PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Hi Parents and Carers,

December is here and as usual life at Frankston SDS is as busy as ever. Students are in and out of the school attending end of year excursions, presentations and Christmas functions. Our teaching staff has been particularly busy compiling their class end of year reports.

The aim of our report is to provide as much information to families as possible of the progress their child is making against the educational goals set for them. We are bound to write our reports in a format that complies with education department requirements. In recent years we have added photos in an effort to personalise the document we send home to families. We are exploring the addition of video into the future. If a picture tells a thousand words then a video has enormous potential to convey complex information in a user friendly format.

You may be aware the Education Maintenance Allowance will not be offered to families in 2015. We have received a slight increase in our budget however our estimations tell us it is significantly less than the allocation provided for EMA this year. This is a great talking point in schools at the moment and we are presently investigating the steps other schools are taking to manage this process.

I am excited to inform you our Asset Management Plan (AMP) has been approved by DEECD. As I stated in the last newsletter our priorities include the redevelopment and construction of three project areas:

- A new school gymnasium. (half size)
- Four new middle school classrooms.
- A new staffroom and conference room.

Chris Andrews and I will be meeting with architects over the next fortnight to discuss these plans. I will keep you informed.

Our school review took place on Friday, November 28. It was a great professional learning experience for all involved. I must thank our school leadership team, the principals of Naranga School and Mornington SDS and Marita Hayes-Brown, our school council president, for the valuable contributions they made on the day. The information discussed and evidence compiled was used to assist us to formulate a draft copy of our next School Strategic Plan. I look forward to sharing this document with you when it is finished.

Our whole school community Christmas Party will be held next week on Wednesday December 18 at 11.00am. I invite you all to come along and celebrate a wonderful year with our students. This year the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank has kindly offered their services and resources to provide a barbecue lunch on this day. I look forward to seeing many of you on this day.

Scott Tucker
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 15th December  
Graduation

Wednesday 17th December  
Whole School Christmas party 11am

Friday 19th December  
Last Day 2014 Dismissal 12.30pm
**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.
Kylen Connell

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

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

**INDIVIDUALITY**—being the best you can and doing the best you can.
John Ah Fa
Ebony O’Brien
Liam Perry
Larissa Kolokotronis

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

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**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS**

We are again running our hugely popular Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas party on Wednesday 17th December.

We are asking the families of FSDS to help us to fill the hampers with some donations.

All donations can be sent in to the office and all will be gratefully received.
Farm Visit at East Karingal Preschool
JUNIORS MYUNA FARM EXCURSION
Thanks to the initiative of GPT Group, which runs shopping centres across Australia, Sensitie Santa is going to be available to families who have children with ASD. The GPT group says: “We are delighted to offer children with autism the opportunity to meet and have their photo taken with Santa this Christmas. The sensory friendly environment provides a low stress, quiet surrounding creating an ideal setting for your child to meet Santa.” Sensitive Santa will be at Dandenong Plaza and Parkmore Shopping Centres. Each participating child will receive a complimentary photo. There is also the option to purchase a wide selection of photo packages starting at $19.95. Sensitive Santa runs until 21st December (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only). Bookings are available on the following numbers Parkmore Shopping Centre 9798 9494 or Dandenong Plaza 9767 2000.

Do you love to dance and perform?

Come and join us!

Our fantastic dance group have classes in Frankston and Brighton. Classes available for ages 7 through to adult, and enrolments are now open for 2015!

Ring Lisa on 0425 721 848, or go to: www.bamdanceclass.com.au

BAM Allstars all abilities dance crew
RDA Room 8
Seniors Enchanted Maze Excursion
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are once again having the family Christmas party on Wednesday 17th December beginning at 11 am. Santa will be paying us a visit and there will be a display by some students from Dance.

There will be sausage sizzle available for all our visitors. Please assist us with catering by returning the form below to the office.

Students Name:........................................................................................................

No of visitors attending..................................................................................................