Principal’s Message

“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OUR MOTHERS”

There was certainly a lot of rain over the weekend. We hope that our families have not sustained any flood damage or losses. Thankfully the school has not been adversely affected by the rain, however we will not be doing our training for the cross country until things dry out a bit!

Science challenge
This week our senior class will be participating in the Rotary Science Challenge. We wish them the best of luck.

Staff Training and Development
I think that it is important to let our parents know that as teachers we engage in ongoing professional learning. Last Friday, a colleague from Sydney whom I met in Cambodia, presented some training and development to our staff and other teachers from across our valley. Her sessions were on planning and programming for science. This year there is a new Science syllabus which Mrs Evans is currently teaching as part of the RFF program.

Our ongoing professional learning meetings that occur each alternate Tuesday morning are currently focused on the changing nature of Assessment.

Our Staff Development Day this term was a part of a combined MECS initiative with a presentation by Gregory Nicolau, a child psychologist who specialises in Childhood Trauma and its impact on learning.

Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016
Just a reminder to parents of current year 4 students that applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 is currently open and closes on Friday 15th May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. This year there is an online process and that parents must apply before the closing date. Parents must complete their applications online. There are no paper applications. All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

Parents of students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 must submit their application before 15th May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Any enquiries regarding opportunity class entry to the High Performing Students Unit on telephone 1300 880 367 (for parents) or email at ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 will occur next week: Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May. Please ensure that students in years 3 and 5 have good sleep and a good breakfast in preparation for these tests. It is important that students arrive to school on time each day during next week.

Stage 3 Excursion
The Stage 3 excursion this year will be to Morisset to the outdoor education centre – Wyee. It has been booked for Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2015. Students will travel by train from Kempsey on the Monday and will return by train on the Friday.

Costing will be approximately $320 which includes the accommodation, prepared meals and the train fare. A note was given to students last Thursday, please read and fill in all the information and return with the deposit $50 by the due date.

Please return the note with the deposit to secure your child’s spot.

Football clinic
Ms Oram has organised a Football Clinic to run for each class over the next 3 Mondays. Students’ please wear their sports shoes.

P&C Meeting
Our new school plan has been uploaded onto the school website. This will be discussed at the P&C Meeting next Monday evening. All parents are welcome to attend from 6pm.

Mother’s Day
A special Mother’s Day Morning Tea will be held this week on Friday morning following the assembly on Friday. Mothers and grandmothers are invited to attend our morning tea in the library. The morning tea is a joint P&C and school event. We request that FATHERS arrange to send in a plate of food to contribute to the morning tea.

Star Badge Student Reward
Our Star Badge students for 2015 will be rewarded with a pizza picnic – NO COST – on Friday 8th May, at school.

The students who have received star badges in Term 1 will not need to bring lunch that day.
**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**Week 3**
- 5th May – “Kids in the Kitchen”
- 7th May – Science & Engineering Challenge – 5/6H
- 8th May – Busways bus visit – whole school
- 8th May – Mother’s Day Assembly

**Week 4**
- 10th May – MOTHERS DAY
- 11th May – Football Clinic – Day 1 – whole school
- 11th May – P & C Meeting
- 12th – 14th May – NAPLAN – Yr 3 & Yr 5 students
- 13th May – “Kids in the Garden”
- 15th May – Frederickton School Cross Country

**Week 5**
- 18th May – Football Clinic – Day 2 – whole school
- 19th May – “Kids in the Kitchen”
- 22nd May – Assembly
- 22nd May – Frederickton Cross Country (back up date)

**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Scholastic brochures were given out last week. Please place orders with money in an envelope in the box at the office counter before Tuesday 6th May.

**Science & Engineering Challenge**

Students in 5/6H will be participating in the Science & Engineering Challenge this year at Kempsey High School on Thursday 7th May. Mrs Henderson and Mrs Felten will accompany the students.

**NRL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS**

Beginning next week (weather permitting) K – 6 will be participating in 30 minute workshops each Monday for 3 weeks.

This is a free initiative offered by Northern NSW NRL.

**Class Library Days are:**
- **Monday:** 2/3W
- **Wednesday:** 3/4R and 1/2O
- **Thursday:** 5/6H and Kinder
- **Friday:** 4/5A

**MOTHER’S DAY ASSEMBLY**

FRIDAY 8th MAY
9.30am start

After the assembly our mums are invited to the library for morning tea.

**Playgroup**

Fredo playgroup is run every Monday morning at Frederickton school in the school hall. NO COST.
Time: 9.00am – 11.00am
What to bring: just something for morning tea
We would love to see you

**Cross Country**

The Frederickton School cross country will be held next Friday 15th May (weather permitting) or 22nd May. The Lower North Coast cross country will be held at the Racecourse on Friday 29th May 2015.

**KD News**

It's good to be back with the Kinders. This term will be a very busy one. As well as lots of learning taking place - we will also be assessing and writing reports which parents will receive at the end of this term. Thanks to all the parents who helped their child with the first week of 'formal' homework. Last week's homework has been marked and put inside this week's homework. Any finished work needs to be taken out of your child’s pouch, so that new communication is easy to find. Due to the intensity during Literacy sessions, some work does not get marked. The initial alphabet work we did last term can stay at home now.

This week I would like your child to practise their counting by ones, so there are two number lines on the reverse of their homework sheet. Some children are already counting forward to 100. If this is your child please work on counting backwards from, 10, then 20, then 30 etc. If your child reads regularly and finds the books easy, then they will be reading two books from the blue card; otherwise they will still have both cards.

That's all for this week, I hope to see you all on Friday for our Mother's Day Assembly.

**House Ticket Tally**

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s PBL draw –. The winning class was KD, the winning house was HUNT. The five winning students were: Molly B, Nate B, Rhys, Jackson T & Marley M.

**News from 1/2O**

Please remember to send in a note if your child has been away from school. Some yellow reminder slips have been sent home.

This week we are looking at the text “I am cow, hear me moo!” by Jill Esbaum. In mathematics we are looking at addition, subtraction and mass.

**PLEASE SEND IN A PHOTO OF YOU AND YOUR CHILD ASAP.** Thank you to those parents who have already.
Canteen Special this week is: Sushi $4.00 per roll

Dance Festival
Students have been working really hard in their lunchtimes and are making great progress in preparation for the Southern Network Dance Festival later this term. Dates are yet to be confirmed but we will be performing on either the 17th or 18th June. There is also the possibility of a Macleay Education Community of Schools (MECS) performance on the 16th June. Notes were sent home on Friday explaining costumes and details. Please return permission slips and $5 to the office as soon as possible.

Debating
We have an ever growing debating team, all eager to learn the skills necessary to win a good argument! Last week four of our debaters travelled to Laurieton for a day of workshops with the NSW Premiers Debating trainers. Sally, Demi, Lucy, and Hayley all did a fantastic job of impromptu speaking in front of a large audience.

We begin the first round of the MECS debating competition next Thursday 14th May against Crescent Head. We wish our debating team the best of luck.

Kids in the Kitchen and the Garden
This term Kids in the Kitchen will continue with a group of students from Year 6. Kids in the Kitchen teaches children basic food preparation skills to cook healthy low cost and delicious meals. Selected students participate in this program during their lunch times once a fortnight. We would like to thank Tracey Ruthven for the time she contributes voluntarily to make this program a success.

On alternate week the same students work with Mr and Mrs Wanstall in the Garden, learning how to tend to gardens and grow beautiful vegetables and herbs. The students have been busy weeding and preparing beds and next week will be planting lettuce, snow peas and carrots. Produce from the garden has been used in the canteen for some time and these additions will be greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Wanstall for their time and gardening expertise.

New Canteen Menu - Look out for the new canteen menu and price rises which will be out in the next couple of week.

P & C NEWS
Next P & C meeting will be Monday 11th May 2015 commencing at 6.00pm.
Struggle with lunchboxes? Need inspiration? Northern NSW Local Health District is putting together a series of lunchbox suggestions to take the worry out of what to pack each day. The fortnightly email ‘Let’s Look at Lunches’ will provide lunchbox tips, recipes and ideas. A well balanced nutritious lunch is important to keep active kids on track all day but it shouldn’t be a challenge.

If you would like to subscribe simply send us your first name, email address and postcode by:
- Email lookatlunches@gmail.com or
- Text to 0429 033 517
- Scan the QR code

OOSH News

Fredo OOSH has vacancies for both morning (7.00am – 9.30am) and after school care (3.00pm – 6.00pm) if you would like to book your child/ren into OOSH or make an enquiry please feel free to contact Kate on 0447626387.

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Hi Frederickton Primary School,

Join us at your local Bunnings store for our Mother’s Day Family Night from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday 7th May. Bring the family for a great night of activities. Make a gift for mum at our D.I.Y. workshop and more! There will also be free gift wrapping and light refreshments will be provided.

Contact Bunnings to book a spot.

Hope to see you there!
The Bunnings Team