Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you through this newsletter.

My name is Debbie Bradshaw and I have been appointed to Frederickton Public School in Bob Piper’s absence. I relocated from Sydney just over two years ago to become principal at Kempsey South Public School. Prior to coming to the Macleay Valley I had worked at a number of South Western Sydney schools, including Auburn West Public School and Granville East Public School where I was in leadership positions and had also relieved as principal.

I am very excited to join the staff at Frederickton PS. As I began last Thursday I have already had the opportunity to meet a number of our students, parents and grandparents and I heartily thank you all for the warm welcome which I have received.

I look forward to meeting with more parents this evening at the P&C Meeting at 6:00 tonight.

I would also love the opportunity to meet with parents during the week. Please feel free to ring the school office to make an appointment with me.

Regards
Debbie Bradshaw

Staff Development Days
The first two days of next term – 29th and 30th April will be pupil days – these two days are training days for our staff. Students will return to school on Wednesday 1st May.

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:
Find out more:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


FAIR DAY FOR TERM 1 will be Thursday 11th April (Week 11). Students will be enjoying fun activities at school. It is an out of uniform day and pupils can come dressed in something beginning with the letter B (for the 3B’s). They bring regular recess and lunch and something to share with friends for a picnic lunch. There is no cost and fruit platters will be available at recess.

The students will be enjoying trivia, a movie, disco and games. A fun packed day for all. All those students not on red level will be allowed to participate in this wonderful day.
Library
The library is open for all students in the second half of lunch each day. Students can borrow library books in this time provided they have returned previously borrowed books and have a library bag. Computers are also available for students to do research.

Final Assembly for Term 1
The final school assembly for term 1 will be Friday 12th April, with some students from 5/6A and 5/6R presenting a musical item. The assembly begins at 9.30a.m

Playgroup
Don’t forget Playgroup from 9.30am until 11.30am in the school hall.
Everyone is welcome – children 0 to 5 years. Bring some fruit to share for morning tea, a drink and a hat.

ANZAC Service
This year ANZAC Day falls on the second Wednesday of the school holidays. We would like as many students representing Frederickton Public School to attend. If you are able please meet staff at 8.30am on the corner of the cemetery and Yarrabandini Road. Students will need to be in full school uniform.

Expression of Interest High School for Year 7 2014.
Students were given an Expression of Interest form indicating what high school they might attend for Year 7 2014 a couple of weeks ago. These need to be filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. Thank you to those parents who have but we still have a majority who have not. If you have misplaced this form please contact the office and one can be printed off for you. If you have any queries don’t hesitate to contact the school.

*****Class News*****

1A & 1/2R Students in 1A and 1/2R are excited about FAIR Day on Thursday. If students have any music they would like to play at the disco please feel free to send it in. Keep up home reading and homework
2/3W We are revising our Term 1 work this week. Hopefully all our class will receive a reading award this week for reading 25 or 50 nights. Well done 2/3W
3/4H No normal homework for Literacy Group 3 this week – we are revising Spelling Rules and will have an ongoing list for the spelling quiz on Friday. Please remember to keep reading over the holidays and dating your reading journals. Congrats to ‘Uluru’s’ and ‘Vegemite Victors’ for most home readers over the last 2 weeks.
5/6A and 5/6
• Numeracy Group 2 Homework for Mrs Rose/Mrs Cheers is due on Friday 12th April
• Literacy Group 1 and 2 homework is due on Friday 12th April for Mr Ashley/Mrs Rose/Mrs Cheers

Remember A class Library day is Thursdays and R class Library day is Wednesdays. Please encourage your child to have a library bag, material shopping bag or pillow slip/case. Students will be presenting a musical item this Friday at the assembly. They are encouraged to bring a hat (Pork -Pie or 1940’s style) There are some for sale at Big W for $5 or they might already have one at home, as they have been very popular this summer.

House Tickets Tally
The winning class with the highest number of house tickets from last week was 1A. Well done to Mrs Ashley’s class. Congratulations two weeks in a row. The five winning students from the house ticket draw from last week were Isabel R, Bianca W, Lilee B, Jazmin C, Ryan W.

4 Fredo students participating in the KAN-DO Maths Day at Kempsey High
FREDO SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!!

GRANDPARENTS or OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (desperately wanted to hear children read at our school)

Can you spare 1 ½ hours from 9.30 to 11.00 on any one of these days: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? If you can, that would be great as the children reading to you would really benefit! (Please phone Helen in the school office 65668217 and arrange to talk to Mrs Donnelly, Learning Support teacher.) Thank you for giving your time!

Stewart House bouncy balls available in the office for $3.00 – great for handball and the money goes to a good cause.

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| **TERM 2 2013** |
| **Week 1** |
| 29th April | PUPIL FREE DAY |
| 30th April | CLOSED |
| 1st May | H Patten |
| 2nd May | S White, J Russell |
| 3rd May | E Williams |

DON’T FORGET P & C MEETING – MONDAY 8TH APRIL, STARTING AT 6.00PM. PARENTS AND CARERS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG.