Hi Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy fortnight at Frankston SDS. The cold weather has not stopped our eager students from being active participants and learners right across the community.

I was fortunate enough to observe our senior students steal the show at the annual Southern Specialist Schools Music Festival last week. This event held at the Kingston Town Hall showcases the talent of many of the specialist schools in southern metropolitan Melbourne.

The Frankston SDS performance was a rendition of four popular songs from the movie Grease. Our show I believe stood out for a number of reasons. The performance was led by the students; it was difficult to spot any of our staff members on the stage. All abilities were catered for and challenged in the Frankston act; individual roles demanded a variety of different skills. Finally our costumes were amazing. Most of the costumes were adapted from supplies we had in the school. Thank you to our committed staff who spent hours on sewing machines creating these master pieces.

The performing arts “New Zealand Playhouse” group visited our school last week to perform RAPunzel their adaptation of the classic fairy tale. The roaring laughter coming from the hall was evidence our students were loving this totally interactive show.

Friday August 29 will be our second pupil free curriculum day this year. On this day our whole staff will be working to redevelop the Frankston SDS curriculum so it falls in line with the new Australian curriculum. The curriculum will be a model or framework of what we teach at Frankston SDS. Our leadership team have worked hard to develop the curriculum to the stage it is at, we are hoping at our curriculum day we can refine it so it can be used as a working document to represent the educational needs of students at our school.

Have a great weekend!

Scott Tucker
Principal
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

17th August  Ben Gosling
18th August  Cohen Herrald

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.
Stephanie Rentrey  Charly Munro

RESPECT— for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.
Narnz Murphy

SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.
Rhyan Munro  Lilly Ellis

INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.
Ryan Gosling  Larissa Kolokotronis
Darcy Fisher  Isabella Kent

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.

Every Friday in the Library at 9:30–10:00. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.

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.
**LITERACY DRESS UP DAY**

Thursday 4th September is our annual Literacy Dress up day. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite character and bring a favourite book to share in class. Parents come along for the parade between 9.30—10.30 am. Great prizes for best dressed. This is one of the highlights of the year for everyone involved and we would love to see you there.

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES DAY**

Come and join in Frankston SDS house Commonwealth Games day next Wednesday (August 20th).

A ton of fun events will be held and medals will be handed out to all the students that are participating. Some of the events include high jump, shot put, hurdles and a staff vs students relay race. The opening ceremony starts a 9.15am, so everyone needs to ready and in their house colours as soon as they get into their class. The activities will kick off at 9.30am and go until 10.30am.

Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Brotherhood of St Laurence delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Mehtap Williams, Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence
8781 5937 / 0407 827 930 or mehtap.williams@bsl.org.au

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Recreational Respite Program 2014

The Recreational Respite Program supports carers of a young person with disability who is aged between 8 and 24 years of age and who has high support needs. It provides funding for use primarily over school holidays, to help the young person access community activities where possible. It assists carers to purchase limited services to support one-off or short term respite needs.

Please note that as demand for this program is very high, making an application does not guarantee you will receive assistance. Funding is allocated according to a priority of access tool.

What are the criteria?

The young person being cared for is required to have high support needs in one of the following areas: medical, physical or challenging behaviours.

Who can make a referral?

Carers can apply directly as well as case managers, schools or other services on behalf of carers. Funding can be used to access community-based activities, camps or activities to support young person with a disability with high support needs.

Application dates in 2014

April holidays: Applications open Thursday 1 May and close Thursday 8 May.
July holidays: Applications open Thursday 1 July and close Thursday 8 July.
September/October holidays: Applications open Thursday 24 July and close Thursday 21 August.
Summer holidays: Applications open Thursday 23 October and close Thursday 20 November.

Who runs it?

The Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre Southern Region is funded by the Department of Human Services to offer the Recreational Respite Program in the southern region. For more information, or to make a referral, please telephone Michael White on 9012 3003 or email applications to mkwhite@reslink.org.au

If you'd like information about other respite and recreation options in the southern region, please visit the Respite South website at www.respitesouth.org.au

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*Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates