Welcome back to our final term of learning this year

I am so excited to be back. I spent my holidays and extra leave visiting schools and engaging in a range of professional learning opportunities in Canada. I visited schools in Chinooks Edge District, Alberta, Ontario district School Board, Durham District School Board and Toronto School Board. One of my strongest points of observation is that we certainly do have a world class system in NSW and I am proud to be a part of the staff of Frederickton Public School where we are delivering quality educational opportunities to our students. I was delighted to visit our classrooms and witness our students hard at work first thing this morning. A great start to the term!

This morning in our staff meeting we discussed the new initiatives we have been engaged in with regard to the professional learning that 5 of our staff attended in last term. Thank you to the parents who have met with us to assist us with this work. I am confident that this work will enable us to more effectively meet the needs of our students with special needs.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic staff for the incredible amount of extra work that they did to ensure that our Spectacular event was such a success. Thanks also to the parents and families who attended and for the great feedback we have received. Also thanks to those who donated to the canteen for cakes to be sold for interval and to the wonderful helpers who assisted in providing dinners for the evening.

Shade Sails
Our new shade sails have been installed over the holidays. They look fabulous and offer deep shade over the play equipment. We appreciate the generous donation of the P&C to assist in the purchase of this shade. It is certainly something that all of our students can benefit from.

Please ensure that you child has their school hat each day. We take sun safety seriously at our school. We are a "No Hat Play in the Shade" school, so it great to have this shade reinstated.

Art Installation
In the last week of school, 2 more of our student’s beautiful artworks have been installed at the front of our school. All of the students who participated in these artworks have signed the back. We have a few more boards that are primed and ready, we hope to get more done soon.

School camp
Please ensure that you have completed your payment for the school camp over the next 2 weeks.

Teddy Bears Picnic
The SRC have organised a Teddy Bear’s Picnic for the children in Kindergarten and 1/2O for this Friday. I am sure that all those involved are looking forward to a great time.

School Photos
School photos are being held next Tuesday 13th October. Envelopes for photos have been sent home today.

Staffing News
As acknowledged at the spectacular and in newsletters last term, Mr Ashley has now retired. We wish him good luck for his retirement. Ms Adams will continue on 4/5A for the remainder of the year. We are really lucky to have her and for the quality of work that has been provided for this class in Mr Ashley’s absence.

Mrs Dickenson continues to be on long service leave until 21st October. Mr Ingram will be teaching Kindergarten until Mrs D’s return.

Mrs Rose has needed some extra time for her holidays and is hoping to return on Thursday. Mr Hoelzl will be on 3/4 R for today and Wednesday.

Spectacular DVD
If you haven't already ordered the DVD of our Spectacular, please do so by this Friday as orders need to be finalised. Cost is $20 per DVD.
1/2O News
Welcome back to “Term 4, I hope you all enjoyed the holiday break.

Thank you to all of the parents from O Class who supported and attended our Spectacular performance. We hope you enjoyed the show.

Many students have not returned their homework books. This week we will not have homework, however please ensure that you read with your child each night. Please check that your child’s homework book is not at home.

Our library day is tomorrow; make sure your library bag is packed.

TEDDY BEAR’S PICNIC
On Friday of this week, the SRC students will be hosting a Teddy Bear’s Picnic for the children in Kindergarten and Miss Oram’s 1/2O class. They have been planning it for some time. A note will be sent home tomorrow with details about the picnic, such as what to bring and what fun things will be happening. Keep your eyes peeled for the special note tomorrow.

LIBRARY BOOKS
We currently have a lot of overdue books so I would really appreciate students returning them ASAP.

Mrs Evans

SCHOOL PHOTOS
13th October 2015

Kindergarten 2016 Transition Program
Save the Date
The Kindergarten transition program will be held on Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 5th November.

A parent information session and morning tea will be held on Wednesday 4th November. All sessions will run from 9.20am to 11.20am.

An information letter will be sent home shortly to those parents who have contacted the school.

If you have not contacted the school regarding enrolment of your child please do so as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on this information.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Our core school values, known as the 3B’s (Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe) are being improved. Excitingly we will be adding a 4th and very important B! The official launch of the 4th B – Be a Learner, will occur next week.

At the end of last term the SRC visited buddy classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 6 to discuss what was going well in the school and any areas in need of improvement. The purpose of this was to provide student perspective in formulating fortnightly PBL focus areas.

Student’s reported that areas of celebration included adherence to uniform policy, walking safely on the concrete, and children being good friends to each other.

This week our focus is “Use kind words”. Please talk to your child/children about the importance of respectful language. Teachers will be watching and handing our PBL tickets when they observe children using kind words in the classrooms and the playground.

Ms Ransom

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HARDWORKING STUDENTS CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF LEARNING BEFORE 10.00AM THIS MORNING!
Beautiful new shade sails

Two of our new art works in our Yarning Circle

Australian and Canadian Flag at W.O, Mitchell School, Canada
**Fredo OOSH News**
Fredo OOSH staff would like to thank parents and members of the community who came and supported our car wash fundraiser during the holidays. We raised $226.75 to purchase new equipment for our centre.

We would also like to thank all the children for another great holiday. Bookings for Before and After School Care are now open if you would like to book your child/children in please contact Kate on 0447626387.

Don’t forget Childcare Benefit and Childcare Rebate is available to bring the cost of fees down by 50%. If you would like any information about CCB & CCR please contact Kate on 0447626387.

Also just a reminder that we are closed **MONDAYS** for Before and After School Care, however if you are interested in Monday care please let us know as expression of interests are available. If the need for Monday’s increases we may re-open.

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**Frederickton Hall Committee is having a........**

**HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS Disco**

**Date:** Friday 30\(^{th}\) October 2015  
**Place:** Frederickton Community Hall  
**Start:** 7.00pm  
**Cost:** $3 children, $5 adults and high school students.  
**N.B.** Children under 10 years MUST be accompanied by an ADULT

Chips and drinks will be for sale. There will be small prizes for SCARIEST COSTUME, CUTEST COSTUME – UNDER 5 YEARS, BEST BOY, BEST GIRL, and BEST ADULT.

Hope to see you all there for a frightfully fun night of ghoulish entertainment.

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**Kempsey Little Athletics**
The Athlete’s Foot sports shoe store is coming to Kempsey Little Athletics this Friday 9\(^{th}\) October from 4.00pm.

Come on down to Services Club Park Sports Field and check out their shoes – you don’t have to be a registered member to take advantage of this great opportunity.