**Principal’s Message……………….**

Wow I can’t believe that this is the last week of term 1! I also can’t believe that it has now been 12 months since I first arrived at Frederickton PS. I have had a great year and am looking forward to many more!

**Fair Day**

Tomorrow is Fair Day. This term we are having a Creative and Practical Arts Day, with a picnic lunch on the oval. FAIR day is out of uniform day.

**Chess Tournament**

We wish our school representatives a great time as they participate in the MECS Chess Tournament tomorrow.

**EOI re: Canberra Excursion**

Our senior excursion to Canberra will occur Monday 25th to Friday 29th August inclusive. As in previous years we are asking for a parent to assist with this excursion. The parent will need to pay the same amount as the students ($430). We are therefore calling on parents to submit an Expression of Interest to assist the decision-making process. I have already been approached by a couple of willing parents, which has greatly impressed me, and I truly appreciate the willingness of our parents to support us in this way. I appreciate that this process may seem a little too formal, however I feel it is important to formalise this process in an attempt to ensure a fair opportunity for all parents to consider this opportunity.

The Expression of Interest needs to be less than a page in writing. **It should include:** an assurance that you will be available on the specified dates, a written understanding of the roles and responsibilities that you are prepared to undertake whilst fulfilling this role, any extenuating circumstances that make it important for you to attend the excursion, and anything else that you would like to add in relation to your application. A small committee will be responsible for making this decision.

**Please submit your EOI to the school office by 3pm Wednesday 9th April.**

**New Posters**

At the end of last year Joffa, a cartoonist visited our school & held a workshop for some of our children. He has used student cartoons to develop posters of our school rules. See final page of this newsletter.

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**ASR – Annual School Report**

Our school Annual School Report has been uploaded onto our school website. If you would like a paper copy of this report, please contact the school office.

**Athletics Coaching**

I have been able to negotiate a local athletics coach to come to school nearly every Thursday during term 2 to coach our Stage 3 students in the 3 disciplines involved in athletics ie running, throwing and jumping. There are only 45 places for this program. Students will need to pay $10 towards the cost of this program. Permission notes will go out this week.

**School Holidays**

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. School resumes on Tuesday, 29th April.

We remind parents that during the school holidays the ANZAC Day ceremony will be held at Frederickton Memorial which is on school grounds. The ceremony will begin at 9.00am following the march. Students wishing to march need to meet at the cemetery at 8.45am. At the conclusion of the ceremony, students march to the car park beside the hotel where parents are able to collect them.

**Debbie Bradshaw - Principal**

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**MARLEY MURPHY** is the lucky winner of the EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION. Congratulations Marley. Enjoy the scrumptious eggs.

You guessed the **eggact** amount of eggs in the container.

Thank you everyone for supporting the fundraising event. I raised $50.50.
Cross Country Training

I am delighted by the increasing levels of fitness that is evident as a result of the cross country training. We have initiated a positive reward of a canteen voucher for 5 students each week who have been demonstrating responsible and enthusiastic participation in the training. Our Cross Country event will be held early next term.

Kindergarten Information

This week will be both busy and fun. There is no homework, but home reading and sight word practice will continue for the first two nights. Tomorrow I will send home a note about those parents who would like readers for the holidays. On Friday we will have a class party - please send your child along with a plate to share. Thank you very much to Cheryl and Di for helping with reading and to all parents / carers who read and practise sight words every night. Hope everyone has a safe and restful break.

1O News

Don’t forget to make your Easter hats at home but if you are have problems doing this they are able to make it at school during lunch times. Just remember to send in craft items to assist in the construction of your child’s hat.

House Ticket Tally

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s draw. The winning class was 1O and the winning house was Taylor and the five lucky students were: Indiana, Jakob, Courtney, Mitchell C & Kaylee.

SRC News - Be part of a Guinness World Record Attempt!

The SRC are currently assisting with a Guinness World Record attempt and are simultaneously raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The aim is to help Book Expo Australia to achieve a Guinness Book Record for the Longest Chain of Paper Dolls. To break the existing record 60,000 dolls are needed, and these will stretch for 6km.

This expo is aimed at engaging a love of books and reading with non-readers, especially the younger generations, and enhancing the existing love of books for readers of all genres and ages. We want to spotlight Australian authors and illustrators. We need your help to bring the focus on books and characters back to life!

To participate students can purchase doll templates for $1.

The doll templates can then be decorated as a character from a book and sent back to the SRC who will forward them on for the world record attempt which will take place at Homebush Showground Hall 5 on the 30th/31st August 2014.

News from A and R Class

Thank you to all those students and families who have supported our fundraising efforts this term. Years 5 & 6 have raised the following:

❖ $50.50 in Easter Egg guessing competition
❖ $109.80 in the cake stall
❖ $26.15 in the Fruit stall and
❖ $100 in the 100 Club.

Thank you to everyone.

Congratulations and well done to the 4 girls who participated in the netball trials on Friday, great job Marley, Brooke, Kalinda and Nicole.

A huge thanks to all the families who sent in cakes and biscuits last week for our wonderful cake stall, a special thanks to the students who gave up their recess and lunch to organise and serve in the stall, well done Elye, Gabbie, Ashley, Kate, Nicole, Isabel.

We are looking forward to Fair Day tomorrow. Remember to bring recess and lunch and some picnic food to share. It is an out of uniform day, but remember to wear joggers or sandals, not thongs and to have a hat. We will be enjoying Creative Art activities, a disco and a sport game.

Remember to be prepared with your Easter Hat or mask for Friday's Hat parade.

Well done to all those pupils that have presented their speech on Japan. We plan to have all students present by the end of the week.

We sadly say farewell to Adele Booth and her family as well as Gabbie Pietsch and her family. You will be sadly missed by staff and friends. We wish you well in your new adventure and please stay in contact. Goodbye and good luck girls.

We encourage students to attend the Anzac Day March on Anzac day, in the holidays at 8.45a.m. Please wear full school uniform. Mrs Rose and Mr Ashley will not be available, but other teachers will be present.

Mr Ashley and Mrs Rose wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday. We hope you enjoy a Happy Easter with family and friends.

We encourage our students to continue their reading over the holidays.

KEEP SAFE.
Easter Raffle
Thank you to those families who have returned their raffle tickets and those who have donated Easter Eggs. Please return your sold tickets by Friday 11th April. I still need more eggs to make this a great raffle.

Easter Eggs can be left at the office.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 11th April 2014. The tickets cost $1 each.

Please ensure that all monies and raffle tickets are returned to the school by this Friday to be included in the draw.

Car Boot
There is the possibility of the P&C running a Car boot Sale on Saturday 10th May. More details to follow. But if you were planning to do some spring cleaning in the holidays, you might like to start getting ready for having a stall at the car boot sale!

Easter Hat Parade
We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Easter Hat Parade, this Friday 11th April in the hall. The Easter hat parade will begin after the regular fortnightly assembly and Parents and Carers will have an opportunity to purchase a cup of coffee and a muffin between the two events.

The categories for prizes this year are: fluffiest, most eco-friendly, healthiest, best mask and most colourful. We welcome any Pre-schoolers who would like to make and wear a hat and join in the parade.

Books to boost brains
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0

Macleay Soccer Trials
Congratulations to Joel Crockford, Alyce Morn and Gabbie Pietsch who were picked in the Macleay soccer teams. They are attending the Lower North Soccer Trials today – the girls in Kempsey and Joel in Port Macquarie. We wish them luck in gaining a position in the LNC Soccer team.

Congratulations to Joel for his selection in the LNC soccer team.

Junior and Senior Dance
Students have been busy with preparations for the Southern Network Dance Festival at Camden Haven High School. Please ensure notes are returned by this Friday so we can finalise numbers and begin costuming and transport arrangements.

Literacy Cafe News
Congratulations to those students from the Literacy Cafe who published either a short story, or a poem, for the "Write 4 Fun" National Writing Competition. Remember anyone from Year 2 and above is welcome to pop in on Thursday and Fridays at lunch times. Thank you to Emma Clarke for her poem that we feature this week.

This School is the Best
My school is the best
This school never has a rest
The school’s children like the work
And in the classroom they never lurk
Our school is always on time through the gate
And if we aren’t we stay at school late
We do our English, we do our P.E
What’s happening tomorrow ……
We’ll just have to see.

By Emma Clarke

Easter Bilby Virtual Excursion to the Royal National Park in Sydney
Our school is very fortunate to have 2 Interactive Classrooms which are equipped with Video Conferencing technology. Last week students in IO and KD participated in a video conference which was hosted by the Royal National Park in Sydney and attended by a number of other schools.

Video conferencing technology facilitates direct video communication between two to four sites, and allows for all sites to view each other and communicate concurrently. This encourages a high level of interactivity and engagement amongst students over vast geographical areas and allows students to attend ‘virtual excursions’ in areas that due to cost and other factors may be inaccessible otherwise.

During last week’s Virtual Excursions KD and IO conversed with other schools and National Park Rangers as they learnt about the Australian bilby and its habitat. As part of the excursion they participated in a number of literacy activities on the smart board, learned an Easter song to sing with the other schools, and collected materials to decorate their beautiful Easter baskets.
Canteen News

LOLLIES OR CUP NOODLES ARE NO LONGER SOLD AT THE CANTEEN

Freshly homemade Muffins - 75c
Pumpkin/Feta, Tandoori Chicken, Chicken/Mushroom, Bacon/Pineapple pizza’s - $4.00
Beef, Vegie & Chicken Burgers - $4.00
Tomato & Basil Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Chicken and Asparagus Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
Spinach and Fetta Quiche - $1.50 with salad $4.50
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
Fried Rice pack - $3.50
Hokkein Noodles Pack - $3.50

Monday morning lunch orders need to be written on a bag and left in letter box by the Canteen. Tracey is doing the shopping and the doors will not be open until 9.30am.

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:

Banana Smoothie $2.50.

“Canteen Rock Star Award” 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: Darcy Booth

Darcy please see Tracey in the canteen to receive your voucher.

Fredo Soccer Club
Welcome to all our new players. There are a few spaces left for the U 12’s so get in quick. If you are looking at playing soccer and joining a great club then give Fiona a call on 65668767.

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The University of New South Wales Exams & the Australian Mathematics Competition
Over a number of years some students at Frederickton Public School have elected to sit
assessment exams as part of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools
(ICAS) through the University of New South Wales and also the Australian Mathematics
Competition. There is an entry fee for each exam.

Students who choose to sit the exam/s are supervised by the school.

Students can prepare for ICAS using Practice Online at
www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

The results from each paper provide a comprehensive overview of student strengths and
weaknesses. Results and reports are available to parents and students online.

Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels - High
Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit and Participation.

If you wish your child to participate in some or all of the exams please indicate which tests
and complete and sign the permission note below. Entries should be sent back to school in
a labelled envelope and with the total amount enclosed.

Entries should be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 10 April (Week 11).
The assessments are subjects are listed below.

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I hereby give permission for my child .................................................................
who is in Year ...... to participate in the ICAS and/or Australian Mathematics exam/s
indicated above.
I have enclosed the correct amount _____.

Parent signature ................................................................. Date:
**Stay safe these holidays**

**Keep our kids safe near roads**
School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about.

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult’s hand up until they are eight years old.
- **Stop, Look, Listen, Think!**
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Thousands of families will be on the roads setting off on road trips these holidays. As more people use our roads, it increases the risk of road trauma!

Here are some useful road safety tips to make sure your family’s journey is a safe one:
- Set off on a long trip feeling refreshed. Sleep well before travelling.
- Drive at times you’d normally be awake. Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
- Observe the speed limit and drive to the conditions. Take your time and enjoy the scenery.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Secure your mobile in a fixed cradle mount and operate hands free or via Bluetooth only.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

Visit the Centre for Road Safety, Transport for NSW for more information about keeping safe on or near roads.

Have a happy & safe Easter
From Frederickton Public School
STUDENT ABSENCE FORM

Student Name: ................................................................. Class: .................

Date of Absence: __________________________

Reason For Absence: ________________________________

Parent Signature: .................................................................
FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Be Responsible

Follow the teacher’s instructions
Know where your belongings are
Care for others
Be responsible for belongings of own others
Be attentive and responsible for learning
Contribute to keeping the school yard clean
Put rubbish in the bin

FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Be a Lifelong Learner

Be SAFE
Be RESPONSIBLE
Be RESPECTFUL

FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Be Safe

Walk
Hands to self
Remain in bounds
Use equipment safely

FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Be Respectful

Use polite language and tone towards peers and teachers
Practice good manners
Look after school and personal equipment
Wear uniform
Consider other’s feelings, right to learn and property in all that you do