Principals Message

Happy Mother’s Day
I hope that all our Mothers had a truly wonderful Mother’s Day yesterday. I would like to thank the mums, grandmas and aunties who attended our assembly on Friday. We had a lovely morning tea for all those who could stay. It was delightful to spend the morning enjoying the company of so many of our mums and grandmas. Thank you to all who provided food for the morning tea.

Star Award Treat
All Star Award recipients shared a fun Pizza Picnic in our Yarning Circle on Friday. How delightful it was to spend lunch time together with just some of the fabulous kids we have at Frederickton PS. I am looking forward to the next treat at the beginning of next term when 24 more students will have been awarded their Star Award. Please continue to encourage your children to uphold the 3 Bs and to try to be the best person they can be.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for years 3 and 5 will be conducted on 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 this week and every day for the remainder of the year.

Plenty of Opportunities
Although we are only a small school, our students have plenty of opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities.

I have attached a timetable of the activities on page 4 of the newsletter that are available to our students at lunchtimes. Not only are students able to attend these lunchtime activities, they are able to develop a range of skills and participate in other representative opportunities e.g. MECS Music Festival and the Southern Network Dance Festival, the MECS Debating Competition and the Premiers Debating Competition to name but a few.

Please be aware that these activities are run voluntarily by our staff. They work through their lunchtimes to provide these opportunities to our students. They are AMAZING.

Football clinic
A Football Clinic will be running for each class over the next 3 Mondays. Could students please wear their sports shoes for this.

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

Mapping the Macleay
Last term our school participated in a joint venture with Melville High School on the Mapping the Macleay Project. A group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students participated in a whole day workshop with Aunty Esther Quinlin and Uncle Bob Smith, listening to Aboriginal stories from the Macleay area and creating an artwork based on these stories. A video was produced by the high school students which I will endeavour to upload onto our school website and Facebook page. I have placed a photo of the finished product later in this newsletter.

Science Challenge
Congratulations to our students in 5/6H for participating in the Rotary Science Challenge. Although we didn’t win the ultimate prize this year, I think the opportunity to participate in such a well-run event has meant our students have been winners. We have new hope for next year as I believe the 4 year 5 students who attended this year took notes for next year. There is nothing like being inspired!!

ART Workshops
Over the next few weeks each class will have the opportunity to participate in some art workshops. Elwyn Toby a local Aboriginal Artist will be working with each class next week. Rob Bugden, a local artist will also work with students in art workshops in the coming weeks.

ART Competition
We will soon be launching an ART Competition for all students to participate in. More info soon!!

Cartooning Workshop
We will also have Joffa visiting our school again. He will be here on 17th June. We hope all students will participate in this opportunity. The cost is $3 per child. A permission note will be home very soon.

Mrs Debbie Bradshaw
Principal
### KD News

I'm hoping that Mother's Day was wonderful for all our Mums and they enjoyed the special family time together. On Friday our Kinders undertook a Bus Safety Session and went for a bus ride around Fredo to teach and reinforce the rules which need to be followed when travelling on the bus. Today your child will bring home a bag with bus safety information in it. This bag is for them to keep and use as a library bag, if they don't already have one. This week we will be learning some more sounds and actions and I will send a copy home to parents, so that you can practise with your child at home. Today we have our first session of NRL which sounds like lots of fun. Have a great week and remember to send in any empty boxes for our dream house project.

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### News from 1/2O

This week we are looking at the text “Mutt Dog” by Stephen Michael King.

I am away this Thursday and Friday at Teachers Federation training in Sydney Mrs Barnes will be on 1/2O.

Today is a first week of our free NRL skills workshop – lots of fun.

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### KD News

Congratulations to Daniel Hale for receiving our Citizenship Award at last Friday’s assembly.

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### Class Library Days are:

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### House Ticket Tally

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s PBL draw –. The winning class was 3/4R, the winning house was HUNT. The five winning students were: Thea M, Danielle B-E, Hayden C, Charni-Le O’H, Zach L.

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### Playgroup

Fredo playgroup is run every Monday morning at Frederickton School in the school hall. NO COST.

- **Time:** 9.30am – 11.00am
- **What to bring:** just something for morning tea
- **We would love to see you**

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### Cross Country

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

Please be aware that we intend to close the last part of Flanaghan Street during the races.

Please park before the final left hand turn if you want to arrive late or leave early.

Children need to bring morning tea and plenty of water in a bag to take with them to the oval.
Canteen Special this week is: THAI FISH CAKES & SALAD $5.50

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

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.

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 was Laycee Cooper.

LAYCEE, please see Tracey in the Canteen.

Canteen Roster
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents who volunteer to help in the canteen.

It has been at times difficult to find parents to fill a day when help is needed. A roster was sent home with students to the parents who are on the canteen roster – please look at the roster and know when you are rostered on. We realise that things happen and you might not be able to do the day that you are down for but we ask that if you are unable to come in and help on the canteen that day you give us some notice (not the day of) so that we might be able to swap or get someone else in.

If there are any parents out there who would like to help in the canteen please contact the office and your name can be added to the roster.

Remember to read the newsletter to check when you are on.

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.
Premier’s Reading Challenge

All classes are well and truly engaged in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Some students are not only reading during their library lesson each week but also borrowing books for their home reading as well. I am really hoping that this year we will achieve a 100% completion rate.

Last week’s Star Readers:
- 2/3W: Sophie Brandolini, Courtney Minns, Laycee Cooper, Zahkaylah Lane and Eliza Bennett
- 3/4R: Leif Nicole Bisnar, Keira Morn, Eden Bennett, Cooper Cooke-Russell and Fiona Saul
- 4/5A: Claire Haywood, Khayl Doherty, Maeve Patten, Shi-Anne Dorman, Lucy Bruce-Smith and Emma Kerr.

Overdue Books

Unfortunately there are still too many library books still overdue. Please encourage your children to locate their loans and return them as soon as possible. I will be sending home reminders in Week 5.

Mother’s Day Morning Tea

Thank you to everyone who contributed delicious cakes, savouries and flowers for the Mother’s Day morning tea. It was very much appreciated by the organisers and the 30+ mothers who attended. The library looked a very inviting and relaxing venue for our much deserving mums to take some time out of their busy routines. Thank you also to our wonderful SRC students who looked after all the mothers so diligently.

Science

For the remainder of the year I will be teaching the Key Learning Area of Science to each class during their teacher’s weekly Release From-Face-to-Face time (RFF). The units being taught this term are detailed below:

- Kindergarten and Year 1 are doing a unit called Weather in My World (Earth and Space Science).
  
  Each day the weather affects our work and leisure activities. The weather influences our decisions about what to eat and the things we do. Severe weather phenomena, such as droughts, floods and cyclones have serious impacts on communities. Horticulture, farming, fishing and tourism are highly dependent on weather. The accurate prediction of weather patterns and interpretation weather is very important to our economy and lifestyle.

  The Weather in my World unit is an ideal way to link science with literacy in the classroom. Students’ beliefs and understanding about the air, Sun and wind will be developed as they work through hands-on activities. Through investigations, they will increase their knowledge of how the characteristics of weather affect their daily lives.

- Classes 2/3W and 3/4R are doing a unit called Water Works (Earth and Space Science).

  Water is essential to life. As humans, we not only drink water, we also use it for cooking, hygiene, recreation and agriculture. Australia is a dry continent with an expanding population, and how we use water has become increasingly important. Water is a precious resource.

  The Water Works unit is an ideal way to link science with literacy in the classroom. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of and appreciation for, a precious natural resource. Through investigations, students explore how water is used, where water comes from and how to use it responsibly.

- Class 4/5A is doing a unit called Desert Survivors (Biological Science).

  It can be hard to imagine how any form of life could survive in the extreme temperatures and dryness of a desert environment. Yet even in such places an amazing diversity of plants and animals can still be found. Their structural features and adaptations not only help them to survive, but thrive under these conditions.

  The Desert Survivors unit is an ideal way to link science with literacy in the classroom. It provides an opportunity for students to explore some of the structural features and adaptations of desert plants and animals, and to compare them with plants and animals that live in other environments. They pose questions and develop evidence-based claims supported by their reasoning. Through hands-on activities students investigate how the structural features of desert plants and animals help them to survive in their own natural environment.

- Class 5/6H are doing a unit called Earthquake Explorers (Earth and Space Sciences).

  Major earthquakes cause dramatic changes to the Earth’s surface. Strong earthquakes can affect millions of lives by causing buildings to collapse, destroying roadways and bridges and affecting basic necessities such as electricity and water supply. Fortunately, the majority of earthquakes are barely noticed. It is still not possible to accurately predict where and when an earthquake will happen. However, greater understanding of their causes helps scientists estimate the locations and likelihood of future damaging earthquakes.

  The Earthquakes Explorers unit is an ideal way to link science with literacy in the classroom. Students develop an understanding of the causes of earthquakes and how they change the Earth’s surface. Through investigations, students explore earthquake magnitude data from Australia and neighbouring countries, drawing conclusions about patterns in the data.

Mrs Evans

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