PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Recently I came across this very graphic representation of the importance of reading every night. It clearly demonstrates the difference that 20 minutes of reading every day can make over the primary schooling of a child. It demonstrates how just one small activity can make a huge difference to the academic achievement of your child. It is a small investment in time which has a huge impact. I hope that all children will be inspired to read just 20 minutes every day as part of their homework and that parents will ensure that every child no matter what age, is engaged in a reading activity for 20 minutes every day outside of school. It’s okay for the parents to do the reading to the child, as that is modelling reading behaviours and the child is still hearing “book language”.

Clean Up Australia Activity
We have organised our Clean Up Australia activity for this Friday. Please send in garbage bags and gloves for your child.

Responsible Pet Care
K/1H, K/1 O and 2/3D will attend a Responsible Pet Care incursion on Monday of next week.

Easter Hat Parade
Just giving everyone a “heads up” that our Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24th March at 9:30 in the school hall. There will not be an assembly on the 25th March as it is Good Friday. HATS NEED TO BE MADE AT HOME.

Assemblies
The next assembly will be on the 11th March. Due to the Easter break, the following assembly will be on Friday 8th April, which will be a Star Badge Assembly.

Soccer Reps
Congratulations to Connor Crockford and Brayden Keast for their selection into the Macleay Boys Soccer Team 2016

They will be attending the Lower North Coast Trials at Wayne Richards Oval, Port Macquarie, on the 30th March and we wish them continued success.

Stage 2 Excursion
Mrs Rose has started to organise a Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) excursion to the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre for Monday 30th October 2016 – Wednesday 2nd November 2016.

An EOI note will go home (hopefully tomorrow) with details and costing – these notes will need to be returned before Friday so that the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre can be booked.

Senior Excursion
The senior excursion to Sydney is only 10 weeks away. There are still quite a few spaces available – these spaces will need to be filled so that the cost remains at $450.00. Please contact the school if your child will be attending but have not yet sent in the note and $50 deposit.
**HEAD LICE**
We have had sightings of head lice. Could all parents please check their children’s hair and treat where applicable. Vigilance is the key to controlling infestations of this nuisance.

**3/4R News**
Just a reminder of class routines:

Wednesday- Library

Monday and Thursday- P.E

Friday- Homework is due

Thanks to Sandy White for the donation a large watermelon for our class fruit break. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Please encourage your child to practise the multiplication tables for the 2,3,4,5 and 10 number facts. It is so vitally important these facts are learnt and can be quickly recalled. Encourage them to sing, say, write or dance to them.

As the Easter Hat Parade is only 3 weeks away, I remind students to begin thinking about their hat creation. Their hat needs to be created at home, it is not a class activity.

**EOI re Sydney Excursion for Stage 3 Students**
Our senior excursion to Sydney will occur Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} to Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} May inclusive. As in previous years we are asking for a male parent to assist with this excursion. The parent will need to pay the same amount as the students ($450). We are therefore calling on parents to submit an Expression of Interest to assist the decision-making process.

I appreciate that this process may seem a little too formal, however I feel it is important to formalise this process in an attempt to ensure a fair opportunity for all parents to consider this opportunity.

The Expression of Interest needs to be less than a page in writing. It should include:- an assurance that you will be available on the specified dates, a written understanding of the roles and responsibilities that you are prepared to undertake whilst fulfilling this role, any extenuating circumstances that make it important for you to attend the excursion, anything else that you would like to add in relation to your application. A small committee will be responsible for making this decision.

Please submit your EOI to the school office by 3.00pm Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} March. Thank you for the great support that our school has from our parents.

**NEWS from 2/3D**
The winners of this week’s Class Dojo Points are:
Molly 141; Emily 131; Brodie and Montana 129; Ellie 128.

Could we please have donations of tissues for our classroom. Attache cases are looking fantastic and we don’t need any more recycled things for this project anymore.

**P & C News**
Don’t forget to send in Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle – leave them with Bev or Helen in the Office. Thank you to those families who have done so but we need more to make it a great raffle prize.

Please sell your raffle tickets and return to the office when sold.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade.

**DATES TO REMEMBER………..**

**TERM 1**
14\textsuperscript{th} March – P & C AGM
24\textsuperscript{th} March – Easter Hat Parade & Assembly
25\textsuperscript{th} March – Good Friday – holiday
28\textsuperscript{th} March – Easter Monday – holiday
8\textsuperscript{th} April – Star Badge Assembly

**TERM 2**
16\textsuperscript{th} May – 20\textsuperscript{th} May – Senior excursion

**TERM 3**
25\textsuperscript{th} July – School Photos

**House Ticket Tally**
Congratulations to the following students for winning last week’s PBL draw – Shi-Anne, Daniel, Caelan, Jack, Maya M.

The winning class was 2/3D.

The winning house was Hunt.
**Sport News**

**Cricket**

**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

**Cricket**

Frederickton Public School will play against Hastings Public School either Monday or Tuesday of next week at Port Macquarie.

A note will go home requesting parental assistance with transport to and from this event. If you are available and can help out we would be most appreciative.

Miss Adams – Cricket Co-ordinator

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TERM 1 2016**

**WEEK 7**

7th March  R Hawken
8th March  CLOSED
9th March  L Dolezal, V Sewell
10th March  V Sewell
11th March  R Parker

**WEEK 8**

14th March  A Glass
15th March  CLOSED
16th March  V Sewell
17th March  V Sewell
18th March  B Luxford

**CANTEEN SPECIAL THIS WEEK**

7 CHICKEN DUMPLINGS $4.00 OR WITH SALAD $6.50

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.

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**News from 4/5W**

Our assembly item is on this Friday. Please come dressed as a Colonial character (bring your school uniform to change into after the assembly).

Just reminding parents and carers that home readers need to be at school everyday.

Library day is Tuesday.

Thank you to those students who bring their home readers everyday and attempt their homework every week. Well done.

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**“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 ELIZIBETH BONE

ELIZIBETH please see Tracey in the Canteen.

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**EASTER PARADE**

Where: Frederickton Public School (in the hall).


Categories:
- Tallest
- Fluffiest
- Most Colourful
- Most Creative
- Most Recycled
- Most Decorations

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**Happy Easter!**
‘TELL THEM FROM ME’ NON-PARTICIPATION NOTES
Last week students in Years 5 and 6 received notes about the ‘Tell Them from Me’ survey. The notes included information about the confidentiality of the survey, its purpose and how the students complete it. The students also received a note that was to be returned if parents DID NOT give permission for their child to participate. As the on-line survey is to be completed by students very soon, it is important that NON-PARTICIPATION note be returned within the next day or so. If the note is not returned we will assume that permission is given and your child will complete the survey.

If you have any concerns or questions don’t hesitate to call me (Mrs Evans) at school on 65 668 217.

The Week 6 Top 3 students were:
3/4R: Kirsten Morn, Courtney Minns, Tyrelle Glover-Ridgeway and Travis Lovegrove
4/5W: Caitlin Dark, Cooper Hawken, Caelan Corcoran.
5/6A: Daniel Hale, Sally Goodchild, Ella Ruthven

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE – BEGINS TODAY

LIBRARY
Please remember to bring your library bag and book returns on your library day. Books may also be returned or borrowed on any day when the library is open. N.B: a library bag can be purchased from the office for $10 – these are made from sturdy fabric with the Frederickton School logo printed on the front.

The school has spent a considerable amount of money on the purchase of reading and library book and FPS students are very fortunate to have such high quality books to borrow. Please demonstrate a responsible attitude to the care all school reading and library books. They are very expensive to replace.

Library roster:
- Tuesday: 4/5W and 2/3D
- Wednesday: 5/6A and 3/4R
- Friday: Kinder and Year 1

Mrs Evans
Assistant Principal 3-6
Librarian

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
Notice from Frederickton OSHC/Vacation care

2nd March 2016

Dear Families,

It is unfortunate that we need to advise you that the Friday after school care service at Frederickton OSHC will cease after the 11th March 2016. This is because the number of children attending the service has fallen so low, that the service is not viable at this stage.

This closure will only be on the Friday afternoon, Friday mornings will remain open.

We will monitor the interest of families in relation to this service in the future, to help determine when we may be able to offer Friday afternoons again.

We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause to families, but unfortunately this course of action is unavoidable.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to this matter, please contact Nyree on 65626387 or Kate on 0447 626 387.

Kind Regards

Nyree Simpson
Manager
Kempsey Family Day Care Inc.
KEMPSEY EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY Inc

66th Vocal & Instrumental Eisteddfod
65th Speech & Drama Eisteddfod
Monday June 27, 2016 – Saturday July 2, 2016
35th Dance Eisteddfod
Saturday July 2, 2016 – Saturday July 9, 2016
ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday April 8 2016 www.stardom.com.au
Enquiries: kempseyeisteddfod@hotmail.com
Find us on Facebook or visit our website

Kempsey Junior Rugby Union Registration

4.00pm, Tuesday 22nd & 29th March at the field behind Kempsey Toyota

U8s to U10s – $55.00
U12s to U14s – $70.00

If your child wishes to order gear, the prices are:
t-shirt $15, shorts $20 & socks $8

Kempsey Juniors U8 to U12 will play in the Port Macquarie Friday night competition, with several home games at Crescent Head on Sunday morning.
Training starts 22nd March
Training starts on the 4.00pm, Tuesday 10th March at the field behind Kempsey Toyota

Rangers Registrations

Parents don’t worry you haven’t missed out in registering the kids this season

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME
No matter your skill level
Spots available in junior teams

Register on-line www.myfootballclub.com.au
Contact Larisa
0407-597-375
E: info@macleayvalleyrangers.com.au