



Congratulations to
Michaela and Aaron.

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Happy holidays!



Principal's Report and Assistant Principal's Report

March 29th, 2018



It's hard to believe that we are writing the final newsletter item for the term! It has certainly gone by very, very quickly. Despite this fact, a lot has been achieved.

comments about another person. It is disappointing that students who have recently signed the ICT AGREEMENT are breaching this when at home. The student agreement clearly states

Whenever I am working with technology I agree to...

- Keep all personal information safe and respect the privacy and work of others
- Ensure ALL my posts are respectful of others

According to current research more than 80% of teens have no rules or boundaries about how they use or behave on the Internet.

It is imperative that parents monitor what their primary school children are doing online and put boundaries in place to protect them both now and in the future.

If your child has something hurtful said about them online PLEASE do not fight back on their behalf. Even though every bit of you may want to send a smart comment or encourage your child to send one this will only add fuel to the fire.

Bullies are looking for a reaction. They want to upset, anger or cause fear so reacting will escalate the situation. Instead of reacting angrily teach your child how to deal with these conflict situations by suggesting that they block or remove the person as a friend or follower; this is useful advice both for now and in their future.

Our children must be shown how to stand up for what is right online and block individuals they see bullying or abusing others, *even if they themselves are not directly affected.*

Remember, your child is watching you and watching your response. *Be the adult you want your child to be.*

Talking of lovely adults, Michaela made a beautiful, beautiful bride last Friday. She and Aaron certainly chose a perfect day for a beach wedding. We look forward to hearing all about Michaela's special day and her OS trip at the start of term 2.

As the term closes we would also like to wish Danielle and Chris all the very best as they begin their new life as parents. We look forward to Danielle and her 'bub' visiting us next term.

Finally we would like to thank all staff, students and parents for your hard work, your caring and your support this term. For those who were able to join us this morning at the Easter Bonnet Parade we hope you are now in the *Easter holiday mood!*

Have a lovely, lovely break with your family.

See you on Monday 16th April ready for an exciting term 2,

PS: Breaking news, work will commence on the toilets next week!

Our Foundation students are now 'part of the furniture'. What a special afternoon they hosted last week, inviting family and friends to their first 'Discovery Week' expo. How proud they were showing the grown-ups their 'Me, myself and I' work on display in their classrooms and the passage way. What a wonderful effort!

Of course our Foundation students aren't the only ones who have put in a big effort this term.

Students across the school have engaged enthusiastically in their learning contributing to class discussions, reading and writing recounts and narratives, completing cold writes, exploring and consolidating an understanding of Place Value, participating in sporting, musical and cultural events and most recently gearing up for the Science Fair.

Today your child brings home their Term 1 'Snapshot' report. This brief report indicates the effort your child has put into their learning and social development this term. It also indicates whether your child's attendance and punctuality have been acceptable.

The Department of Education and Training have requested that schools take attendance and lateness seriously, aiming for 95% attendance for all Victorian students. We need to collect accurate information as to why students are absent or late for school. You will notice a change to the sign in sheets from the start of term 2.

It is interesting to note that students who miss just one day a fortnight actually miss one month per school year. In 13 years of schooling these students complete only 12 years, missing one whole year of learning.

We would really like to thank our families for making a determined effort to arrive at school before the bell.

ATTEND (on time) ➡ CONNECT ➡ LEARN!

Following a dreadful accident in Victoria in 2017, when a little person thought to be at child care was left in a car, the department has requested that all students are accounted for each and every day.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school you are now asked to inform the school by calling the office on 5931 4444 or sending a message via Flexibuzz BEFORE 9:30. If we haven't heard from you by 9:30 next term we will call you to confirm your child's absence. We would appreciate your support with this important initiative.

Another issue that is sadly cropping up more frequently, although thankfully not at school, is the misuse of online chat rooms and social media sites to make hurtful

Rhonda Stephens and Sandy O'Meara

ATTENDANCE:

Please remember to call the office or send a Flexibuzz absence notice before 9:30 am on any morning your child will not be at school. Thank you.

School banking:
The day to bring in
your bank books is:
TUESDAY

Uniform Shop dates:
Term 2
18/4/2018, 2/5/2018

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK FLEXIBUZZ (Tiqbiz) FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16 APRIL First day of term 2	17	18 *District Tennis	19	20 *Whole School Cross Country event—2.15 pm to 3.15 pm Parents welcome
23	24	25 ANZAC DAY	26 *Whole School incursion "Return of the Bully"	27 *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentation 6A
30	1 MAY	2	3 *District Cross Country *Science Expo 7pm	4 *Working Bee 2.15 pm
7	8	9	10	11 *Wetlands Sausage Sizzle for those who ordered *Mothers' Day Stall *Assembly for Yrs 1 to 6 Curriculum presentations 1A & 5B
14	15 *NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	16 *NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 *Wetlands Meeting *School Council Meeting	17 *NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	18 *Choral Festival
21 *Education Week Special Event 2.15pm	22	23 *Whole School Photo Day	24 *Family Life Program Yrs 4 to 6	25 CURRICULUM DAY Student free day

CURRENT NOTICES

- ◆ Whole School—Return of the Bully

Zen Do Kai Martial Arts Amphibian Dojos

Beginners welcome all ages.

At Balnarring and Red Hill

Contact "Shihan" Peter Smedley
5th degree Black Belt

PH: 0418 319 064

Self control—Courage—Etiquette



Register now! play.afl/auskick

Balnarring

Beginning Friday 20th April 2018

Please contact Nikki Holmes 0423323135 if you have any questions regarding registering.

JAPANESE FESTIVAL

Presented by Frankston Susono Friendship Association

Sunday 6th May, 2018

Frankston High School—Senior Campus, Foot Street, Frankston

Come and help celebrate the Frankston-Susono Sister City relationship and experience Japanese culture.

More details on the website www.frankston-susono.com

Entry is \$2 per person or \$5 per family

