PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Congratulations to our Student Representative Councillors who received their official badges at the assembly on Friday. Thanks and congratulations to the parents of these student leaders for their willingness to support our school and their child in this act of service to the school community. I was very impressed how well the new leaders conducted themselves as they led the first assembly for 2016. Congratulations also to the sporting captains and vice captains who also received their badges at the assembly.

Morning Supervision
Teachers are not on duty until 9am each day, therefore it is imperative for students to arrive into the playground after 9am. Students cannot be left at school prior to 9am unless they are attending OOSH.

Meet the Teacher Afternoon
Thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher afternoon on Wednesday. We hope that the information presented by the teachers will be useful to parents for the upcoming year. If at any time there is something you are unsure of, or something that may be causing your child or yourself concern, please contact the class teacher to notify her of your concerns.

Cricket
The Cricket competition is about to start. Mrs Adams has kindly offered to manage and coach the cricket team HOWEVER she needs some support asap as she has never done this before!! Could any parents with cricket expertise please donate some time either before or after school, or during the day!! If so please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Senior Excursion
Our senior excursion for all stage 3 students will take place during 16th to 20th May. There are limited places available. A preliminary note will go out this week, and parents will need to pay a $50 deposit to secure a place for your child. Mrs Harvey, Ms Adams, Mrs Evans and Mrs Felten will accompany students this year. It would be great if we could have a male parent assist on this excursion, I will call for Expressions of Interest for this over the next few weeks.

Macleay Educational Community of Schools Survey
Please assist our local public schools by contributing your responses to a survey about its recognition across our wider community. We would appreciate your completion of this survey online. The online survey address is:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCPLW7D

Thank you to those parents who have already completed this survey. If you have not done so please return the survey from last week’s newsletter or use the link above. Thanks for your time and support in completing this survey.

Macleay Swimming Carnival
Sixteen swimmers will represent our school at the Macleay swimming carnival this week. We wish them all success in their events. This is 20% of our primary aged students who have qualified to go to this level, only 2 other schools in our district have a higher percentage of students attending this level of competition. This demonstrates that swimming lessons and those parents who have their students in squads is benefitting our students.

School Band
Our school band lessons will commence today – Monday 15th February. Those students who came to the try-outs last week and those students continuing have been informed on which day they will be attending these lessons. N.B: The lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays cost $10 per lesson per child and needs to be paid to Mr Caitlin on that day. If your child attends on a Wednesday the school pays Mr Catlin.

The hire fee of $20 per instrument is an annual fee to be paid at the school office.
3/4R News

Well done to the class awardees from last week's assembly- Lilly C, Courtney M and Ebony Haywood.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Meet The Teacher afternoon last Wednesday. If you were unable to attend I sent home an outline sheet of what was discussed and a Literacy Placemat, which has information regarding English terms. This went home with the pupils on Thursday.

This Wednesday I will attending the Macleay Swimming Carnival, but the class will still have Library.

Please encourage your child to complete nightly Home Reading and bring their Pencil Case Pouch each day, with their Home Reading Journal filled in. Keep encouraging homework, remember it should not be a stressful time, but encourage your child to have-a-go and complete the amount they can manage during the week.

In last week's news I asked if the students could think about and bring in an item that might be destined for the tip. They can bring in a recyclable item like old toys, old socks, an old key, non-working watch etc. These items should not be too large or broken, just not working. I am not looking for bottle tops, cans or toilet roll holders. These items will not be returned and they are for our Literacy activities.

If you enjoy sharing a conversation about your child's learning you might like to discuss three dimensional shape names and features, the structure and types of Forests, our Class Oath/Promise and we have a Word of the Day. This might generate some conversation about our learning and give you a starting point.

News from K/1H & K/1O

Thank you to all of the parents, carers and grandparents who attended our information afternoon on Wednesday. If you couldn't make it or since have some questions please do not hesitate to contact us. Also if you are able to volunteer to help in our classroom just let us know, it would be greatly appreciated.

Scripture began on Thursday for all students and there was some confusion as to where students were to attend - please check with the office to ensure your child is on the correct list for either Catholic, Combined or Non-Scripture.

On Friday, Kindergarten students took home their sound books. New sounds will be added to this each week. Please take the time to practice these with your child daily along with their sight words.

This week during Mathematics we will be learning about Addition & Subtraction and 3D Shapes.

House Ticket Tally

Congratulations to the following students for winning last week's PBL draw –Courtney M, Lincoln M, Byron W, Flynn F, Daniel B.

The winning class was 3/4R.

The winning house was TAYLOR.
DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1
26th February – Star Badge Assembly
14th March – P & C AGM
24th March – Easter Hat Parade & Assembly
25th March – Good Friday – holiday
28th March – Easter Monday – holiday
8th April – Star Badge Assembly

TERM 2
16th May – 20th May – Senior excursion

TERM 3
25th July – School Photos

TERM 4
8th December – Year 6 Graduation
12th December – Presentation Assembly
15th December – Trial Bay visit – whole school

CANTEEN SPECIAL THIS WEEK
Thai Green Curry Rice Balls $2.00 each
Or with a Bean Salad or a Green Salad $6.50
AND
Chicken, Asparagus & Tarragon Pie $3.50 ea
FRUIT SORBET $1 – PRE-ORDER ONLY

Forget McDonald’s or KFC – come and get your take-aways from Frederickton School Canteen. All fresh ingredients – all you need to do is heat.

Freddo Kids Club
From 3.30pm to 5.15pm at the Christian New Life Centre.
For kids from years 3 to 6. Cost: A gold coin per child.
We will again meet the kids after school and walk with them to the Centre.
For any new child wanting to come they will need to have a parent or Guardian to sign them in for their first time.
The contact number for the Centre where the Kids Club operates is: 6566 8043.
Or for any other info please call David or Ros on 65668995.

Frederickton Outdoor Fitness
Enjoy the benefits of group exercise.
All levels of fitness welcome to come along and start your day with the sunrise.
Combination of exercise from cardio, weights, circuits, boxing, yoga and stretching
Where: Frederickton Public School (outside hall)
When: Monday & Thursday 6.00am – 7.00am
Cost: $12 - session cards available
Info: www.glovefit.com.au
facebook.com/glovefit
Gaye 0419 041919

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 Shi-Anne Dornan.
Shi-Anne, please see Tracey in the Canteen.
Library Information
Although it is still only very early in the year, I have been thrilled that so many students have already been organised and keen to borrow. The library has been an extremely popular destination during the lunch breaks. Students are able to use the computers, draw and colour in, read, write, play chess and other games and create plays with the puppets.

Frederickton Public School has an excellent library and each year many additional quality books are purchased. We strongly encourage all students to regularly borrow and read a wide range of books as part of their overall reading program. In line with our school rules to ‘Be Responsible’ and ‘Be Respectful’ students need to treat library books with care. Please encourage your child to do this by reminding them to:

• use a library bag. If possible store the library bag in a separate compartment of the school bag away from any drink bottles or soft fruit etc.
• keep books safely out of reach of younger children and dogs at home;
• not draw or write in books;
• read with clean hands;
• return their books to the library on time. Reminder notices will be sent home regularly this year. Please inform me promptly if a library book is damaged or lost.

Library Lessons
Each class has a half hour library lesson each week. During this time students read and borrow books and learn how to locate books and information. They will learn about the different types of books (genre) and be exposed to a variety of authors. The more widely students read, the more exposure they have to new ideas and language. This can have a powerful impact on their learning.

Class Library Roster
Tuesday: 4/5W and 2/3D
Wednesday: 5/6A and 3/4R
Friday: K/1O and K/1H

Students may also borrow and return books at lunchtime or may return books to the library tray in their own classroom.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
The PRC was initiated many years ago to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable students to experience quality literature. The PRC is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Frederickton PS strongly supports and promotes the Premier’s Reading Challenge as an important strategy in developing students’ reading and literacy.

The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge begins shortly on the 9 March and will run until 19 August. We had an excellent completion rate last year, with the majority of our students finishing.

Congratulations to the students who received a gold certificate at Friday’s assembly for completing four years of the PRC last year.

PLAYGROUP HAS A NEW NAME – ‘PLAY DATE’
Playgroup at Frederickton Public School will commence back next Monday 11th February – 9.30am – 11.00am.
All ages are welcome – just bring a plate to share for morning tea. Cost: FREE

NESTLE JUNIOR TRIATHLON
The Nestle Junior Triathlon will be held on 20th February 2016. There will be 5 races all sponsored by Nestle Australia with swim caps and Nestle product packs for all entrants.

Races will be for 5 different age categories and online entries and for further details go to the Trial Bay Triathlon website.
Mrs Donnelly and I will both be teaching Science and Technology this year. Mrs Donnelly will teach the K/1O and K/1H classes and I will be work with the remaining classes.

All students K-6 will engage in learning through the Skills strands, Working Scientifically and Working Technologically and through a focus on the Knowledge and Understanding strand of Natural Environments and its sub-strand Living World. The learning experiences will support students to develop their understanding of living things. They will investigate the diversity of living things, including plants, animals and micro-organisms, as well as their interdependence and interactions with each other and their environment. They will explore their life cycles and structural features and how these aid survival.

Below is a description of the particular unit for each class.

• The K/1O and K/1H unit is titled ‘Staying Alive’. This unit assists students to learn the knowledge, concepts and skills relevant to a focus on living things having basic needs, including food and water and how their senses help them to survive. It also provides opportunities for students to respond to questions, to make observations using their senses and represent them visually and to share their observations and ideas.

• The 2/3D unit is titled ‘Feathers, fur or leaves?’ This unit supports students to distinguish living and non-living things and how to classify living things through a collaborative inquiry-based approach. Students will participate in hands-on activities to explore the features of living things. They will discover ways living things can be grouped together on the basis of observable features and how they can be distinguished from non-living things. They use this knowledge to investigate the animal groups in the leaf litter of their own school grounds.

• The 3/4R unit is titled ‘Plants in Action’. We depend on plants for the oxygen we breathe, many foods, fibres, building materials, medicines and fuels, and for the pleasures of beautiful flowers. Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, conservation of natural habitats and gardening all require an understanding of plants. Students’ beliefs about flowering plants will be challenged as they work through hands-on activities. Students will develop a sense of wonder and appreciation of plants as they investigate the processes of pollination and germination, the stages in a plant’s life cycle and environmental conditions that plants need for growth.

• The 4/5W and 5/6A unit is titled ‘Marvellous Micro-organisms’. Micro-organisms affect everyone. Some are helpful, while others are harmful. Pathogenic micro-organisms can cause diseases like sore throats, influenza and tuberculosis. Decomposer micro-organisms decay rotting plant and animal matter, returning important nutrients back into the soil. Food spoilage micro-organisms like mould ruin stored food. Other bacteria and yeasts are vital to the production of food and drinks like yoghurt and bread, and beer and wine.

The unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of the role of micro-organisms in food and medicine. Students investigate the conditions micro-organisms need to grow, learn about yeast and the bread-making process, and research the development of penicillin.
Henri Mallard, Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge & Building Bridges
Photographic Competition

The Slim Dusty Centre is proud to be presenting its first travelling exhibition “Henri Mallard, Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge”. The exhibition is touring from the Australian Centre for Photography and is part of the Slim Dusty Centre’s commitment to bring a range of cultural opportunities for regional communities to engage with exhibitions and events that they might not have seen in their travels elsewhere, or in their own region.

The Henri Mallard, Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge is a collection of Henri Mallard’s documentary photographs and film footage narrating the building of the Sydney Harbour Bridge between the late 1920’s and the early 1930’s. Henri Mallard produced a body of photographs that document a pivotal historical moment, capturing the monumental scale of a major civil engineering project set against the background and skyline of a Sydney now long gone, as are the many risky work practices that the thousands of workers involved on the bridge endured.

Mallard was born in Australia and worked his way up to General Manager of Harrington’s - then a competitor to Kodak. Henri Mallard enthusiastically tested the latest equipment and was a keen amateur exhibitor as he was an advocate for photography. His pictures of the bridge were intentional historical documents, unusual in that he gained permission to photograph the work from the Bridge.

For the last eighty four years, the Sydney Harbour Bridge has been one of Australia’s most photographed icons and in conjunction with the Henri Mallard exhibition; the Slim Dusty Centre is running the Building Bridges Photographic Competition. We are inviting members of the public to submit their own original photographs of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Bridges from around the Macleay, or Bridges from around the World. The entries to the Building Bridges Competition will be put on public display in the Nulla Nulla Gallery for the duration of the Henri Mallard, Building the Sydney Harbour Bridge exhibition.

Entries open on Monday February 8th and close for judging on March 31st. For more information email Julia Morrell at julia.morrell@slimdustycentre.com.au or call on (02) 6562 6533 Entry forms are available from the Slim Dusty Centre and from Wonderland Framing (corner of Verge & John Streets Kempsey), who are offering a special rate to competition entrants, to print their ‘Bridge’ photographs, at $8.00 per 10x8 inch print on archival mat paper. Prizes include a Family Pass to the Slim Dusty Centre, a 2- Day pass to the Slim Dusty Country Music Festival and a custom picture framing prize. Entry to the photographic competition and to the Henri Mallard Exhibition is by gold coin donation.