



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3 2022

26 July	Y56 Immigration incursion Y34 body Education Parent Webex session
27- 29 July	Snow Camp
29 July	School Tree Day Prep 100 Days of School
1-5 Aug	Prep and Y4 swimming at PARC
2 Aug	Y3, Y4 and Y5&6 Camp Webex Information sessions
4 Aug	Y3 Body Education session
8 Aug	School council meeting
10 Aug	Y1 Chesterfield Farm excursion
11 Aug	Y3 Body Education session
12 Aug	Y4 Body Education session

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. Students have quickly settled back into class and school routines. Teachers have planned a myriad of engaging learning experiences to support the continuation of each child's learning journey.

STAFFING AT FHPS

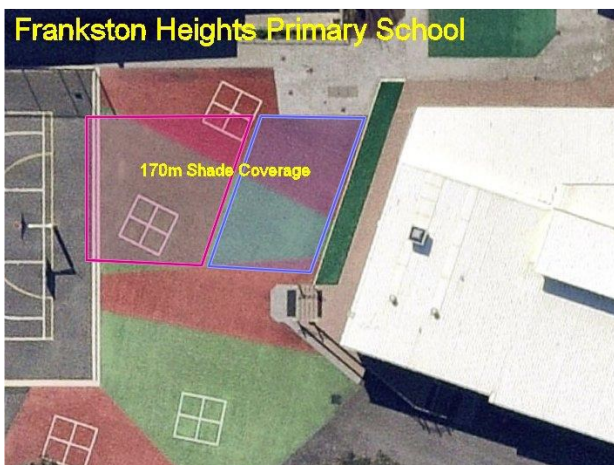
Welcome back to Mrs Tessa Meehan, who has returned to FHPS to teach 2RB two days a week. Mrs Meehan is a very experienced teacher. We are delighted to have her return to the FHPS teaching team to share her knowledge and expertise. Mrs Candice Bush will teach 2RB for the remaining three days - Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Mrs Bush has a love of teaching and is dedicated to progressing the learning of her students. Both teachers make a great team. We wish Mrs Tai Rodwell every success in her new role as a Visual Arts specialist teacher.

On Thursday of this week, we said farewell to Mr Matt O'Carroll who has been part of the FHPS teaching team for the last five years. After completing a rigorous application process, Mr O'Carroll was recruited by Fire Rescue Victoria. We wish him every success as he undertakes his fire fighter training over the next six months. Mr Harry McCabe will replace Mr O'Carroll. Mr McCabe will work with the Year 2 teaching team to deliver a quality education program to the students in 2O.

SHADE SAIL

STOP THE PRESS! Works on our school shade sail are about to commence. Next week contractors will be onsite to install the poles for our shade sail structure. This welcome addition to the school's facilities will be utilised as an outdoor learning area. Students will be able to engage in curriculum activities beyond the traditional walls of the classroom. The new structure will provide sun and UV protection for students during recess and lunch breaks, and whole school events, including planned performances and fundraising activities.

The free standing structure, encompassing two shade sails, is designed to shade approximately 170 square metres of the synthetic turf area.



In the interests of student, parent and staff safety, the works area will be sectioned off during the installation of the posts. Before and after school care can be accessed by walking across the front of the school and down the oval side of the admin building.

Michelle Smith
Assistant Principal



Y3 & 4 BODY EDUCATION WITH KELLY NASH

Sexuality education is an essential component of the Victorian Curriculum. Primary school age students are expected to participate in a comprehensive and age appropriate sexual health education program.

Frankston Heights Primary School has been fortunate to engage the expertise of Kelly Nash to deliver 'Body Education' to our Year 3 and 4 students this term. Kelly is a highly skilled, sought after educator. She creates a relaxed, inclusive and respectful learning environment to empower students with knowledge and understanding about their bodies.

Don't forget the parent **Webex information session** this **Tuesday July 26 at 6:30pm**. The information session is an opportunity for parents to find out how the school program will run and how families can assist with follow up tasks. Kelly will address how children learn about sexuality. The content that will be covered in the Year 3 and 4 program will be outlined and there will be opportunities for parents to ask questions.

A **Webex meeting link** was sent to parents on **Friday July 22nd**.
All Year 3 and 4 parents are encouraged to attend this session.

BODY EDUCATION SESSION DETAILS

Year 3 & 4 course (3 x 50 minute sessions).

Parent permission and payment for this curriculum event is now due.

Session dates

- Year 3: Thursday August 4, 11 and 18.
- Year 4: Friday August 12, 19 and 26.

Three separate sessions will be held on each of the above dates.
All sessions will be conducted in your child's classroom.

The program will focus on:

- similarities and differences in bodies
- private parts and private places
- body safety

Michelle Smith
Assistant Principal



FRIENDS OF HEIGHTS NEWS

Friends of Heights next meeting is Friday August 5 at 9am in the staffroom. All parents and friends are welcome. The meeting will focus on the organisation of our school fair.

FHPS 2022 School Fair - Friday November 18 (2-7pm)

Shouts of delight and laughter will resonate around the school on Friday November 18 as we all come together for the FHPS 2022 School Fair. This much needed school community event will be our major fundraiser for the year. All funds raised will go towards the development of new play spaces for our students, including the extension of the small playground and landscaping of a seated area.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Class Representatives

We are currently **seeking class representatives** to support the organisation of class stalls. Many hands make light work! It would be great if each class had two class representatives to communicate to families how they can help and contribute to their child's class stall. New ideas are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming a class representative for your child's class stall, please contact the school office in person, by phone or email.

Stalls on the day will include:

Book Stall	Fairy floss , Popcorn & Slushies	Preloved clothes, & accessories	Face painting, hair and nails
Show bags	Lolly stall	Lemonade Games	Devonshire tea
Preloved toys	Cake Stall	Sand art	Raffle & Lucky \$100
Lucky Jars	Plants & Vegetables	Lemonade Games	Beer & Wine Garden

Rides and entertainment have been organised. There will be plenty of activities for all to enjoy.

Donations

Our School Fair relies heavily on **donations for the silent auction and raffles**. If you have a business or

connections to a business that could donate new goods or services please contact the school office. Suggestions include, but are not limited to:

- vouchers for professional services (hair and beauty salon, photography, landscaping, fitness training, etc.)
- restaurant, café, movie, amusement park vouchers/ gift certificates
- bookstore, jewellery, artwork, audio, electrical or other goods vouchers or stock
- holiday house weekend get away (this is always a very popular prize)



In term 4 we will be collecting books and preloved adult and children's clothing and toys. All donated second hand items need to be in good, clean, resaleable condition. **Please note, items cannot be dropped at school until early term 4.**

Michelle Smith
Assistant Principal



Library News

Hi everyone.

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the break.

We are currently conducting a Mid-Year Stocktake of Library books and Take Home Readers. At the end of next week I will be sending home overdue notices. If you receive one of these please try to locate the book/s at home. Any lost books must be paid for otherwise borrowing privileges will be suspended.

Bookclub Issue 5 is out now. Please see the special offer below. Orders close 4pm Friday 29th July.

I have a couple of quick reminders.

1. ALL students need a red folder or bag to borrow Library Books. Yes... even the year 5/6 students. I've had a few books comeback to the Library which have been damaged by students putting their Library books into their school bag and accidently being damaged by a leaking drink bottle or leftover lunch. Please make sure your child has a Library bag.
2. Bookclub – Is back again for 2022. Scholastic Bookclub brochures are sent home twice per term. Our school Library earns points on each purchase which are then exchanged for books for our Library. There is no obligation to purchase. Please place your orders online. Orders are usually delivered 2 weeks after orders close.

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

Ms. Gayle Parker – Library Manager

FHPS CLASSROOM HELPER TRAINING COURSE

FHPS is looking forward to welcoming classroom helpers back into our learning spaces later this term. Parents, carers and other adults wanting to assist in the classroom must complete the requirements listed below.

The FHPS Classroom Helper Training Course has been designed for volunteers who are interested in assisting with our classroom learning programs. The course outlines school expectations for classroom volunteer helpers and provides basic techniques, strategies and information to effectively support small groups and individual students.

Volunteer classroom helpers are required to:

- **Read through the course content and complete the classroom helper quiz**
- **Sign the confidentiality agreement and return the form to the school office**
- **Present a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) to the school office.**

Please note if you have previously participated in the onsite or online classroom helper training course you are not required to do it again. The school has records of all volunteers who have completed classroom parent helper training.

Any queries can be directed to Michelle Smith (Assistant Principal)



RESPECT

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY



SENTRAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF A STUDENT ABSENCE

Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. Parents are required to inform the school if their child is absent from school. This process can be completed easily using the **Sentral Parent Portal** or **Sentral for Parents app**.

1. Log on to the Sentral **Parent Portal** or the **Parent app**
2. Select the **absences** tab
3. In the parent portal select the **'Notify of an absence'** tab.

On the parent app select the **+ symbol** in the top right hand corner.

4. Select the name of the **child** that is absent. This will place a tick by their name.
5. Using the drop down list, select the **type** of absence. e.g. illness, medical
6. Select the **Start Date** for the absence from the Calendar.
7. Select the **End Date** for the absence from the Calendar.
8. Type in a Comment explaining the reason for the absence.
9. Click the **Submit/Send** button.

RESPONDING TO NOTIFICATIONS OF UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If parents do not provide a reason for their child's absence, notifications of unexplained absences will appear in the newsfeed on the app and the home feed in the portal. To provide an explanation for the absence parents need to :

1. Click on the absence
2. Enter the absence reason in the text box provided.

Parents are also advised to check unexplained student absences via the absences tab on the portal or app.

1. Log on to the Sentral parent portal or the parent app
2. Select the absences tab
3. Any unexplained absences will appear
4. Select the unexplained absence and provide an explanation.
5. Select submit to send reason for absence to the school.

Date absent: Wednesday, 18 August 2021 Type: Whole Day
Reason: Whole Day (Unexplained)



SENTRAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS ON SENTRAL

It is imperative that the school has the current contact details of all parents.

If your address, contact number or child's emergency contact details have changed, please log on to the portal or select the cog in the top left hand corner of the parent app to update your information .

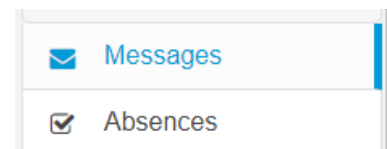
1. Log on to the parent portal or parent app
2. In the portal go to the left hand menu on the home page and select **My Details** or on the app select the cog in the top left corner and tap the **Account Details tab** to see your current details such as: family and emergency contacts and student details.
3. To edit a section, click the **Edit** button for the detail you want to change.
4. The data that can be edited appears on the right side of the screen.
5. Make the necessary change and click **Submit Details**.

MESSAGING TEACHERS FROM THE PORTAL

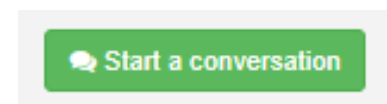
In addition to the school email and Seesaw for P-2 families, messaging on Sentral through the parent portal or app can be used by parents to contact teachers directly.

To message a teacher from the parent portal:

1. Go to the FHPS website and click on the **SENTRAL** tab
2. Log onto the FHPS parent portal using your user name and password
3. Click on the **MESSAGES** tab on your home page



4. Click on **Start a conversation**



5. Select the teacher you wish to communicate with from the drop down menu under **Teacher**

New Conversation

Teacher
Select

Subject
Subject

Message

Attachments Send

6. Enter the **Subject**

7. Type **Message**

8. Click **Send**

Direct queries to Michelle Smith—Assistant Principal