**Principal’s Message…………………..**

**Rotary Citizenship Award 2014**
Congratulations to Nicole Hale for her award presented at the Rotary Awards function on 18th November. We are very proud of the contributions Nicole has made to our school and we wish her the very best as she heads towards high school. We were also delighted to see Gabbie Pietsch also receive this award as nominated by Willawarrin Public School; it felt that 2 Frederickton students were awarded!

**SRC Speeches and Voting**
Congratulations to all students who nominated for the SRC and who did their speeches on Friday. Voting has occurred and the results will be announced at the Presentation Assembly.

**Volunteer’s Dinner**
I am looking forward to attending the Volunteers Dinner tomorrow evening. If you feel that you should have been included in this event as you have volunteered during 2014, please let the office know. This is a P&C event and occasionally names of volunteers get missed.

**Swim school = tired children**
We are entering the second week of our swim school. Students get very tired during this week. Please ensure that your child gets to bed early every night this week. We all know when children get tired they become a little more sensitive and cranky which can spill over into the playground.

**Library Stocktake** is about to start. PLEASE return all library books as soon as possible.

**Christmas Cards**
Whilst it is a lovely sentiment for children to exchange Christmas cards, we ask that students do this in **Week 11 ONLY**.

**Parent Survey**
Please complete the parent survey. It will help to inform our planning for 2015.

Mrs Bradshaw
Principal

**WHAT’S HAPPENING…………………..**

**Week 9**
Monday 1st Dec – Week 2 of swimming
Wednesday 3rd Dec – Year 7 2015 state wide high school transition – Kempsey & Melville High only.

**Week 10**
**Kindergarten 2015 Best Start Interviews**
Wednesday 10th Dec – Netball Clinic
Thursday 11th Dec – Year 6 Graduation and pool party

**Week 11**
Monday 15th Dec – Presentation Assembly
Tuesday 16th Dec – Hat Head
Wednesday 17th Dec – Last day for 2014
Thursday 18th Dec – Staff Development Day – no students

**2015**
Wednesday 28th Jan – Teachers resume for 2015
Thursday 29th Jan – Year 1 – 6 students return for 2015

Spectacular is next week! Thank you to everyone who has sent in costumes, we are just chasing a few last items. We are very excited and we hope to see you all there.

Fredo Idol is on this Tuesday and Wednesday – good luck to all of Year 1 who is participating.

This Friday is our K-2 excursion to the Koala Billabong Park so please ensure you have sent in your note and money. Also remember you need to bring your recess, lunch, drinks and hats.

We hope all of our dads, grandads, pops and uncles had a wonderful Father’s Day and a big thank you to those who came to our special Father’s Day assembly and participated in the Relay for Life activities – we hope you had fun!
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 3/4H, the winning house was Phillips and the lucky students were: Ben M, Demi P, Joshua K, Byron W & Gabrielle G.

News from A Class and R Class

Well done and best of luck to all the Year 5 students that presented their SRC 2015 Nomination Speech last Friday. The results will be announced at the Awards Assembly in Week 11.

This Wednesday is the Year 6 State Wide High School Transition Day. Students should attend Melville H.S or Kempsey H.S all day. Notes and reminders have been sent. Enjoy the day guys. Remember to organise your own transport to and from school.

It would be greatly appreciated if students in 5R & 6A could send in $3 to help purchase Christmas craft and cooking ingredients. The students will be in Stage 3 groups next week and enjoying a range of activities.

Those students attending the South Kempsey P.S Oral Care Excursion on Thursday need to be at FPS by 8.25am, to catch the bus. If your child is involved they received a note last week. Please return the permission as soon as possible.

Intensive swimming continues this week.

Please continue to encourage your child to read nightly/daily and complete their daily reading journal.

ANY OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS OR SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS, FOUND AT HOME, WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IF THESE COULD BE RETURNED.
**Canteen Special**

**This Week's Special:**

- **Nachos:** $5.50 large or $3.50 small
- Zucchini & Fetta Fritters with Salad $5.50
- Zucchini & Fetta Fritters $1.50 each
- Pumpkin and Cheese Fritters with salad $5.50
- Pumpkin and Cheese Fritters in a wrap $4.00
- Baked Potato – Bolognese $2.50
- Baked Potato – Corn & Ham $2.50
- Small Salad - $3.00
- Elderflower cordial - $1.00 per cup

**New:** Vanilla flavoured milkshakes

**Banana Milk**

**Rock Star Award** in the canteen. Students who order something new and fresh off the blackboard will be in the running to receive a canteen voucher to be used the following week off the blackboard menu. Last week's winner was **Jack McAlister**.

**Jack** please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

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**South West Rocks Nippers News**

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Welcome to summer nippers, another great day yesterday on the beach for all our kids. We have a busy few weeks coming up.

1. NO NIPPERS Sunday the 7th December for all under 6 and 7’s and anyone NOT competing at the Hat Head Carnival.

2. CARNIVAL this Sunday the 7th December at Hat Head, more information to follow. Please remember to bring your blue and white comp cap and your high-vis singlet. If you need a board you will need to meet Jason at the nipper board room between 4pm and 430pm sharp.

3. Sunday 14th December Normal Nippers.

4. Sunday 21st December CHRISTMAS PARTY, please bring a plate of food to share after nippers, we also have a very special guest coming. Their entry onto the beach each year is very impressive, so don't miss out on the fun.

5. CHRISTMAS BREAK from Sunday 28th December, Nippers WILL RETURN on SUNDAY 11th JANUARY.

Any under 12, 13 and 14’s year old wishing to attend the youth camps please let me know ASAP as there are forms to fill out and get back to me, places are limited.

Finally all nippers wishing to compete at the NSW Country Championships need to let me know ASAP as I am completing the entry forms now.

**The Trial Bay Nestle Junior Triathlon**

This event will be held on Saturday February 21st 2015. Enter online at the Trial Bay Triathlon site. Nestle will be providing a competitors sample pack full of their products. It's usually a great fun day and an opportunity for your kids to participate in a worthwhile activity.

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**Frederickton OOSH**

With Christmas holiday getting closer, I would like to remind parents that OOSH will be closed from 20th Dec and will re-open on 5th Jan. I would also like to remind parents that Thursday 18th Dec and Friday 19th Dec are vacation care days and you will need to book your children in. Thursday will be wet day so make sure you bring your swimmers. Friday 19th will be our Christmas party so bring in a plate of food to share for a Christmas lunch. Vacation Care programs for January 2015 have been handed out if you would like a program please see or ring Kate on 0447 626 387. All the staff at Fredo OOSH would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kate Andrews – Fredo OOSH

**Frederickton Fire Brigade Santa Run**

The Frederickton Fire Brigade Santa run will be on this Thursday 4th December. The truck will start out the front of the school in Great North Road and weave its way around Fredo.

They will also be selling raffle tickets with some fantastic prizes.

Listen for the siren……….
Frederickton Hall Committee is holding the Annual Christmas Tree…

Date: 12th December 2014  
Place: Frederickton Hall  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: $5 for Adults & High School Students  
Free for primary school children.  
(Supper is included)

Parents are to provide the present (to the value of $20) with name clearly marked and Santa will arrive at around 8pm to hand them out.

Major meat raffle tickets will be available on the night.

Hope to see you all there for a great night of fun and entertainment for the whole family.

Frederickton Hall  
Committee is holding their Annual Carols by Candlelight…

Date: 16th December 2014  
Place: Frederickton Hall  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: Free for all  
NO NAKED FLAME CANDLES ON THE NIGHT

Safety Candles can be purchased at the Hall for $2.50 plus chips, drinks tea & coffee will be for sale on the night.

The Major meat raffle will also be drawn on the night.

Hope to see you all there for a great night of caroling fun.

Stewart House

For Sale: Hand Balls $3 each from the office, all proceeds go to Stewart House.

GREAT FOR A STOCKING FILLER
# Parent Survey About Learning

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. With the school’s consent, the information will be used to develop a picture of responses from across public schools in NSW. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was usually for the statement — What students are asked to learn is important. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

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<td>My child has access to good equipment that helps him/her to learn.</td>
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<td>People other than my child’s teacher help him/her to learn.</td>
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<td>In class, my child’s teachers provide a balance of independent and group learning activities.</td>
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The staff have been working on a “vision statement” for our school.

Our final draft is:

Our vision is to equip students to be lifelong reflective learners, enabling students to be responsible and respectful global citizens with adaptive and creative skills ready to face the challenges of a diverse and rapidly changing world.

Do you agree/disagree with this?

Please comment:

The P&C identified 5 core values that they believe to be important for our school community. These were provided in a previous newsletter. They are:

Trust    Achievement    Self-Worth    Accountability    Participation

The staff also identified 5 core values. They are:

Trust    Achievement    Integrity    Cooperation    Learning

Please circle 5 values that you believe we should aspire to at Frederickton PS. Feel free to add ones that may not be listed.

Please identify 3 things that you think we do well at Frederickton Public School.

1.

2.

3.

Please identify one thing that you think our school could do better/could introduce/or could do more or less of.

Thank you. We appreciate your feedback. Please return to your child’s teacher.