Hi Parents and Carers,

Can you believe there are only four weeks of school left this year? It hardly seems that long ago we were welcoming our new preppies and farewelling our graduating students of 2013. Over the next month we will welcome a new batch of families with children beginning next year and on a number of occasions we will celebrate the great contributions this year's graduates have made to Frankston SDS.

This year nine students will leave Frankston SDS to begin new chapters and journeys in their lives. This can be a challenging time for these students and their families. Many of them have spent most of their lives at Frankston SDS, commencing as three year olds in our early education program. We see our role supporting families as critically important in this process. Anne Tierney, our futures coordinator, runs tours of post school settings for the families of our graduates. We will make recommendations to families of options we feel would be a good fit for your child. Our senior curriculum is heavily based around teaching students skills to assist them transitioning to life after school.

I recently met with members from the Department of Education (DEECD) and I am excited to inform you we are moving closer to finalising our Asset Management Plan (AMP). The submission we have presented to DEECD includes 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.

I believe our AMP will be approved by DEECD and we will be given the green light to proceed to the next stage of the process; selecting a project manager and builder. I will keep you informed.

Our school review is due to take place on Friday, November 28. Victoria Triggs, the person we have chosen to facilitate our review is a former school principal and regional director in the department. We have already completed a school self-evaluation report in anticipation of this day. It was a great experience writing the self-evaluation; it highlighted some of the great achievements we have made over the last four years and areas we can develop to make our school an even better place to learn. I appreciate the feedback we received from all members of our school community, including teachers, students and families, to construct this document. We see the review as a great professional learning experience for all involved.

Our whole school community Christmas Party will be held this year 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 Teacher’s Mutual Bank have 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.

Have a great weekend!
Scott Tucker
Principal

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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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.**
- John Ah Fa
- Natasha Freemantle

**RESPECT— for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.**
- Daniel Magarry
- Harry Dean

**SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.**
- Josh Marsden-Potts
- Isabelle Kent

**INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.**
- Liam Perry
- Rhianna Harrison
- Ben Gosling
- Evan Todd
- Kylen Connell

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

- 4th November: Bryce Roberts-Shand
- 7th November: Brodie DeDonato
- 8th November: Tia Shankland-Young
- 15th November: Chelsea Trueman
- 16th November: Angel Harvey
- 19th November: Cleyton Willis
- 19th November: Tim Nelson-Paulin
- 19th November: Ebony O’Brien
- 20th November: Harry Dean

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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.

Every Friday in the Library at 9:30–10:00. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.
Room 7 Garfield Camp
Rooms 9 and 10
Blackwood Camp
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Frankston SDS is SunSmart!

Students and staff are required to wear sunscreen and a broad brim/legionnaires hat when the UV is above 3.

If going outside, sunscreen should be applied 20 mins before you go outside and re-applied every 2 hours.

NO PEAK CAPS ARE PERMITTED TO BE WARN!

Broad brim hats with a brim over 6 cm or legionnaire hats only are accepted!

Please ensure your child has the appropriate headwear for school.

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News from the Green Group

On Saturday December 6th Frankston City is planning a ‘Shopping with a Conscience’ program to find out how your shopping choices matter – your dollar does count! There are many ethical and environmentally friendly options once you know where to look. There is a local supermarket shopping tour included.

Karingal Place Neighbourhood Centre, 103 Ashleigh Avenue, Frankston. 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. December 6th.
Free activities day at GESAC!

GESAC is hosting a community event to celebrate International Day of People with Disability.

Wednesday 3 December,
Registration 9.30am — activities 10am-2pm
Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre
200 East Boundary Road, Bentleigh East

Barbecue lunch provided.

To register for this event or for further information, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au

Activities include:
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Cricket
- Balloon football
- Circus skills
- Soccer
- Zumba
- T-ball

Everyone is welcome to come along and have some fun!
Sensory friendly film session

To celebrate International Day of People with Disability, Glen Eira City Council will be screening How to Train Your Dragon 2.

This free film session will be sensory friendly — lights will be left on and the sound turned down to create a more comfortable experience for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Date: Sunday 7 December
Time: 11am
Venue: Town Hall — Theatrette, corner Hawthorn and Glen Eira Roads, Caulfield

Places are limited. To register, contact Council’s Service Centre on 9524 3333 or email: metroaccess@gleneira.vic.gov.au