Principal’s Message………………

P&C Meeting AGM
The next P&C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 10th March. I have attached later in this newsletter, the role statements for the office bearers who will be elected at the AGM.

Meet the teacher sessions
Thanks to the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions on Wednesday of last week. We hope that these meetings were of benefit to you and your child.

Assembly
Our first formal assembly was held on Friday last. At this assembly our Student Representative Councillors received their badges. I commend them on the great work that they did at their first assembly. We appreciate the attendance of the parents and extended family members at this assembly. Thanks to Stage 3 for their entertaining performance and congratulations to the students who received the first awards for 2014.

Voluntary School Contributions
The introduction of a voluntary school contribution at Frederickton Public School was discussed at the P&C meeting and it was agreed that we would set our school’s voluntary contribution at $44 per FAMILY, which is merely $11 per term per family. Most schools in NSW participate in the Voluntary School Contributions scheme, the minimum contributions are recommended to be $44 per child.

We want to provide the best possible education for your children and hope that all families at our school can make contributions to help us achieve this goal. The School Contribution helps cover the cost of many items which are used daily by every child. These include items such as library books, computers, mathematics materials, art equipment and to subsidise the increasing costs of bus transport to excursions. This payment can be made at the office.

Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra
I am delighted to announce that we have been able to book a Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra for 25th August to the 28th August. A note regarding a $50 deposit was sent home with your year 5 or year 6 children last week.

What’s Happening.........

Week 4
19th Feb Macleay Swimming Carnival
19th Feb Janice Smith – Diabetes talk to Year 5 & 6 students
21st Feb PSSA Boys Cricket – Fredo Oval

Week 5
28th Feb School Clean Up Day
28th Feb Assembly

Home Reading
Now that we have update the lack of guided reading resources at our school, our attention turns to the bank of Home Readers that are within the school. We have already received an order for kindergarten levelled texts for kindergarten which are currently being covered. I have also placed and order for over 800 books for year 1 to 6, which arrived this morning, all 16 boxes! These will also need to be covered before they can be sent home. So again I will be calling for volunteers to cover books.

Kindergarten home readers are “levelled texts”. This means that they are carefully matched to your child’s reading level.

In all other grades we use “levelled texts” during Guided Reading lessons. In years 1 to 4 students are matched to their “instructional level” of texts and teachers assist students to develop their reading skills to read and understand their text within literacy sessions.

Home reading is an important part of developing a student’s reading skills through constant practise of a skill. Home Readers are usually NOT levelled texts in years 1 to 4, and students generally have the opportunity to choose their own text from a class library of home readers. The “home readers” that are provided in the class for students to take home are to supplement the books that you have at home. If a child has bought a book home that is too easy, let them read it, if they have bought home a book that is too difficult for them, perhaps you could read it for them and if they don’t like the book they have chosen, let them read a favourite book from home. The main message is that ALL students should be engaging in a reading activity at home EVERY afternoon.

To assist answer some of parents concern regarding HOME READING we will be running a parent course on THURSDAY 6th MARCH, in the LIBRARY at 6pm entitled “How to help your child read at home”. 
Bike Safety
I have needed to speak to some of our students regarding the lack of helmets when riding their bikes. If a child wishes to ride to and from school they MUST be wearing a helmet. It’s very simple… If you need a head, you need a helmet!
It is also important that parents explain the importance of safe riding and that your child tells you where they are going and when they will be home both on the weekends and after school.

Library
Our school library is open most lunch times. Students are allowed to change their books at lunch time. Library lessons will begin this week, with the majority of classes having their library time on Thursday.

Chaplaincy
Monica Perril began working at our school during week 3 as our “student welfare worker”. She will be at our school each Thursday for terms 1 and 2 and also on Friday for the nest 6 weeks. The school chaplaincy program is a voluntary program that assists school communities to support the spiritual, social and emotional well-being of their students. Her main modes of operation will be working in small groups with students to develop healthy friendship skills and resilience in the face of hardship. She will also lead play programs during lunch times. If you do not want your child to participate in this program, please notify the school in writing.

Parent parking
At the P&C meeting last week, the parents discussed their concerns regarding the fact that some parents are still using the school driveway. As of tomorrow, the gate will be locked at 3:15 and will not be re-opened until after the main bus leaves.

Free App
There is a free app for parents called School A to Z. It has been developed by the NSW Department of education and has loads of helpful information.

Macleay District Swimming Carnival
We wish the 28 swimmers representing our school, the very best of luck at this carnival.

Debbie Bradshaw
Principal

A and R Class Information
A very pleasing effort for most students with last week’s return of homework. Some students just need to remember to write their sentences for all their spelling list words. We encourage all pupils to have their own homework book and this to be returned each Friday.

Well done to all the performers at Friday's assembly, we certainly got the audience singing and toe-tapping.

Congratulations to the SRC members and a reminder to wear your badge with pride and honour the pledge you made.

Any parents who have not received the purple excursion note please let us know. Fundraising for the Canberra Excursion has already begun. We are currently running a 100 Club competition, where you can purchase a lucky square for $2. There are 3 money prizes. The 100 Club tickets can be purchased from the front office or students bring in $2 and choose a lucky square. The 100 Club Competition will run at the assemblies. We are also going to be running an Easter egg guessing jar competition.

Band notes were sent home last week to interested students. Any students interested in being in the band need to return the note to the front office, as well as students that was in the band last year.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended last Wednesdays meet the teacher afternoon. I realise it was difficult for some parents to attend, due to work commitments. Please make an alternative appointment time to catch up with Mrs Rose. I am also available Thursdays between 1.30- 4pm.

Best of luck to all our swimming competitors for carnival this Wednesday, please return your notes to the office by Tuesday and bring your $4 on the day for pool entry. Please make your own travel arrangements to the pool and meet Mrs Rose and Mrs Bradshaw at the pool by 9.10a.m.

Nightly home reading is encouraged. Students are required to fill in their reading journal daily. A sentence summarising what they have read is required.

I do hope pupils are beginning to think about, plan and start their research regarding their Speech task on Japan. Notes went home last week outlining the task and expected requirements. Please see Mrs Rose with any questions or problems. Being well organised and following a plan will ensure you are ready by the due date. Have fun and remember a WOW factor.

Mr Ashley says hi to all.

Please send in any tissues and soap on tap. Glue sticks are also greatly appreciated.

PLAYGROUP WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2014.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 65668217.
KD News

It was lovely to catch up with and meet new parents at the “meet the teacher” session last week.
This week Kindergarten are learning the names of these letters; Ii, Ff, Dd, and Rr. They will also learn the sound and sign for each of these letters. Thanks to all those parents who are practising at home. This week we will also start learning our sight words (blue book), so they will come home every night, too. Your child needs to point to and look at each word as they say it 3 times. When it seems they know the words in order, then try by pointing to each word out of order. Drawing pictures next to each word can also help. Next week we begin taking home our readers and any parents who would like to be involved in reading at school are most welcome. I know we have Cheryl coming on Wednesdays and Kaye has said she will help too.

Class 10 Information

Thank you to all the parents that attended the information session. If you would like any further information please ask. Please remember to send in a fruit or vegetable snack for your child to have during Crunch & Sip. We are looking at families through our HSIE unit, please share any interesting facts about your family - this could include heritage or background of family name.

Parent Helpers for Infants Sports

We are seeking parent helpers to assist with the running of our K-2 sports program on a Wednesday afternoon. Willing helpers will be asked to assist with groups of students rotating through activity stations teaching Athletic and Fundamental Movement Skills.

Helpers will need to be available from 2:20 to 3:20 and are asked to bring a drink and a hat. Its great fun and the children would love to see you.

If you think you would like to help please ring Helen or Bev at the office and register your interest. Due to safety issues younger children will not be able to come along as they children will be using discus and shot put equipment.

PSSA Boys Cricket

Frederickton Public School will be playing against Aldavilla Primary in Round 1 of the PSSA Cricket on Friday 21st February. The match will be held at the Frederickton Sports Oval. Please return your note to the office ASAP.

Canteen News – We are continuing with the “Canteen 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: Adele Booth

Adrian please go and see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

Canteen News

- LOLLIES ARE NO LONGER SOLD AT THE CANTEEN
- Freshly homemade Muffins - 75c
- Pumpkin/Feta, Tandoori Chicken, Chicken/Mushroom, Bacon/Pineapple pizza’s - $4.00
- Beef, Veggie & Chicken Burgers - $4.00
- Quiches - $1.20
- Custard and Fruit - $1.00
- Elderflower Cordial - $1.00
- Small Salad - $3.00
- Baked Potato – Corn & Ham - $2.50
- Baked Potato – Bolognese Sauce - $2.50
- Salad - $3.00

N.B. NOODLES ARE NO LONGER ON THE MENU.

Also the Chicken Burgers are made from fresh chicken breast, crumbed in the canteen kitchen.

We are buying in Noodles and Fried Rice at $3.50 a container as of this week they will be on the menu. This is to take to place of the cup noodles.

If you are available to help in the canteen please contact the office and put your name down on a vacant date.

Also each week Tracey will have a Weekly Special Dish, this week it is: THAI BEEF SALAD.

If you have an abundance of fresh mint, the canteen would love some this week.
ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT

The President is elected at the P&C Association’s AGM

Duties

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association’s objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association’s spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association’s bank accounts
- Chairing meetings (see fact sheet: Chairing Meetings) but, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

ROLE OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary is elected at the P&C Association’s AGM

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas.

The Secretary is required to attend every association meeting and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting should elect a person to take the minutes; this person should be identified in the Minutes.) Further, the position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate. The Secretary also issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records of the P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

ROLE OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer is elected at the P&C Association’s AGM

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer’s primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer presents a report in the form of an income and expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement for each and every P&C meeting.
P & C News

We have the opportunity to purchase Library bags through Macleay Options. The bags will be navy in colour with our school logo printed on them your child’s name will also be printed on the bags. The cost is $10 per bag.

If you would like a bag for your child please fill in the form below and return with money to the office by Friday 21st February.

Yes I would like to purchase a library bag for my child.

CHILD’S NAME: _________________________________
CLASS: ________________________________
$10 enclosed
Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Carer)

Congratulations Elye, Jiminum, Kalinda & Brooke for receiving the Citizenship Award at last Friday’s Assembly.
KEMPSEY SAINTS FOOTBALL CLUB
Kempsey Saints Football club are ready to kick off their 2014 season, with their registration days taking place for seniors and juniors on Saturday 22nd February from 10.00am till 1.00pm at the West Kempsey Hotel and Wednesday 19th and 26th February from 4.30pm till 6.00pm also at the West Kempsey Hotel.

We ask that all players please attend registration as you will need to be fitted out for new uniforms.

DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE
All parents or caregivers of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children 5 - 16 years of age are invited to take the opportunity to make an appointment at Durri ACMS for their annual Child Health Check. These checks will cover everything from their ears, teeth, eyes, growth and development. It is a great opportunity to check the progress of your child’s health and address any concerns you may have. To make an appointment with our Child Health Nurse please ring reception on 6560 2302 and ask for Tracey Houston.

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Fredo Soccer Club Rego Days
Saturday - 22nd February @ Fredo Newsagency from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
Phone 65668767 or 0447551721 to talk to Fiona

Soccer Fees 2014
5-7yrs.........$80.00
8-11yrs........$100.00
12-18yrs......$115.00

Come and have some fun with the Fredo Club.

Frederickton Sports Club Netball Registration
19th February 2014
3:30 - 5:00pm
Frederickton Sports Field
Flanagan St (Off Great North Road)
Frederickton
Any enquiries phone Sandy 65668307

SOUTH WEST ROCKS NIPPERS NEWS

Once again our Nippers were incredible at the Branch Championships at Scott’s Head on Sunday week ago, loads of happy kids who did well individually and at team events. Great work kids.

Normal Nippers will resume on Sunday 23rd February.

Any questions please contact Shannon.