Hi Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see so many you visiting the school over the past fortnight for Student Support Group (SSG) meetings. I trust that you have found these meetings to be informative and relevant to your child’s educational needs. The SSG meetings represent our formal parent teacher meetings. Staff at school, including myself are available throughout the year to discuss your child’s progress. This can be done by booking a time convenient to both parties.

Tuesday was an exciting day for Frankston SDS because it marked the visit of the Victorian Premier Dennis Napthine to our school. We were thrilled the premier had specifically selected our school as one he would like to see. On his visit Dr Napthine asked many questions about our school and special education across the board. He finished with a tour of our school conducted by our school captains, greeting many eager young faces along the way. I am hoping he left with a better understanding of how a school like Frankston SDS functions and the resources required to make it function even better.

This week some parents may have received a questionnaire from the Department of Education regarding the performance of Frankston SDS. Each year a random sample of families is requested to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. If you are one of the families selected, I encourage you to return the completed survey to school by the due date. Your opinion is highly valued and will assist to shape the way we do things in the future. It is really important for us to receive confirmation of the things we do well and feedback on how we can improve our practice. Thank you in advance for your time.

Have a great weekend!
Scott Tucker
Principal

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

The Principal’s Awards are awarded to students according to Our School Values. These awards are given out at the fortnightly assemblies throughout the year.

**CARING— for others in our classroom, school and the wider community.**
Daniel Magarry
Kylen Connell

**RESPECT— for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.**
Blake Hatch
Saxon Leader

**SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.**
Rhyhan Munro

**INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.**
Sean Galvez-Stewart
Tyrel Le
Ryan Gosling
Rhianna Harrison

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

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**AFTER SCHOOL CARE—CAMP AUSTRALIA**

Karingal Primary School has opened up their program to Frankston Special Developmental School amongst other local schools. Ages 5-12 years. Children will be assessed individually and will need to be inclusive within the current program; there is not the capacity for one on one individual attention.

**Process:**
Pick up a flyer from the school. Visit www.campausralia.com.au for more information. Initial contact to: Taya Arnold 0406 936 232, Karingal@oshccampausralia.com.au. Expression of interest to: Jo Petraitis, Regional Manager – jopetraitis@campausralia.com.au, 0423 883 351 Jo will contact the school to seek further advice to assess eligibility. Seek instructions on how child will access the service (bus drop off?). Fill in relevant details and registration form. Other processes may need to be followed; this is just a general guide to support you with getting the process started. Karingal Bus for ASC: 0406 930 585 (see Bonnie for more information regarding route)

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**WALKING IN AUTISTIC SHOES A PRESENTATION BY DONNA WILLIAMS**

Tue 5 August 2014  7:30 PM - 9:00 PM at Aspendale Gardens Community Centre.
Donna was diagnosed with autism on her late 20’s, and has gained post graduate qualifications as a sociologist and teacher, and is an author of ten books in the field of autism.
Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of autism as someone who has actually been there as both a person with autism and a consultant who has worked with hundreds of children and adults on the autism spectrum.
For more information, visit www.donnawilliams.net<http://www.donnawilliams.net/>
Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting our Centre on 9587 5955

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**COFFEE CLUB**

All Parents and Carers are welcome to come along to enjoy a cuppa, a chat and a laugh with other parents and carers from FSDS.

Every Tuesday in the Conference Room  9.30—11.30am.
SENIORS BOWLING
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PEER SUPPORT?

Do you like talking to and supporting other parents who have a child with disability?

MOIRA is running Parent to Parent (P2P), a peer support program offering opportunities for parents caring for someone with a disability to provide support to another parent through a common, shared experience. Contact between the Peer Support and the parent recipient is facilitated and supported by the MOIRA Parent Support Officer.

Peer Supports complete a series of six training sessions of 2½ hours duration on topics including effective communication, group facilitation, confidentiality, grief and loss and resource sharing.

Our next series of training workshops will be held on Monday evenings from Monday 11 August through until Monday 15 September from 7.00pm – 9.30pm. Attendance at all workshops is recommended. The training will be held at MOIRA 928 Nepean Highway Hampton East.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Peer Support, please contact the Parent Support Officer on 8552 2222 or via email at communitysupport@moira.org.au

MOIRA support and lead

Parent and carer meditation group

Take some time out for yourself and come along to our weekly meditation group to help increase feelings of calm and inner peace

Every Friday in the Library at 9:30–10:00. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.
ALL ABILITIES mixed basketball ‘competition’ for Juniors.

The Frankston and District Basketball Association is keen to develop an All Abilities mixed JUNIOR COMPETITION.

The suggested age range is from 7y.o. to 12/13y.o. However, this is not restrictive and juniors can be catered for according to their ability.

An open age All Abilities mixed competition has been running on a Friday evening for more than 20 years at FDBA. Over the last few seasons a number of juniors have begun to play in this competition and the FDBA All Abilities organisers feel now is a good time to separate the junior players from the older group to:

- help develop their skills
- have them play with their peers
- use modified rules to introduce and develop the game
- provide a safer playing environment without the hustle and bustle of adult players.

The organisers are looking for parental support to help with coaching and skill development. You don’t have to know a lot about basketball – clear guidance will be given so all you need to do is follow the instructions and help the kids with their skill development. If the competition has sufficient numbers (and parent involvement) the FDBA will undertake to organise official uniforms and trophies for every registered player at the end of the season.

Details of the JUNIOR All Abilities competition are below. If you would like your son/daughter to take part please return the expression of interest form below to your school and ATTEND on FRIDAY 1st AUGUST for the first session at 4.45pm.

Cheers, Rudi Geppert and Paul Newman.

START DATE: Friday 1st AUGUST 2014. (Then every Friday during school terms 3 and 4, 2014.)

WHEN: every FRIDAY @ Frankston and District Basketball Association centre.

TIME: 4.45pm until 5.30pm.

COST: $5.00 per session.

BRING: please bring your child/ren with appropriate shoes for a basketball court and shorts. Tops will be provided.

The structure for Friday 1st August will be:
- registration
- ability assessment and skills development
- allocation to a team to play a game.

Every other Friday will be:
- 4.45 = skills development
- 5.00 = game time
  (two 12 minute halves).

ALL ABILITIES mixed basketball competition for Juniors.

JUNIOR NAME: ________________________________

AGE: ______________________

Play ability/experience: _______________________________________________________

Parent name: ___________________________

Parent 'phone: H - _______ M - _______
This fundraiser is to support one of our students' family. Please support if you are able to.