Principal’s Message

What a busy place our school is! Students were hard at work learning from the moment they entered the classrooms on day one this term! One of the highlight of last week for me was the Teddy Bear’s Picnic on Friday. This was an SRC initiative, where a member of the SRC had the idea, negotiated with staff to hold the event, liaised with teachers and other SRC representatives to plan the activity and then the SRC brought it to fruition on Friday. It was lovely to see our student leadership team in full action as they coordinated all of the activities for this event. Thank you to the parents who attended, some of whom also brought along their teddies and delicious healthy food for the picnic.

Sadly the senior class’ golf afternoon last week had to be rescheduled due to rain. However the students did enjoy their sausage sizzle at the golf club. There was some information sharing about the fabulous youth golf program available at the golf club. For a $10 membership fee, students can receive golf lessons on Tuesday afternoons after school for the rest of the year. There is a junior golf competition every Friday afternoon which costs $3 per week.

Our senior class will have their golf session next Tuesday afternoon – 20th October, weather permitting.

School Photos
School photos will be taken tomorrow. Please ensure that all children are in full school uniform. School colours should be used for any ribbons etc and remember no floral garlands as these are not school uniform.

SRC Leadership Day
The long awaited SRC Leadership Day will be held on Wednesday. SRC representatives received a note last week. Parents need to arrange transport.

MECS Chess Competition
The second chess competition for this year will be held at Kempsey East PS on Thursday of this week. Mr Ingram will be supervising our students at this event.

Touch Footy Gala Day
There is a touch footy gala day on Friday at the footy fields in Gladstone. We are sending 4 teams from Stages 2 and 3. Notes need to be returned as soon as possible.

School Camp
Please ensure that you complete your payment for the school camp over the next 2 weeks. It is coming around quickly.

Kindergarten Transition
Our Kinder Transition Program will operate on November 3rd, 4th and 5th. We would love to have every 2016 Kinder child attend this fabulous program.

If you know of anyone with a child who is turning 5 and is intending to enrol in school for next year, could you please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Gymnastics
Thank you to those parents who completed the expression of interest for gymnastics. Mrs Fitzgerald and Ms Ransom have been able to organise a trained gymnastics coach to run lunchtime sessions on Fridays for 7 weeks.

Upcoming Events
There are a few events coming up this term that some prior notice may be useful. They are:

Spring into Art: 22nd October until 31st October at Gladstone Art Gallery
Senior Excursion at Morisset: 26th October-30th November
Kinder Transition: 3rd, 4th & 5th November
Jump Rope for Heart – 6th November
Life Education: 16th to 18th November
Star Badge Final Treat: Pool Party: 20th November
Swimming School: 23rd November-4th December
Year 6 Graduation & pool party – 10th December
Presentation Assembly – 14th December
Last day of 2015 for students – 16th December
Lunchtime Gymnastics
Thank you to those parents who returned an Expression of Interest for lunchtime gymnastics. We have secured a gymnastics teacher and the lessons will be held each Friday in the hall, beginning this Friday – 1.30pm to 2.10pm for 7 weeks.

Please ensure your child wears the appropriate school uniform for tumbling etc. If your child only has a tunic please ensure they have gym pants or a change of clothes.

The cost will be $5 per week (total $35). Students need to bring either $5 each week or the total $35.

Students need to be committed to this activity so they will not be able to pull out once they start.

A note will go home today to those students who have put their name down – if your child doesn’t bring home a note and you would like them to be a part of this activity please contact the office.

Ms Ransom

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Positive Behaviour for Learning underpins our welfare and discipline policy and ensures that students have a safe and supportive school environment, in which expectations and standards of behaviour are clear and understood by all. Last week we focussed on using kind words at school and acknowledged the ways in which respectful positive language can impact on others well-being.

This week we launch the 4th B, adding to the existing 3B’s (Be safe, Be responsible and Be respectful) which have been the schools core values for some time. The 4th B is ‘Be a Learner’! Teachers will continue to work with students to understand what it means to be a learner at Frederickton Public School.

1/2O News
Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers that sent in something to share at our Teddy Bear’s Picnic and an extra thank you to parents, grandparents and carers who attended with us.

This week we are reading “Mary’s Secret” by David McKee and we are learning about number partitions and data in our numeracy groups.

This week I am off class on Thursday and Friday for some training and development – O Class will be having Mr Donato.

Canteen Specials this week
Bolognese Pies $4 each or with Salad $6.50

House Ticket Tally
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s PBL draw – . The winning class was KD; the winning house was LAWSON. The winning students were: Matilda W, Ally-Jayne A x 2, Lincoln M & Hayden C.

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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.

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.

My holiday recount by Sienna Griffen

On Monday Shaetaya came over for a sleepover. We hopped in the pool. We went on the trampoline and then we went inside. We played the Wii and Shaetaya changed the people to her cousins and her baby sister. On Tuesday I went to the beach and Shaetaya came too. On Wednesday I went to Maddy’s house. At Maddy’s I went outside and I went on the trampoline so Rhys held the hose. Next I went to my friend’s house and went in her pool and I went in the deep end. Next I went to my step dad’s work place and Aunty Dianne gave me and my brother a Fredo chocolate. She saw the baby. Then we went home and I played the Xbox and the game was called Lego Jurassic Park. Next I went to Kris’s mate’s house and bought a puppy and it cost $300 and it was a girl. Next I watched a movie and it was called Scooby Doo 2. In the morning I went to the beach with Taya and we brought are boogy board and then we went to my Nan’s house because we had to drop Taya off. Next I went to my friend’s house and I saw the dog and its name was Patch. My friend and I went inside and played barbies.

3/4R News

Welcome back to all students and families. I trust a restful, fun and safe holiday was enjoyed by all. All the students have filled me in regarding their holiday adventures.

This term we will be reading a text by the author Emily Rodda titled “The Best Kept Secret”.

The text features horses, hence the reason many students might have asked to bring in horse books or DVD’s. Our Geography unit this term is China. We are investigating how climate influences the environment and the animals and vegetation they rely upon.

The homework sent home last week is not due until this Friday. It was set over the first two weeks of the term to allow the pupils time to settle back into their routine. Library day is still Wednesday.

We are enjoying skipping and gymnastics this term.

Please encourage all students to read nightly and return their reading journal daily. Pupils are rewarded for consistent home reading.
Jump Rope for Heart 2015
Today each child will be given a sponsorship form for 2015.

Every second year our school raises money for the very worthwhile Heart Foundation.

The children are asked to involve family members, friends and neighbours so that money can be raised by Friday 6th November.

Please encourage your children to take part in this important fundraising effort. There is a fun healthy living calendar that they can cut out for the fridge and start using straight away. Today can be Day 1.

At school, the children will be skipping at lunchtimes and as part of P.E./sport.

On Friday 6th November we will have our school JUMP OFF DAY where all children in the school will have the chance to perform individually, in pair’s, a small group and with their whole class. We hope that this term will be a healthy fun term of skipping for all students.

Please encourage your children to start collecting names on their sponsorship forms straight away. All sponsorship forms and money need to be returned on JUMP OFF DAY or no later than Friday 13th November.

Thank you for your support!

Mrs Donnelly
Jump Rope for Heart Co-ordinator

CPR
5/6H will be participating in CPR training over the next couple of weeks.

We will be learning the theory behind CPR and practising on our CPR dummy. If you would like to have your child receive a CPR certificate at the end of the training through Royal Life Saving Society please send in $11. The training is free due to Mrs Henderson being a CPR examiner.
Frederickton Hall Committee is having a........

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS Disco

Date: Friday 30th 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.