**Principal’s Message**

**Music Festival**
Education Week was launched in a spectacular way during the MECS Music Festival at Melville High School last Monday evening. Our students in the massed choir looked great and sounded fantastic as they sang the opening and closing items.

Our school choir perfectly performed their 2 songs, Favourite Things and the Cup Song and the 70 drummers sounded fantastic.

Well done to all of our performers.

**Education Week Assemblies**
Our Education Week Assembly was a great opportunity to celebrate our student’s academic achievements and to enjoy performances by our choirs, Junior and Boys dance groups.

Congratulations to all of the students who received Education Week Excellence Awards.

Our Art Competition Winners were also announced at our assembly, congratulations to our budding artists.

Makayla Stackman spoke on this year’s theme: Celebrating Local Heroes. Her speech can be found later in this newsletter. Makayla wrote her speech and delivered it with great confidence. Well done, Makayla.

The Macleay Community of Schools Assembly of Excellence assembly was held on Thursday at Kempsey High School. Congratulations to Courtney Minns, Emma Kerr and Brooke O’Meally who represented our school at this special assembly. Congratulations also to Jeremy Bruce-Smith for also representing our school at the MECS Assembly of Excellence for achieving age champion in the MECS chess tournament held earlier this year.

**Kempsey Riverside Markets**
It was a great opportunity for our students to showcase their performing arts skills at the Kempsey Riverside Markets on Saturday. Well done to all our performers, thanks to all the staff that attended to support our students and a special thanks to parents who climbed out of bed early on a glorious Saturday morning to take our students to the markets.

**Lower North Coast Athletics Carnival**
Good luck to Jayden Griffen (High Jump) and Jason Saul (Shot Put) as they represent our school and our district at the Wauchope Carnival on Wednesday.

**SMS Messages**
Our school sends out SMS messages to notify parents of deadlines for school excursions, reminders of special events and to let parents know that their child is receiving an award at assembly. We apologise to the parents who may have been inconvenienced by a SMS regarding the Art Awards. The list for students receiving Participation Certificates was used in error. Students have received their Participation Certificates today.

**Break and Enter**
Unfortunately our school library was broken into on Tuesday evening last week. The perpetrators opened drawers and cupboards apparently looking for cash. Thankfully there was no vandalism or damage done and nothing was taken. We do not keep cash on the school premises.

The police have advised that there has been an increase in theft in the South West Rocks area recently and have recommended that people increase their security at home.

Mrs Debbie Bradshaw
Principal

**Wanted to Borrow**
Mrs Rose and 3/4R are looking to borrow any costumes that families have around ‘Winnie the Pooh’, such as Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Owl etc. We will look after them and return them after the Fredo Spectacular.

Please ask family and friends. We would greatly appreciate this.

**Year 7 2016 Transition Day**
The Year 6 students will participate in a Transition Day at Kempsey High School on Thursday 27th August. Students will need to make their own way to Kempsey High School and meet Mrs Henderson near the flagpole at 9.00am.

**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: Emily B, Charni-Le O’H, Flynn F, Matilda W and Aston W.
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FREDERICKTON PUBLIC SCHOOL
TERM 3

Week 4
7th August – Lower North Coast Athletics

Week 5
7th August – Lower North Coast Athletics
10th August – P & C Meeting
11th August – K-2 Glasshouse excursion
14th August – Star Badge Assembly

1/2 O NEWS
This week we are reading the book 'Blossom Possum' by Gina Newton. In our maths groups we are looking at addition and 3D Shapes.

Thank you to Emily again for bringing in another box of tissues, as well as Thomas and Charleigh.

Our Assembly Item is coming up in Week 5 and we are very excited. Could you please start looking for an outfit that your child could wear for the performance that is black with a bright colour - it could be black pants or shorts with a bright t-shirt or a black top with bright pants.

We have our excursion on Tuesday - please make sure your child is at school on time with their water, lunch and recess packed in their bag.

Final Payment needs to be finalised by Friday 7th August (THIS FRIDAY).

Canteen Specials this week

MEAT BALL SUBS $4.00

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5/6H Class news
Congratulations to Kalinda Larkins and Shaetaya Allen for being selected from Stage 3 students to participate in the Premiers Spelling Bee.

Literacy Group 1 has been studying different forms of poetry and has been writing some amazing pieces.

Maths Group 2 – Great attitude to maths homework grid. Don’t forget this fortnight is coming to a close on Friday.

Home Class – we have been listening to the information researched on legends by various students. They have done a great job so far.

Thank you and congratulations to all the performers who came to the Riverside Markets on Saturday. They were all great.

4/5A Class news

Literacy groups are working on all aspects of writing including editing and publishing completed work.

Reminder - spelling homework and the homework grid for 4/5A home class. Home reading diaries are also expected to be completed.

Thanks to all families who attended parent teacher interviews. I’m really enjoying teaching 4/5A during Mr Ashley’s absence.

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 ZAHKAYLAH LANE.

Zahkaylah, please see Tracey in the Canteen.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Is your child celebrating their birthday – have they asked for you to make a cake or cupcakes to share with their class? As we know mums and dads can get very busy working, appointments etc – why not order cupcakes through our canteen.

Tracey and co will make cupcakes – your flavour of choice - enough cupcakes for a whole class for only $25.00.

Contact the office to order 65662817.

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Students who received an Education Week Class Award at last Friday’s Assembly.

Brooke, Emma and Courtney after they received their MECs award at last Thursday’s MECs Education Week Assembly.

*Photo courtesy of Peta Minns*

Students who received a Highly Commended Certificate for their Aboriginal Art at last Friday’s assembly.

Charles congratulating Jeremy after winning his age group in the MECs Chess Tournament last term.
**Library days are as follows:**

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

**The Middle Childhood Survey**

Last week Year 6 students received a coloured information leaflet about the Middle Childhood Survey which Frederickton PS (along with most schools in NSW) has elected to participate in because of its importance to the well-being of young people in the near future.

Please don’t forget to read the information in the *Parent/Caregiver Information Leaflet* that explains the purpose of the survey and how it has the capacity to influence future policies and strategies for young people.

The survey is completely confidential. The school does not receive individual feedback nor are students, the school or the community identified in any findings.

**Please complete and sign** the relevant section in the leaflet if you do **not wish** your child to participate and return it to the school as soon as possible.

**Do not sign** if you do consent to your child participating. However we do ask that you return the form to school with your child’s name on the front for organizational purposes.

Please return the form ASAP with your child’s name on it, regardless of whether your child is participating or not.

*Mrs Evans*

*Librarian & Assistant Principal*

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge.**

**Congratulations to all the students who have now completed the PRC:**

**Kindergarten** has finished the PRC with Mrs Evans and 1/20 Class with Miss Oram.

**2/3W:** Aaliyah Hurley, Grace Clarke, Chyiane Martin, Ebony Haywood, Courtney Minns, Danielle Bubb-Edwards, Eliza Bennett, Laycee Cooper, Isaac Fernando, Khiani Allen-Gray, Sophie Brandolini, Zahkaylah Lane, Lachlan Johnson, Chloe Donnelly, Montana Thompson, Braden White, Kirsten Morn.

**3/4R:** Keira Morn, Hayden Carter, Fiona Saul, Oshiarna Madden, Eden Bennett, Cooper Cooke-Russell, Billie-Jo Smith, Emily Bevan, Leif Bisnar, Kimberleigh Lane, Caitlin Dark, Byron Cooper, Peter McElroy, Connor Crockford, Hunter Yarnold-Tasker, Jackson Thompson, Caelan Corcoran, Charles Welch.

**4/5A:** Lucy Bruce-Smith, Maeve Patten, Khayl Doherty, Jack McAlister, Claire Haywood and Emma Kerr.


**Students who are on the home stretch this week:**

**2/3W Class:** Daniel Baker, Rylan Motttee, Shanae Cooper, Tyrelle Glover-Ridgeway, Kaylee Matheson-Gosling, Byron White, Indiana Spicer, Lilly Coop.

**3/4R Class:** Jorja Mainey, Jazmin Collins and Jazira Dolezal.

**4/5A Class:** Shi-Anne Dornan, Douglas Fernando, Sally Goodchild, Daniel Hale, Kaylia Lovegrove, Jordan Clarke and Jayden Griffen.

**5/6H Class:** Holly Wheeler, Joel Crockford, Benjamin Brown, Marley Murphy, Lachlan Pogoriutschning, Carlie Edwards, Sam Corcoran

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Please remember to return your books to the library or put them in the designated class library tray in your classroom.

*Mrs Evans*

*Librarian*
PLAYGROUP EVERY MONDAY MORNING FROM 9.30AM – 11.00AM
Pre-school children are most welcome – cost is free – just need to bring something for morning tea to share e.g. fruit, vegies etc.

The School Choir and Senior Dance Group performing at the Riverside Markets last Saturday, thank you to Stacey Stevens, Mrs Henderson and Ms Ransom – the students performing brilliantly.
This year’s theme for Education Week is “Our Local Heroes”.

I’ve got some questions though… What is a hero? Who is a hero? How do we know a hero when we see one? Can anyone be a hero? Can a child be a hero? A hero can be someone who faces and deals with adversity. A hero can be someone who steps in and saves the day just in the nick of time. A hero can also be a person who deals with the difficult every day and never gives up. Heroes can come from our past, our present and our future.

Our local heroes don’t wear capes; they don’t stop speeding trains, or jump buildings in a single leap or drive batmobiles. Our local heroes have their names on the cenotaph at the front of our school, they work long hours in our hospitals and nursing homes, in our police, fire and ambulance stations. They teach our classes, they save us from drowning at our beaches and their work every day protects us from harm and helps lead us into our future.

Students can be heroes too. Every time we stand up for someone else, every time we help someone who is hurt or upset, every time we make the choice to do the right thing, we too, are heroes. A hero can come from anywhere unexpectedly. Heroes are made every day. Heroes live in our homes, down the street, next door, at our schools and in our workplaces.

Today we thank our parents, our carers and grandparents for being our heroes. You are the people who get us off to school every day; you are the people who help demonstrate to us how to live life honestly and to the best of our ability. You are the people who ferry us to dance, to sport, to music, to all the other things that help us grow and learn as young people.

In closing, on behalf of all the students at Frederickton Public School, I’d like to express my gratitude and thank all our heroes, our parents, our teachers, our military and emergency service personnel. Thank you for all the selfless and thankless things you do that have made our school, community and world a better place for us to grow up in.

Thank you.