Hi Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe but we are already half way through first term. We are fortunate that most of our new students have settled quickly at Frankston SDS and there is great learning happening across the school. Starting a new school or workplace is never easy and can be particularly challenging for students with autism. Visual schedules and highly structured timetables are amongst the strategies we use to try to make the transition process easier for our new students. It is important students feel they have some control over their new environment.

In the coming weeks we will be conducting our first student support group meetings of 2014. The purpose of this meeting is for parents and teachers to collaborate to construct meaningful and relevant educational goals for our students. Our intention is to devise functional goals for our students that will help them in all areas of their lives. For this reason it is imperative we receive feedback from parents and carers; no one knows the kids better than you.

Monday March 17 at 6.30pm the Frankston Special Developmental School Council will host its Annual General Meeting. This is a public meeting open to all members of our school community. I invite you to come along and contribute to this meeting. We have a great school council who are always striving to make our school a better place to learn.

Last night we hosted our annual Meet and Greet evening. It was great families of both staff and students enjoying each other’s company on what was a beautiful sunny Melbourne night. I must thank the Hampton Park Lions Club who generously gave of their time to operate the barbecue for the sausage sizzle. This freed up the staff of Frankston SDS to talk with families; the purpose of the evening.

We also took time last night to officially open the fitness workstations recently constructed behind our senior playground. The installation of the exercise equipment was a joint project of the Frankston Sunrise Rotary Club and the Frankston City Council. Representatives from both organisations were present including the Deputy Mayor Rebekka Spielman who cut the ribbon and declared the project ready for use. We are most grateful to Rotary, Frankston Council and Bunnings Frankston for their contribution to this wonderful learning space for our students.

Thank you again to all the families who attended last night, we really appreciate your continued support. Thank you also to our valued staff who were happy to attend outside their working hours. Working together we can achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Have a great weekend!

Scott Tucker
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 10th March
Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 4th April
Last Day Term 1 Early Dismissal
Tuesday 22nd April
First Day Term 2
Friday 25th April
Anzac Day Public Holiday
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.
Bree Thomas

RESPECT— for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.
Liam Perry

SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.

INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.
Ashley Syrios  Max Farrow
Tiffany Redhead  Rhianna Harrison
Amy Godkin  Casey Heyward-Blyth
Madeleine Walton  Chelsea Trueman

FRANKSTON 4TH SCOUTS GROUP

This is a scout group specifically for children with a disability, 7 years old and over. Currently they have about 8-9 attend their program who have varying disabilities from Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Down Syndrome. Frankston 4th Scouts meet every Saturday of the school term, starting back on Saturday 1st February 2014 at Nursery Avenue, FRANKSTON 3199

Time - Saturday’s 10am-11:30am
Cost - $30 a term, plus outing costs

There are currently 4 leaders involved in the program, which provides recreational and educational activities, excursions and camps. The only requirement is to join in and have fun.

If you would like further information please contact
Charles Medwin on (03) 9786 8996

EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking for donations for our annual Easter raffle. All donations can be brought to the office where they will be made up into tempting baskets for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be sent home closer to the date. Thanks you in advance for all the wonderful donations we are bound to receive.

PFA MEETING

To all Parents/Carers
You are invited to our first Parents and Friends Meeting for 2014. It will be held on Monday March 3rd, 2pm at the school. Come along and share in a time of discussion, bring your ideas and be involved in the life of the school community.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Hope to see you there!
Room 2 Classroom Fun