Hi Parents and Carers,

At last the cold winter months are over, the days are getting longer and the sun is peeping through more frequently. This is reflected in the gradually reducing numbers of students and staff suffering colds, coughs and ‘flu.

**State Government Grant:** Chris Andrews and Scott recently attended a workshop run by the Department of Education and Early Childhood, outlining the steps in the process, including selecting a builder and project manager. A submission for our project (gymnasium, staff room and improvements to room 7/8) has been submitted. When we receive the go-ahead we will progress to the next stage.

**Curriculum Day:** At our recent curriculum day our staff began working on bringing our curriculum into line with the new Australian curriculum. Our staff showed great commitment and dedication for the task. In a relatively short space of time a lot of data was collected that will support us in setting clear, challenging and relevant goals for our students. Thank you to the leading teachers, who organised the day, our staff for their hard work on the day and you, the parents, for enabling the staff to undertake this time consuming and necessary work. When the staff spends days such as this working together as a team, it builds capacity for our school to deliver high quality programs to our students.

**Annual Review:** This is the final year of our four year strategic plan. It is a time to reflect on and evaluate our achievements and develop a new plan for the future. It is vital our plan is representative of the whole school community. We will be asking parents, staff and students to participate in a number of activities to evaluate our performance and develop our priorities for the next four years.

**Queensland Camp:** Seven excited students and two staff set off a week ago for the Queensland Camp. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy adventures such as flying, self-sufficiency, co-habiting with others for a longer stay than our usual camps. It is also a grand way to complete the final year of school, putting all those social, communication and independence skills into practice. All students returned happy and well on Friday, with plenty of experiences to talk about. Thank you to the staff who organised and attended the camp. It is a huge responsibility to take students on any camp and especially one far from home. Their commitment to providing exciting learning opportunities for students is always appreciated.

**School Banking:** At their recent meeting, School Council approved the introduction of School Banking to Frankston SDS. Two school councillors, parents Lisa Wilde and Tanya Todd, have volunteered to co-ordinate and manage this project.

Every Thursday, students will be able to bring their bank deposit book and a small amount of money (it can be as little as five cents). Lisa and Tanya will collect the money, stamp the books and deposit the money at the Commonwealth Bank. This is a great opportunity for students to understand, learn to save and manage their money. We will be launching the service on Tuesday 21st October with a morning tea, when parents will be able to come to school and open an account. Stay posted for further information.

All of us at school wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Pennie Anderson
(Assistant Principal)
**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.**
Lilly Ellis

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

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

**INDIVIDUALITY—being the best you can and doing the best you can.**
Jayde Grant

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

- 4th September: Jack Gladman
- 9th September: Hayden Birrell
- 11th September: Rayne Wilde
- 17th September: Sean Galvez-Stewart
- 17th September: Dylan McClean
- 18th September: Joseph Arnott
- 18th September: Zoe Tokolahi

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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.**

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**CASUAL DRESS DAY**
On Thursday 18th September Frankston SDS SRC are holding a casual dress day. All students are invited to come to school wearing casual clothes for the cost of a gold coin. All funds raised will go to Relay for Life which raises much needed funds for the Cancer Council of Victoria.
THREE BIG CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL VACCINE PROGRAM

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

- The Frankston Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school on 9789 6844 by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to the Frankston Council.

- In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

- The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Notices were sent to some families requesting a copy of your child’s immunisation records. We are required by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to have a copy of these records.

In the event of a certain childhood diseases, students who have not been immunised or cannot prove they have, will be excluded from the school for a period of time to prevent further spread of the disease. Please send these to school ASAP. Thanks
The Secret Agency Society (SAS) Program helps kids crack the codes of emotions and friendships, bullying and friendly joking, conversations and coping (Social Skills Training Institute).

Designed to improve the social skills and emotional understanding of 8—12 year olds with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs), we at Frankston SDS have utilised this all inclusive program with 6 of our middles students.

Students have enjoyed taking on the role of ‘Secret Agents’, equipped with secret agent lanyards, passports and secret codes to explore the confusing world of emotions, feelings, conversation and play skills in themselves and others.

As a school we were fortunate to acquire a grant from the Commonwealth Bank to purchase individualised student packs to provide students with a range of educational activities such as a multi-level computer game, board game, walkie-talkie game and card games. Students have their own detailed workbook which is used in session, in their classroom and on secret home missions. The students are delighted to be part of a pilot program, arriving with pride to our secret meeting each week!

The Commonwealth Bank Community Grant has assisted us in purchasing enough resources to run this program with 18 of our students over the next few years. We would like to thank the Commonwealth Bank for their generous donation to our school. Without this money we would not be able to run SAS at Frankston SDS.
Come and open your account on 21\textsuperscript{st} October

And enjoy morning tea with us!

Woof!

THURSDAY

is School Banking day.
Every Friday in the Library at 9:30-10:00. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.

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,
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