PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Frederickton Public school is proud to welcome Mr Simon Breakspear to our school this week. Mr Breakspear is a world reknowned speaker on innovation in education. I have been able to invite Mr Breakspear to our school to conduct a 2 day workshop : Change Academy that will influence the thinking of school leaders across the entire Macleay Valley. This is part of the work of the Macleay Community of Schools (MECS) of which I am the current chairperson. I am pleased to be promoting high quality and cutting edge decision-making that will continue to improve student outcomes across the entire community as school leaders from every public school across the Macleay participates in this initiative.

Thank you to our delightful students who are always polite to our visitors as they move around our school. I am so very proud of you all!! Also thank you to our Student Representative Counsellors who confidently fulfilled the duties of welcoming our guests this morning.

Macleay Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our swimmers who participated so well in the Macleay Swimming Carnival. Of the sixteen swimmers who represented our school at the carnival last week, 6 of them have progressed to the Lower North Coast Carnival. We wish them all success in their events at the next carnival on Wednesday of this week.

Cricket

Our Cricket team received some very valuable support from Mr Clarke who has volunteered time to train our cricket team. Our boys are now as ready as they will ever be for Tuesday’s match. Mr Donato will manage our team at the field on Tuesday. Good luck, cricketers!

Trial Bay Triathlon

Congratulations to all those children and family members who participated in the Triathlon events over the weekend. Congratulations especially to Mrs Williams, Mrs Henderson and Ms Ransom for the great effort they each contributed to their team event. We are all so proud of you!!

Macleay Educational Community of Schools Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed this survey.

“Dance Fever” visit

This Wednesday afternoon students in K-6 will be involved in a dance demonstration from the ‘Dance Fever’ company.

Kindergarten to Year 2 – 2.10pm – 2.40pm
Year 3 – Year 6 – 2.40pm – 3.10pm.
This is a free activity.
**3/4R News**

Thank you to those families who have donated tissues and soap on tap. This is greatly appreciated. If other families are able to donate these items so we can share them in the class throughout the term.

In the last few weeks class news I have 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 3 and 2 dimensional shape names and features, the structure and types of Forests, our Class Oath/Promise (We will try and follow the 4Bs and respect each other) and we have a Word of the Day. This might generate some conversation about our learning and give you a starting point.

Library day is each Wednesday.

Please keep encouraging Home Reading and Homework effort.

I am still looking for parent/carer/grandparent volunteers to assist with Home Reading in class. If you have a little bit of time you can spare on a particular morning, it would be greatly appreciated. Please call the office or call in and have a chat.

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**News from K/1H & K/1O**

Thank you for helping your child to go through their sight words and sound books. It was pleasing to see the majority of Kindergarten and Year 1 students remember to complete and return their homework on Friday.

Library day is Friday.

Sport/P.E. is Tuesday Afternoon.

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**Sport News**

**Cricket**

On Tuesday 23rd February (tomorrow) our boys will play against Aldavilla Primary School in the first round of the PSSA Cricket. We wish them the best.

A special and **HUGE** thank you to Paul Clarke (Jordan’s dad) for his training.

Congratulations to Max and Jordan who were successful at the Macleay Cricket trials now they will travel to Port Macquarie on Thursday to try out for the LNC Cricket team – all the best boys.

Miss Adams – Cricket Co-ordinator

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**Soccer**

Frederickton Public School is competing in the PSSA Boys Soccer knockouts – dates to be finalised. If there is any parent willing to come in and help coach the students we would be appreciative. Please contact the office if you are able to help out.

Ms Harvey – Soccer Co-ordinator

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**Frederickton Relay team at the Macleay Swimming Carnival**

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**CHICKEN & BEAN BURRITO $4.00**
CANTEEN SPECIAL THIS WEEK

Chicken & Bean Burrito’s $4.00

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.

Place your orders through the office.

P & C News
Easter is fast approaching and as usual we will be holding an Easter Raffle. Families are asked to donate Easter Eggs for the raffle as in previous years. Please send in Easter Eggs as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets went home with this newsletter.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade.

News from 2/3D
This week is another busy week. 2/3 D will be performing on Friday at the assembly (note to go home tomorrow re- costume). We will also be giving out the first of the star badges for 2016.

4/5W Class Message
Thank you to those students who remember their home readers everyday and their homework every week. The homework informs parents what our literacy and numeracy focus is for the week. It also includes other Key Learning Areas. Please encourage good work habits and healthy eating at school.

Fruit break should include fresh fruit and vegetables not sugary drinks or packets of processed food.

Library is on Tuesday mornings so please encourage library bags and borrowing.

“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 CHARLIE DORNAN

Charlie, please see Tracey in the Canteen.
Dear Diary,

It has been nine months now since the rabbits arrived. At first there were only ten rabbits. Now there are around 50000 rabbits.

They have taken over everything thing they cut down all the trees and made their own houses and then tried to take our children. But we couldn’t let them, so we tried to fight them off but they were too strong.

It’s been a year now, however the rabbits have become much stronger but so have we. The rabbits have made big metal machines, however we marsupials have learned how to make guns. We plan to attack first thing tomorrow.

I’m about to leave to fight in the war, we are leaving soon. When we reach the rabbit’s castle, we’ll need to sneak inside. Lots of shots will have to be fired and we might lose a lot of us but we need to win the battle.

My father died many years ago fighting the rabbits, and I must continue. I must avenge his death. I will save us from the rabbits.

By Braydan Keast

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Dear Diary,

It’s been 6 months now since the rabbits came. They’ve stolen our food, chopped down our trees. I don’t think we’ve got a chance against them. All the animals are dying. If they ever became good, I don’t think I would NEVER forgive them. They’ve killed most of my family and friends, stolen all the food and destroyed nature.

The rabbits are and always will be fiends of the marsupials. But we can’t fight back. They have guns and more guns. All we have are spears. What shall we do? Where do we go? The answer is I don’t know.

Why did the rabbits steal our children, kill our friends and destroy nature as we know it? Is there a reason? I know that I wouldn’t destroy their land if I went there. So why do it to us?

I hate those rabbits. Those horrible, horrible rabbits. How can we stop them? Is there still hope? Will we fight back?

Marsupials are dying because of those rabbits! I wish we could fight back but we can. One of our only options is to run away. If we don’t, we’ll die. But if we do we’ll have nowhere to go. So ....the question remains. Who will save us from the rabbits?

By Harry Jennings

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Dear Diary,

It’s been a year now and they’re ruining everything. We try to share our things but they just don’t care about anything. They’re even killing some of us.

They stole our children, they ruined our camps. They killed animals, brought diseases and brought other animals. We can’t fish anymore, there’s no fresh water.

There’s buildings everywhere and there’s so many rabbit’s. Everywhere I go, rabbit’s. They dress funny and they hold these weird things. There’s black puddles that stink and there’s no green grass left or any trees. The sky is brown, the air is polluted and it’s a challenge to find food or clean water.

I tried talking to them but they will shoot us if we don’t go. I’m getting old and I’m very sick. If anyone is reading this please help save us from the rabbits.

by Douglas Fernando
Now accepting enrolments!
Limited slots available!

What is HIPPY?
HIPPY is a FREE two-year (60-week) home-based early childhood enrichment program. It supports families the year prior to their child commencing full-time schooling. It is a program that is delivered by Home Tutors through Home Visits and Parent Groups. Tutors are also parents participating in the program and members of the same community.

How does HIPPY benefit my family?
HIPPY empowers parents to be their children’s first teacher. HIPPY promotes school-readiness and maximises the chances of a successful early school experience. HIPPY fosters parent involvement in school and community life. HIPPY builds self-esteem.

How old does my child need to be to start HIPPY?
Children may be eligible to start HIPPY if they are four years old. Families take part for two years, during the year before a child starts formal schooling and during their first year of school.

How much does the HIPPY program cost?
Joining HIPPY costs nothing as this program is fully funded through the Australian Government’s Department of Social Services. All supplies needed to complete HIPPY will be provided at NO COST to the family.

Who can join?
Families who live in the Kempsey area who are looking to spend quality learning time (15 minutes a day) with their children and wish to meet other families from the community. With a child who is around 4 years old.

Who are the Home Tutors?
Home Tutors are parents in the HIPPY program who are doing the activities at home with their own children at the same time as being employed to help other HIPPY families.

Can I be a Home Tutor?
If you are interested in the paid position of Home Tutor, speak to the Coordinator of your local HIPPY program to find out more.

How can I find out more?
To find out more about your local HIPPY program in Kempsey, please contact your local Coordinator Karissa Black.

Email: karissa.black@samaritans.org.au  Phone: 0428560936

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 of fruit to share for morning tea. Cost: FREE

Frederickton Netball Registration Days

WHEN: 24th February and 2nd March 2016
WHERE: Club house Flanagan St, Frederickton (Off Great North Road)
TIME: 4:30 - 5:15pm
CONTACTS: Sandy Willis 65668307 and Belinda O’Meally 65668876

All ages. Every one welcome. Subsidys available and early bird discount applies.

FREDO SPURS FC

INFO DAY: FEB 13, 20, 27 SAT
VENUE: FLANAGAN ST, FREDO
TIME: 10AM - 1PM
CONTACT: 0431268123
REGISTER AT MYFOOTBALLCLUB.COM.AU

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