Prep— Year 2 Studies
Last week was another busy week in our Prep and Junior Homesteads. Our year 1 & 2 students posted letters to their families to tell them how they have settled into school this year. We hope you enjoyed reading these letters as much as the students enjoyed writing them for you! The students also had Fire Fighter Dom visit to educate them about ‘Fire Safety’ in the home. The discussions and presentations ensured the children understood the importance of having working smoke detectors in the home, procedures for a safe evacuation if a fire was threatening and the number to ring in an emergency: 000. As an important community helper, ‘Fire Fighter Dom’ was impressed by the depth of knowledge the children displayed. The children themselves were impressed by the speed with which fire fighters can put on their fire fighting uniform and be on their way to the fire, once the fire alarm has been sounded. Fire Fighter Dom took about 20 seconds to put all of his protective clothing on, starting from pulling on his special boots, up to his special gloves, and helmet. We thank Fire Fighter Dom for visiting our school and helping us all to better understand how we can keep ourselves safe.

Radio Show
I was a very proud principal at FHPS when listening to the Yr 5/6 students on Monday, presenting a talkback segment on the local community radio station, 98.7FM. During this time, a small group of FHPS students discussed their views on a range of topics from leadership positions, sport, weather, school related matters and so on. All children are to be congratulated on their excellent speaking and listening skills, ability to present to a live audience and to represent the school in such a positive way. We are very proud of Luke, Asha, Matthew, Allen, Chloe, Sam, Brielle and Flynn.

Open Nights for all Year Levels— Wednesday 25th February
Next Wednesday, the school will be holding ‘Open Nights’ for all Year Levels between 4pm—6pm. We warmly invite all families to attend the session/s relevant to your children to hear about an overview of the curriculum, homework, special planned events and activities, how to help your child with their learning and so on. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet all teachers in the year level and to gain a better understanding of the expectations at each year level. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at these sessions. [A separate notice is being sent home with the specific details about times for each year level and room allocation for each session. Teachers will be on hand to answer your specific questions and to show you standards of work requirements.

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Prep BBQ
Last night all teachers warmly welcomed our Prep families to share in a games and BBQ evening at school. The Prep children enjoyed all of the active games with either mums, dads or teachers. I was thrilled to hear of all the positive stories about how the children are loving school, making new friends and really enjoying their learning time. Thank you to all families for making it such a special event, and the Prep teachers, Miss Scott, Mr Hampton and Mrs Somers-Rodwell for ensuring the Preps have such a wonderful positive start to their school life.

Parent Teacher Meetings
My teachers were really impressed by the response from the parent community who attended parent teacher meetings last week. All teachers wanted to meet with each family to encourage open communication and promote an important exchange of relevant information between school and home. The opportunity to meet with families was terrific and greatly assists in building such strong and important home / school partnerships and relationships. Please continue to speak with your child's teacher for ongoing matters you wish to discuss, or for any school related matter needing clarification, that involves your child.

Cheryl Clark
Principal

FRIENDS OF HEIGHTS FUNDRAISING NEWS
Thank you to all who attended our Friends of Heights Morning Tea last Friday. It was wonderful to see some new faces as well as some familiar ones and it was a great start to the organisation of Friend of Heights Fundraising and events in 2015.

Our group fitness training has now begun on Thursday afternoons in the school hall at 2.30pm. This is a great way to get fit with the convenience of arriving at school just a little bit earlier before pick up time. Cost is $12 ($2 goes back to the school) and suitable for all fitness levels.

We are planning an Easter chocolate drive and Hot Cross Bun fundraiser for the end of term. This years chocolate drive will primarily involve selling Easter Eggs. Chocolate boxes will go home with all families, if you don't wish to take one please return the form sent home with today's newsletter or see Krystal in the office as soon as possible.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 6th March at 9am in the Friends of Heights Room. All welcome to come along for a coffee, to share ideas and meet other school families.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Daisy S  Harriet M
Jack B  Brielle S
Eden M  Charlie M
Noah K  Tiana S
Flynn T-H  Waihanea B
Did you know FHPS is a CASSE School?

CASSE stands for Creating A Safe Supportive Environment. The program aims to develop a safe and supportive school so that students can grow, play and learn. Such environments are vital in facilitating the formation of resilience and cognitive development. The program promotes the importance of reflection and understanding the dynamics of bullying, in particular the role of the bystander. Each year we put together a student team to support the CASSE program. This team is know as the CASSE Safety Crew.

Our CASSE Safety Crew would like to help raise money for The Kid’s Cancer Project by hosting an ‘I Want To Be…’ out of uniform day on Friday 27th March. On this day children can dress in costumes that resemble what they would like to be when they grow up and bring a gold coin donation.

HUNGRY HEIGHTS HEALTHY BITES—CAHTEEN NEWS:

Friday 6th Special Lunch:
Crumbed Chicken Wrap
With lettuce, tomato & your choice of sauce.
Plus
Nudie Juice
Plus
Yoghurt
$6.50

Orders due: WEDNESDAY 4th March

Thank you,
Linda Eames
Canteen Manager

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS:

Congratulations to the following students who received a Success Award for the weeks:

13th February
PHR: Kokoda P
PS: Abbey H
1B: Cooper R
1K: Will S
2H: Maryjo V
2S: Waihanea B
3/4H: Tamera-Lee F
3/4M: Bridie T
3/4R: Jack C
5/6B: Kaden P
5/6K: Cole W
5/6M: Jackson H

20th February
PHR: Jack B
PS: Maddi F
1B: Max B
1K: Daisy F
2H: Timmy Y
2S: Noah S
3/4H: Dan E
3/4M: Alesha P
3/4R: Harlan P
5/6B: Cole C
5/6K: Ryan S
5/6M: Summah G
Next Wednesday, the school will be holding an ‘Open Night’ for all Year Levels between 4pm—6pm. We warmly invite all families to attend the session/s relevant to your children.

Each Year level will run a session for approximately 30 minutes [1/2 hour] in 2 specific homesteads. The schedule is:

**Preps and Years 1/2 Information Session - 4-5pm - Junior Homestead**
Starting with Preps from 4pm, followed by Years 1/2 at 4.30pm

**Years 3/4 and 5/6 Information Session 5-6pm - Senior Homestead**
Starting with Year 3/4 at 5pm, followed by Years 5/6 at 5.30pm

Information Sessions will cover:
- Curriculum
- Inquiry Units of Work
- Homework
- Expectations
- Classroom Helpers

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet all teachers in the homesteads and gain a better understanding of the expectations at each year level. Teachers will be on hand to answer your specific questions.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at these sessions.
Since the start of our school year, we have been participating in many ‘GETTING-TO-KNOW-YOU’ activities and learning how to be a ‘GOOD FRIEND’ and a ‘GOOD LEARNER’. In our Junior Homestead all the children have thought of words to describe each of their friends’ qualities. They make everyone feel very special and valued.
friendly
kind
thoughtful
helpful
good
sportsmanship
cares for others
funny
polite
manners
Parent-teacher interviews provide a wonderful opportunity for teachers to gain further insight into their students and for parents to find out about classroom routines and expectations. Learning is a partnership between home and school and as educators we value the input parents provide for their children. One of the questions most asked of teachers is ‘How can I support my child’s learning?’ Oral Language (Speaking and Listening) is a key element in Literacy learning.

**Why this focus on children’s oral language? It is because language and the ability to communicate effectively are key foundations to students’ capacity to learn in the most general ways. Early oral language knowledge is essential for academic success in formal education.**

_Dr. John Munro_

Here are some ideas to help with developing Oral Language with your child!

**For younger children:**
- Teach your child nursery rhymes/ songs/ poems/ raps
  - Talk through everyday experiences
  - Read to / with your child every day
  - Explain the meaning of words
- Ask/ answer questions about everyday events and happenings

**For Middle School children:**
- Talk about the child’s favourite T.V programme
- Play language games which focus on words i.e. Scrabble, crosswords
  - Set aside 10-15 minutes to discuss the day's happenings
- Listen carefully and clarify meaning ‘Do you mean/ or is this what you mean?’
- Encourage your child to listen courteously to the opinion of others
- Encourage your child to give reasons for decisions

**For Senior School Students:**
- Discuss your child’s school work successes/ concerns/ interests
- Involve your child in adult conversations, when appropriate, listening to their opinions and feelings
  - Help your child to extend his range of words in specialised subjects
  - Watch and discuss T.V news/ current affairs programmes together
  - Assist your child to locate information in local library, internet
    - Talk about school topics and assignments
    - Play commercial games that focus on word building

But most of all………

**Have Fun!**
i want 2 be DAY 2015

27th March 2015

Dress up as what you want 2 be and donate a gold coin to help find a cure for kids' cancers.

www.iwant2be.com.au
In her new blog, NitWits creator Nadine Ismiel-Nash shares tips on how to maximise the effectiveness of lice treatment and minimise the chances of your child picking up a new infestation of head lice.

As with most things, preventing nits and head lice is better than having to treat them, and these simple steps make it easy to get into a routine of checking for - and preventing - head lice.
OPEN NIGHT April 22 5pm - 7pm
Mount Erin College warmly welcomes you to visit our school. We pride ourselves on offering rich and challenging academic programs and opportunities. With our $5m Stage One facilities to open early in 2015, students will experience a state-of-the-art 21st century learning environment.
At Mount Erin College, we are dedicated to the success of every student. The evening will be held in our new Design, Art, Technology and Science building (The DATS Centre) and is followed by a tour of the College.
Session A: 5.00pm  Session B: 5.45pm
Bookings can be made online through the College website. Contact Park Fischl on 59716013 to make a booking.
College tours are held on Thursdays at 1.30.
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Mount Erin College, Roscommon Road, Frankston South.
Ph: 59716000  www.merin.vc.edu.au

A CDP production
The 26-Storey Treehouse
Thursday 19 March, 4.30pm & 6.30pm 🎭

They’re back! With 13 more stories, more inventions and more things to go wrong, will Andy and Terry push their friend Jill to her absolute limits? And who is this shady Hector Houtkop with the really bad pirate accent?

Schools Performance: Friday 20 March, 10.30am Followed by Q&A
Tickets: All tickets $20. Family (4) $75
Duration: 60 minutes, no interval
Age recommendation: 6-12 years and their adults.

Kingsley Park Primary CARNIVAL
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A musical show for young children about finding the key to happiness and making friends

Information & Registration session
Saturday 28th Feb
Time: 12pm
Community of Christ Church
Logan Street, Frankston

Rehearsal sessions running Saturday’s 11.30 - 1.30pm during Term two 2015

Performance dates: June 27th - 28th 2015
Venue: Community of Christ Church
Logan Street, Frankston
Contact: Lucy Nicolson 9789 9978

Meet
Ironman, 
Optimus Prime 
& Queen Elsa
6pm

2.30pm - 7.30pm

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Easter Fun Days at the National Trust

Sunday 5 April 2015, 10am - 4pm

Bring the kids to the National Trust for an eggstravagant day out! Join in the Easter egg hunts, fun activities, games, picnics and house tours. Get hopping!

Rippon Lea House & Gardens
192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

Barwon Park Mansion
105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea

Mulberry Hill
385 Golf Links Road, Langwarrin South


Call (03) 9656 9889 for enquiries