Hi Parents and Carers,

I am thrilled to announce to you that last Thursday the Minister for Education, Martin Dixon, visited our school. His timing was perfect as it was school assembly time and he had the opportunity to address all students and staff. After a brief conversation with the students, Minister Dixon shocked us all by announcing Frankston SDS had been allocated $2.5 million dollars for capital works in the upcoming state budget. The roar from everyone present was incredible. I felt like I was at the MCG on the last Saturday in September.

A week later and we are all still buzzing with excitement. Our task is now to prioritise the most significant areas of need in our school. This is an unbelievable opportunity for our school and it is essential we develop a carefully thought out plan that will continue to benefit our students for many years to come.

We are seeking feedback from all members of our school community as to how we invest this money. It is only when we listen to the thoughts of all of our community that we can make a fully informed choice. I feel privileged to be able to coordinate this process and will strive to ensure we get optimum value for money. Please email with any ideas you may have, my address is tucker.scott.a@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please bear in mind this funding must be used for capital works and not school programs. I look forward to hearing from you.

Wednesday this week was a Curriculum day at Frankston SDS. While our students were relaxing, you will be glad to know our staff were working very hard. The subject for the day was ‘Using a Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Model to Manage Challenging Behaviour’. PBS requires us to investigate the behaviour and its function. We are challenged to explore positive strategies that address the behaviour and teach students more appropriate methods of communicating their needs. In order for PBS to be most effective, it must be a school-wide practice. I am proud to say that every staff member at Frankston SDS is actively participating in a PBS course developed by Monash University. I am confident this show of commitment will produce great outcomes for all of our students.

Last week I was fortunate to attend the Room 13 camp at Garfield. It was great to see our students participating so enthusiastically in a range of camp activities. Camps are incredible learning experiences for our students and once again I thank our dedicated staff for making these opportunities available to them.

Have a great weekend!

Scott Tucker
Principal

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

All Parents and Carers: Parents and Friends Meeting to be held on Monday 12th May, 1:30pm at the school.

These meetings are a great opportunity to bring the school community together, share ideas and find support, meet new people and to discuss things to enhance the school.

Hope to see you there!

Bonnie Tyas
Student Wellbeing Worker
Monday & Wednesday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

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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.
- Caitlyn Wright
- Madeleine Walton

RESPECT— for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.
- Konner Schapendonk
- Amy Naughton

SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.
- Kylen Connell
- Max Farrow

INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.
- Harry Dean
- Larissa Kolokotronis
- Natasha Freemantle
- JoshMarsden-Potts

Hands in Motion
Understanding movement and handwriting in children

What is ‘Hands in Motion’?
‘Hands in Motion’ is a research study that looks at movement and thinking in children. Movement is an important part of child development. Research has found that children with an autism spectrum disorder can have more motor difficulties than children without.

Who is running the project?
The school of Psychology and Psychiatry at Monash University and the school of Psychology at Deakin University.

How can I find out more?
By emailing: nicci.grace@monash.edu
Or calling: 0419 921 066

Do you have a child aged 8 - 12 years with or without an autism spectrum disorder?
The aim of this study is to better understand movement in children with and without an autism spectrum disorder and how this movement profile may relate to other areas of functioning, such as their thinking skills.
MOIRA services is currently running our Parent to Parent (P2P) program. P2P is 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.

We are currently running training for parents who wish to volunteer their time to be P2P peer supports. Training will be held at Patterson Lakes Community Centre 54-70 Thompson Road Patterson Lakes Tuesday mornings 6 May - 17 June and MOIRA Services 928 Nepean Highway Hampton East on a Tuesday evening 6 May - 17 June. Training will run over six sessions.

If anyone would like further information contact the Community Support Team at MOIRA on 8552 2222 or communitysupport@moira.org.au
Having Fun at East Karingal Preschool
Last Thursday Room 5 went to Garfield Camp for the day. We wanted to celebrate this term’s theme about Australia. We had so much fun exploring the trees and gardens around Garfield. One of the best parts was that Scott came with us!! We are hoping to be able to go again later in the year.
Alpine Bike Camp
Did you know our School was a part of the Health Promoting Schools Program? We would love to hear your ideas and have your input on how you think our School is at developing Health and wellbeing for students and families.

Here is the link to a quick survey for you to fill in when you have a spare minute.  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/N6WJFYZ  
**Instructions:** type this link into the internet web address bar and it will take you directly to the survey.  
When typing use the upper and lower cases as it is case specific

Thank you!

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### UP COMING WORKSHOPS

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All sessions at Outside the Square Psychology, 20 Banksia Street, Burwood

For more information: ph:(03) 9808 3917  
OR visit:  