we are asking our families to donate to our Annual Christmas Raffle. This will be drawn at our Carols Night. Donations can be left at the school office.

Christmas Stall
Our Christmas Stall will be held on Thursday 15th December. Gifts prices are $1.00, $2.00 & $3.00. Gift wrapping is also available for $1.00

Thank You

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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Happy Birthday

Dec. 15th  Paul D.  5/6S
Dec. 17th  Cathay Y.  4/5W
Dec. 18th  Isabella E.  PM
Dec. 21st  Mackenzie F.  1/2B
Dec. 23rd  Janadi P.  1/2B
Dec. 24th  Cassidy E.  3/4H
Dec. 29th  Cara B.  1/2B

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

Library News

Please return any outstanding loans by next week. If you are leaving Frankston East, please return any library and readers to the school.

Uniform Shop Operating Hours

The operating hours are:

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

Our Federal Member for Dunkley, Chris Crewther, came to assembly on Monday to present the Dunkley Shield. The Dunkley Shield is presented each year to a Year 5 student at our school that is “Capable, Compassionate and Committed”. This year, Charli became the 6th recipient of this award. Congratulations to Charli for receiving this award.
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School Choir

We would like to congratulate the following students for 40 lessons (have attended every choir practice for the year);

Jasmine B, April K, Erin M, Maki A, Tamara B & Mac H.

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