



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

A special and warm welcome to all families for the beginning of the 2017 school year. I commend all children on their positive start to the year yesterday, by arriving on time, looking neat and tidy in their school uniform and demonstrating politeness and effort within the classrooms. It was pleasing to see eager children who are genuinely happy to be back at school. Regarding school uniform, I spoke to a small number of children who were not wearing the correct school shoes. The uniform policy (available on school website) requires children are to wear completely black shoes with no additional colours present. For example, Nike runners are not acceptable uniform items. I ask all families to organise the correct footwear this week, if needing to do so. Thank you in advance for attending to this matter.

STAFFING FOR 2017

We warmly welcome a number of new teachers to FHPS; Mrs Reidel (1/2), Mrs Jones and Mr O'Carroll (Yr 3/4) and Miss Donoghue (Yr 5/6). Our year has begun with all staff working collegially to prepare for term 1, through team planning and induction programs. This enabled our first day yesterday to be most successful. Please introduce yourself to your child's teacher at your earliest opportunity, as building strong relationships with our parent community will benefit your children immensely.

NEW FENCE AND FACILITIES UPGRADE

During the school holidays, our new fence was built and installed. What an amazing asset this will be for our school, providing additional safety and security for staff and students, as well as being a significant aesthetic improvement to the school. A new Yr 1/2 classroom was built in the Junior Learning Centre to support our extra grade this year, additional storage for our Performing Arts Centre has been installed and scheduled paint works have provided freshly painted classrooms, school hall, water tank and storage shed. Our fundraising efforts in 2016, have provided the last air conditioners to 5 classrooms, including the canteen. These have been installed in the holidays as well. A lot of work has been undertaken to enhance the learning environment for the children at FHPS. I'm sure all families will agree that the improvements are most noticeable.

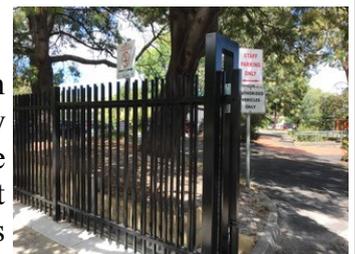
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

It is with great excitement that I share our recent school performance results with our families. FHPS results have been compared to schools with similar student backgrounds and we are thrilled to report that FHPS is well above similar schools in its Reading results and above in its Writing results. This is wonderful and affirms the hard work undertaken over the past 2 years has made a significant difference to the students' learning at FHPS. Thank you to our dedicated teachers for achieving this brilliant outcome and to parents for supporting the learning at home.

Kind Regards,
Cheryl Clark, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 6th Feb	Prep Students Commence
Tues 7th Feb	Canteen Re-opens
Fri 17th Feb	Year 3-6 House Swimming Sports
Wed 22nd Feb	Prep & New Student Photos
Friday 24th Feb	District Swimming



TIQBIZ— Frankston Heights uses the free TIQBIZ app to communicate with our school community and keep you up to date with events and reminders. Below are instructions on how to download and setup the app. We ask all families to download the app to your smartphone or computer desktop. A reminder to those currently using our app to update your app and select your child's 2017 year levels.

Here's how to set up tiqbiz

Phone and tablet.

Search **tiqbiz** in your app store.



Android



Windows Phone



iPad & iPhone

For Apple:
Select 'allow' notifications.

Computer

 Access the web version of tiqbiz.

Go to **web.tiqbiz.com** then register/log-in

Add us



Log-in

Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.



Search

Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name.
Select us from the results.



Add

Click the 'Add' icon beside the boxes that apply to you.



Return to search

Click the back arrow to return to search.



Home

Click the 'Home' icon to view.

Please email for technical support: support@tiqbiz.com

ANAPHYLAXIS

You may or may not be aware, we have children in our school that have severe food allergies and confirmed diagnoses of anaphylaxis towards some food products. The most common are **EGGS, PEANUTS, NUTS and COW'S MILK**. We would like to make our school as allergy aware as possible in order to reduce the risk of accidental exposure. It is very important for you to understand the potential seriousness of this diagnosed condition (anaphylaxis) and how you can help us to reduce the possibility of exposure to the most common causes, in particular **NUTS and NUT PRODUCTS** within the school.

I ask you to assist us by enjoying peanut / nut containing products at home, rather than send to school. All parents are asked to advise their classroom teacher in advance of sending in food to celebrate a child's birthday or other special occasion. I encourage you to consider non-food items for some of these events so that all children may participate in the fun.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher or Miss Parker or myself. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

(CSEF) - CSEF applications are now open for eligible families. If you hold a current health care or pension card or are a foster parent of a child attending our school please see Krystal or Maria in the school office for an application form. Applications must be returned to school by Monday 27th February. For more information on CSEF please see the attached flyer.

FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS - it is vital for the school to have current contact details including emergency contacts as well as medical information regarding each child. At the beginning of next week, each family will be emailed a copy of their details as per our current records. We ask parents/guardians to look through these details carefully, amend any changes and return to the school as soon as possible.

CANTEEN— Our canteen will re-open this Tuesday 7th February. Our canteen is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays for buying lunch. Children can also buy a snack at recess and lunchtimes over the counter.

Lunch orders need to be placed in the box at the front office.

Parent Helpers— If you are able to help on Thursdays or Fridays between 11.00am-1.00pm please speak to Linda in the canteen.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

