Dear Families,

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the passing of our esteemed sports teacher, Rudi Geppert. Rudi lost his battle with cancer yesterday afternoon September 10, 2015. Rudi was an amazing man whose legacy will last forever at Frankston SDS. He has had a significant influence on so many of our students both past and present as well as staff members and the school community including families and carers.

Rudi loved camping and he is a huge reason we have such a great camping program in our school today. In particular the Blackwood bike rides were a favourite for Rudi. I have fond memories of watching him ride to the top of a hill, park his bike then run down and help push the students up the hill on their bikes.

Interschool sport was another of Rudi’s great passions. Our senior students now participate in a range of sports including football, soccer, netball, basketball, swimming and athletics against other specialist schools in Melbourne. It was Rudi’s hard work and determination that enabled our school to be the first Special Developmental School (SDS) to participate in this program. There are now up to 10 SDSs participating in the association.

An extension of interschool sport was Rudi’s desire to provide opportunities for students to participate in sporting competitions outside of school. It is because of Rudi, that we now have two teams participating in the Sunday afternoon Frankston basketball competition, students playing soccer at the Doveton Special Soccer School and the Cranbourne Eagles participating in the FIDA Australian Rules football competition. These teams have provided a great opportunity for past students who have graduated from Frankston SDS the opportunity to still socialise and interact with their school mates.

It was a difficult task telling our students today of Rudi’s death. The students were informed in small groups and particular attention was paid to students who appeared visibly distressed. We were fortunate to have the support of three psychologists in our network, assisting us to deliver this sorrowful message. I encourage you to talk to your child about this subject when you can this weekend and contact us if you feel your child requires additional counselling.

The positive that comes from such a tragic event is that we are blessed to have such a supportive school community and privileged to have had the opportunity to work with and be taught by a man of the qualities of Rudi Geppert.

Take care.
Scott Tucker
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 18th September - Last day Term 3
Monday 5th October - First day Term 4
Curriculum Day - Wednesday November 11
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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

Joshua Davids 1st September
Jack Gladman 4th September
Calum Wilson 10th September
Rayne Wilde 11th September
Sean Galvez-Stewart 17th September
Dylan McLean 17th September
Joseph Arnott 18th September
Zoe Takolahi 18th September
Toby Patrick 20th September

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.
Chelsea Trueman
Ben Gosling

RESPECT—for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.
Caitlyn Wright

SHARING—with others, taking turns and working with others.
Perry Lewis
Carolyne Elliot

INDIVIDUALITY—being the best you can and doing the best you can.
Natasha Freemantle
Liam Perry

STROLLERS NEEDED
Do any families have any strollers that they do not use anymore? We need a few strollers at school to transport students on rare occasions and would appreciate any that families are willing to donate. Your unused stroller can be brought to the office and we will be most grateful.

SCHOOL CLOTHES
If your child has been sent home in clothes belonging to the school, could you please ensure that they are sent back to school for other students to use. The supplies are a little low at the moment so we would appreciate all borrowed clothes being sent back to the school. Thanks.

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PARENT AND CARER MEDITATION
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 from 9.30—10.00am. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.
20TH OF SEP, 2015
BAM ALLSTARS PRESENTS
THE BIG BAM! THEORY
"LOST IN SPACE"
2015

COME AND JOIN US AS WE DANCE OUR WAY ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

2:00PM
FRANKSTON ARTS CENTRE
DAVEY ST, FRANKSTON
TICKETS: $8
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BOX OFFICE: 9784 1060
INFORMATION SESSION ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

You are invited to attend an Information Session on the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Currently the NDIS is operating in seven launch sites across Australia with the national rollout planned for this year. Karingal Southern Disability Services are offering information forums across the area to help parents, carers and the school community prepare for the upcoming transition, in order to make it as supportive and easy as possible.

Our school has booked the following time for the information session:
Date: Wednesday September 16th
Time: 1:00pm- 3:00pm (this will allow for question and answer time)
Location: School Hall

If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me.
Sincerely
Patrycia Podgorski
Welfare Officer