



Frenchville Focus

Issue 6 – 18 April 2024

Frenchville State School acknowledges the Darumbal people as the traditional custodians of the place we now call our school. We pay our respects to the Elders past and present and are proud to be supporting and encouraging emerging Indigenous leaders every day.



Principal's News

Strategic Direction

'Equity and Excellence' has been used as a lens to support our school planning for 2024. We have taken time to reflect upon student educational achievement, wellbeing and engagement, and culture and inclusion as we set our school priorities for this year.

The 2024 Annual Improvement Plan is now being enacted with a focus on our four areas:

- Students: Engagement and wellbeing
- Staff: Curriculum and collaboration
- Learning: High impact pedagogy
- Connected community

We continually plan, reflect, review and adjust specific strategies related to Australian Curriculum V9 familiarisation and implementation, the effective teaching of reading, student engagement and support and reviewing our whole school approach to pedagogy.

In a nutshell, our aim with our strategic plan is for Frenchville to have engaged and happy students taught by a collaborative staff, focused on the Australian Curriculum V9 delivered by high impact pedagogy, supported by a connected community.

Student Code of Conduct

Attached with the newsletter and available on our website is our Student Code of Conduct. There will also be some supporting documents: Parent Snapshot, matrix of positive behaviour across our school and elaborations on our expectations.

All students and families are to follow and support the Student Code of Conduct as a condition of their enrolment. We have three expectations and when I speak to our students about these expectations, they apply in adult life as well.



Be RESPECTFUL



Be RESPONSIBLE



Be SAFE

We appreciate the support that families give to the school in helping their students learn these behaviours. Frenchville has an extensive teaching program around our expectations but also with our student learning and wellbeing framework – Be G.R.E.A.T. In our current world we need to pay attention to these attributes and work with our children to develop gratitude, resilience, empathy, awareness of self and others and talents, so that we have kind, caring, creative and connected future citizens.

Be G.R.E.A.T @ Frenchville State School

Our P & C has their major fundraiser in the next few weeks – **The Colour Fun Run**. Please support this as all funds directly support your children at our school.

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Principal



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Fortnightly Date Claimers

18 Apr	P&C Meeting, Admin building 5:30pm
19 Apr	Season A Sport Semi Finals
23 Apr	No Junior Assembly
24 Apr	School Anzac Day Ceremony 9am
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Anzac Day Rockhampton City march 
26 Apr	Season A Sport Grand Finals
30 Apr	Junior Assembly, 2pm SAC
2 May	Maths Team Challenge Yrs 5 & 6
3 May	Colour Fun Run 2-2:45pm P&C Major Fundraiser
06 May	Public Holiday – No school
07 May	District Cross Country
	Senior Assembly, 2pm SAC
09 May	P&C Meeting, Admin building 5:30pm
	Eistedfodd – Instrumental
10 May	Mothers' Day Stall
	Eistedfodd - Instrumental

Upcoming Performances & Excursions

Permission notes and invoices will be sent to parents/caregivers later this week.

Important to note - All invoices are emailed and permission notes are handed to students.

No late payments will be accepted.

Performance & date	Year level	Payment due
Peasant Prince, 06/06	3, 4, 5 & 6	23 May by 10:00am
Life Ed, 27-31/05	5 & 6	23 May by 10:00am
Park Excursion	1	Form due 31/05, no payment

Photos will go home Thursday.



Anzac Day Ceremony 2024

The ANZAC Day ceremony for Prep – Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 24 April at 9:00am in the School Activity Centre. The Senior Choir will be performing in the ceremony. Choir members are required to wear their performance uniform for this event. Parents and carers are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Anzac Day March 2024

Students are encouraged to represent our school and attend the Anzac Day March.

The students will march behind the Frenchville banner **in full school uniform, including blue broad-brimmed hat or the school bucket hat**. It is advisable for students to wear sunscreen and bring a water bottle.

The children need to assemble in Alma Street alongside OZCare between 9:30am and 9:40am (no earlier please). The march commences at 10:00am via Archer Street, Victoria Parade and continues along Quay Street. Staff members will be in attendance to assemble and march with the children.

We look forward to marching with a large contingent of students to represent Frenchville State School.



Season B Sport – Trials notice

Trials for Season B sport will commence in week 3, with the season beginning in week 5. The sports on offer this season are Netball, Rugby League and Tennis.

More information will be provided in next fortnight's newsletter.



Student Absence Line

It's important to notify us if your child will be absent from school for the day.

Please call: 4931 5366

2024 Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey: Year 4, 5 & 6 students

Early next term, **Year 4, 5 & 6 students** will be asked to take part in the Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing (QEW) Survey. We know that wellbeing and engagement are important parts of your child's life at school. The department and our school are looking at ways to collect information on these important areas so we can support our students in the best way possible. The QEW Survey is designed to measure how students view their wellbeing and engagement.

In 2024, the QEW Survey will take place between these dates: **Tuesday 16 April to Friday 10 May, 2024.**

Further information has been emailed to Year 4, 5 & 6 parents and carers. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Driscoll, Deputy Principal ldris1@eq.edu.au

2025 Prep Intake

Prep 2025 enrolment intake will open from 01 February 2024. As per the Enrolment Management Plan, **only students whose principal place of residence is within the school's catchment area will be eligible for enrolment at the school.** Students who are siblings of current* students at the school are also deemed eligible for enrolment. We are therefore requesting that **younger siblings of students that will be current in 2024** who are eligible for prep in 2025 complete the enrolment forms and lodge with the office from **01 February 2024.** A reminder of the age rules for prep 2024: If you have a child born from 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 he/she is eligible for prep enrolment in 2025 at Frenchville State School. Please complete an enrolment form and return it to Frenchville State School.

Students residing out of catchment are welcome to make application for enrolment and will be placed on a waiting list.

FOR ENROLMENT FORMS:

www.frenchvilless.eq.edu.au/enrolments. For more information please call the school on 4931 5333.

**the current student must be enrolled at Frenchville SS for the same year the sibling commences.*

2024 National Assessment Program: Civics and Citizenship – Main Study

In 2024, a sample of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia will take part in an assessment in civics and citizenship.

The NAP – Civics and Citizenship (NAP–CC) sample assessment is a national assessment for Year 6 and Year 10 students in civics and citizenship education. Students' knowledge and understanding, as well as attitudes, beliefs, and behaviours, related to civics and citizenship are assessed. The assessment monitors and reports on the overall progress being made towards achieving high standards of civics and citizenship knowledge and understanding in Australia.

Results from the assessment are used to:

- inform schools, education ministers and the community about levels of achievement in civics and citizenship education among Year 6 and Year 10 students across Australia, with the goal of supporting students to become active and informed citizens
- support improvement to teaching and learning programs.

A random sample of 20 x Year 6 students at Frenchville State School will participate in the Civics and Citizenship test on Tuesday 21 May at 9:00am.

If your child is selected for the assessment, they will be taking part in a world-class online assessment designed by education experts, giving your child an excellent learning opportunity. The tests are designed in an engaging way to bring out the best in students. Your child is not expected to study for this assessment and no preparation is necessary. There are separate tests for Year 6 and Year 10 students.

If you have any questions, please visit www.nap.edu.au or contact Donna Earle-Morrison dearl5@eq.edu.au

Interschool Sport

Season A Sport Payment is now due. Invoices were emailed to parents on 2 February. For students to participate in school sport for 2024, payment of sports invoices need to be up-to-date to participate in the next season. For example, Season A needs to be paid in full before Season B commences. Payment **can be made on QKR, BPoint, cash or EFTPOS at the office.** Payment over the phone cannot be accepted. Contact the office to enquire about a payment plan.



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Learning is PAW-fect with an educational support dog!

Frenchville State School is very fortunate to have K9 Maggie. She is not your normal pet dog. Maggie is a working K9 Assistance Australia dog who is dual trained as my personal assistance dog and as an educational support dog. Maggie and I have completed the K9AA's training program and continue with maintenance training and complete an annual Public Access Test. K9AA's aim for animal assisted therapy is to improve the physical, mental and social well-being for the whole Frenchville school community. When interacting with students, Maggie's main role is to be an educational support dog. Maggie's superpowers include bringing a calm, relaxed presence and joy into our lives, every day! Researchers led by *Rahel Marti, at the University of Basel in Switzerland, report that viewing (yes, by just looking at Maggie) and touching dogs, it engages the social brain, according to neuroimaging.

Other benefits of having Maggie in our school include:

- ✓ Providing unconditional love to all.
- ✓ Being a non-judgemental friend.
- ✓ Teaching students how to be empathetic. Students learn to care about someone other than themselves.
- ✓ Reinforcing positive relationships. She will be a bridge-making connections between students and teachers.
- ✓ Recognising signs of anxiety/stress and she is trained to use her disability mitigating tasks.
- ✓ Provide a safe and nurturing environment.
- ✓ Helping students increase their self-confidence.
- ✓ Encouraging students to stay in the classroom and engage in their learning.
- ✓ Reducing anxiety of students when completing tasks like reading and writing.
- ✓ Providing reassurance when students are taking academic risks and stepping outside their learning comfort zones.
- ✓ Reducing incidences of antisocial behaviour and bullying.
- ✓ Supporting and promoting engagement: Internalize self-regulation.
- ✓ Reducing the frequency and intensity of aggressive outbursts. Hence, increasing learning engagement and the length of on-task behaviour when faced with distractions.
- ✓ Facilitating personal coping skills and strategies. To help students to manage frustration and seek emotional support that will help to develop internal controls and coping skills.
- ✓ Assisting students when learning and help them to monitor changes in their own behaviour. She will be a scaffold to support learning and improve student progress.

There is a wealth of research to prove how and why this happens using a lot of scientific jargon. The main thing is, over the last two years, I've witnessed these benefits first hand, day after day. It's the small things that Maggie does that makes the biggest difference in improving the social, emotional well-being of all those around her.

We are looking forward to sharing the joy of Maggie and helping students to calm down and concentrate better so they can make the most of their wonderful learning opportunities at Frenchville.

Toni Richardson

Experienced Senior Teacher & Maggie's Handler



*You can read more here

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2022-10-petting-dogs-engages-social-brain.html>

No other animals are permitted on the school grounds!

Although Frenchville has welcomed Maggie into the school, it is important to remember that all other animals are not permitted on the school grounds. This is a workplace health and safety requirement. Maggie is a registered assistance dog and educational support dog with extensive training and documentation.



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Sport Bulletin

Friday – 19/04/2024

Teeball

12:30pm	FSS Girls Yr 5 vs St Joey's Wandal Blue	1A
12:30pm	FSS Girls Yr 6 vs RGS Aqua	1
12:30pm	FSS Boys Yr 5 & 6 vs Glenmore SS	4

AFL

Legend: KP (Kele Park)

12:45pm	FSS Falcons Blue v RGS	KP3
12:45pm	FSS Falcons White v Berserker SS	KP4

Field

Soccer

Legend: NP (Norbridge Park), RP (Rugby Park)

12:30pm	Frenchville Yr 6 Open v Lighthouse	NP 7A
	Frenchville Yr 5 mixed v No game	
12:30pm	Frenchville Open Girls 1 v St Joey's PA Yr 6	NP 8B
1:10pm	Frenchville Open Girls 2 v St Joey's Wandal Blue	NP 8B
12:30pm	Frenchville 1 Social v Allenstown 1	NP 5Aa
1:10pm	Frenchville 2 Social v Allenstown 2	NP 5Aa

Website

Did you know?? This information is on our website under **Support and Resources - Forms and documents**:

Documents:

- Camp Australia information
- BYOx handbook
- Enrolment forms and information
- Health – time out for illness poster
- Our school – handbooks, site maps, Code of Conduct, strategic direction
- P & C
- School Policies
- Tuckshop – menus and order forms
- Parent Teacher interview booking help

We continually review and update documents and upload them to our website.

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Documents

If you cannot download the document/s linked from this page, please contact us and we will provide a copy.

Annual reports

View copies of our annual reports.

Type	Title	File Details	Modified
FOLDER	OSH Camp Australia	FOLDER	3 Jun 2021
FOLDER	BYOx	FOLDER	5 Feb 2020
FOLDER	Enrolment	FOLDER	16 Oct 2019
FOLDER	Health	FOLDER	5 Feb 2020
FOLDER	Our School	FOLDER	7 Aug 2019

ATTENTION



P&C meeting

Thursday, 18/04

5:30pm, Administration Building

P&C Meetings

The P&C meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 5.30pm in the school administration building. Everyone is welcome.

TEAMS meeting will also be offered.

FSS P&C

(News)
ASSOCIATION

Save the Date:

P&C Meeting: 18th April 2024

Colour fun run: 3 May 2024

Mothers Day stall: 10 May 2024

PRESIDENTS NEWS

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who applied for the tuckshop retail position advertised. We had an overwhelming response. Congratulations Yolande on securing the position.

P&C membership

Benefits of becoming a member include:

- access to meeting minutes
- learning what is happening in the school
- be involved and offer suggestions for our school community
- a great way to get to know other parents and families and be involved in community events

How can you join?

Complete a P&C Membership Form and submit it each year prior to the Annual General Meeting. It is also possible to join later in the year.

Contact the P&C for details of how to do this.



Get your Colour on, **Frenchville State School** is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on **Friday 03 May from 2:00pm to 2:45pm.**

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match! Don't want the prizes, donate your donations to one of the five causes – Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protection), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

Happy fundraising!



P&C news continued over the page

P&C Volunteer Survey

Did you know that the P&C plays an integral role in our school community facilitating a number of fundraising events? All funds raised are used in various ways to support student health and wellbeing including upgrading playgrounds, purchasing new class resources and operation of our Tuckshop and Uniform shop.

Despite being the largest state primary school in Rockhampton, our volunteer numbers are very low and unless we can have greater support from our families, some events/projects may not happen in 2024.

This year we are asking our Frenchville families to get involved through our *'Just one Thing'* initiative. We ask each family to nominate to volunteer to do *'Just One thing'* by ticking one box (or more if you can) using the link below. Feel free to scroll through the list of tasks before nominating. As an event comes closer, if you have nominated your interest to volunteer, the P&C will contact you to confirm your participation. Please place your contact details at the bottom of the page and submit the form by Wednesday 24 April.

Please note the data collected on this form will be used only by the P&C Executive Committee for organising events.

Click the link below to complete the survey

<https://forms.office.com/r/bKps1rQ8q1> or scan this QR Code

Community Notices

Inform the 10,000 Steps Australia program to suit children and families

Hello!

Our research team at Central Queensland University (CQUniversity Australia) is currently conducting a new study to inform the well-known 10,000 Steps Australia program. We want to make the 10,000 Steps program suitable for children and families. For this, we would like to hear feedback from **children and families**, what the 10,000 Steps program should look like to help families get more steps into the day. Participation in this study will simply involve joining an online discussion. As an appreciation of their time, families will receive a \$75 e-gift card for groceries, after participation in the online discussion. Please register via the QR Code below. For any questions about the study/registration process, please contact Project Assistant Rebecca at (07) 49309904 or r.k.williams@cqu.edu.au.



Just One Thing Frenchville State School P & C Volunteer Survey



Calling all Rocky RESIDENTS

Share your views on issues related to crime & safety in the Rockhampton region

The Queensland Police Service are committed to providing a safe place for members of the Rockhampton community to live.

You are invited to complete an anonymous 10-minute survey to help us to better understand local concerns and identify ways to work together to keep our community safe.

We appreciate your insights to help us keep our community safe.



Scan this QR code to complete the 10 minute survey



Frenchville SS P & C Association

Our P&C meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. All parents are welcome.

P&C Email: pandc@frenchvilless.eq.edu.au

Parent Talk - <https://pandcsqld.com.au/members/publications/parent-talk/>

