Hi Parents, Carers, Staff, Students and Friends of Frankston SDS,

In the next week you will receive an ILP for your child which contains three goals covering the key priority learning areas outlined in the school’s Strategic Plan.

- Improve communication skills of all students
- Improve social competencies of all students
- Develop independence of all students

It is anticipated that these goals will be achieved within a twelve month period, however if a student achieves their goal sooner the goal is revised.

At Frankston SDS we use the Victorian Curriculum to teach core subjects of English, Maths, Science, The Arts and PE. These subjects are mandated areas of learning and rigorous assessment of students ensures teaching is targeted at the appropriate level. As students move through the school to seniors the focus shifts to work preparation skills.

The ILPs clearly outline learning goals written for your child. Our objective is to make them as specific and measurable as we possibly can. The ultimate aim is that students will achieve the goals set for them independently however this is not always possible from the outset and support may be required. In terms of support we follow a model of **Most to Least Prompting**, which presumes a high level of support may be required when teaching a new skill. The support is systematically reduced as the student masters the skill.

Below is a list of supports, from most to least, which we use at Frankston SDS when teaching a skill to students. I am hoping this will help when reading your child’s ILP.

- **Coactive** – Hand over hand
- **Physical** – Partial hand over hand
- **Model** – Shown how to do it then copies
- **Visual** – Pictures/ photographs/ symbols
- **Verbal** – Spoken instruction/ reminder
- **Gesture** – Pointing; directional or specific
- **Independent** – No prompting of any kind

Today for the first time you will be receiving your newsletter in an electronic format. We have made this decision after careful consideration Firstly the growing expense it was costing the school to print hard copies was becoming quite significant; the electronic format will save us thousands each year. It is also a fact that we pride ourselves on being a green school; I’m sure we will save a few trees our new way. We work with our students to explore new technology and investigate its use as a mode of communication; we are now practising what we preach. Please let me know your thoughts. We will still print up a batch of hard copies and leave them at the front office if you would prefer to read your newsletter the traditional way.

Finally I encourage you to carefully read the page attached to this newsletter, **Watch METV on your iPad.** METV is the weekly television program broadcasted by the students of Frankston SDS. It is jam packed with learning and laughs and provides an insight into some of the great programs happening at our school. We believe we have discovered a secure way for you and your child to watch METV at home. I urge you not to post any of the content on social media. If we respect these rules we can all enjoy the program in our own homes without compromising the safety of any of our students.

Please contact me if you wish discuss this important issue further.

Have a great weekend!
Scott Tucker

Principal

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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.

**RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT** — We look after our things and the places we go

- Milan
- Chad

**RESPECT YOURSELF** — We make good choices and do our best

- Patrick
- Mitchell
- Ariana

**RESPECT OTHERS** — We work and play together

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

- Christopher 24th July
- Emily 31st July

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Wednesday 10th August**  Curriculum Day
- **Friday 16th September**  Last Day Term 3—Early dismissal
- **Monday 3rd October**  First day Term 4
- **Thursday 20th October**  Whole School concert 7pm–9pm
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Frankston SDS is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. To open an account for your child, you can visit your local branch. All you need to bring is your current personal identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account for your child online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Monday. Each week you need to bring in your bank book on Friday for processing early Monday morning.

If you would like to know more about the School Banking program, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program parent pack from the school office.

PARENT AND CARER RELAXATION

Take some time out for yourself and come along to our weekly relaxation group to help increase feelings of calm and inner peace and join us for a cuppa afterwards. Every Friday in the Library from 9.30—10.30am. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.

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.
JOIN OUR FREE EVENT FOR FAMILIES AND CARERS LIVING IN THE SOUTH
Find out more about opportunities for people with a disability
A large variety of stalls

10am - 2pm
Tuesday 2nd August
KINGSTON CITY HALL
985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin
*100m from Moorabbin Railway Station
MELWAY REF: 77 D5

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Sensory toys and other great items

Speakers
NDIS, Autism, Parent Support and other topics
PTO for more info.

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