



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear FHPs Families,

Yr 6 Graduation

What a remarkable evening we shared at the graduation ceremony on Wednesday. It was a beautiful celebration of accomplishments, growth, and the incredible journey our Year 6 students have undertaken. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all participants, invited guests, and our entire school community for making this event a resounding success. From the heartfelt speeches to the touching moments, each element came together to create a truly memorable evening. To our dedicated teachers and staff, your hard work and commitment to our students' success were evident in every detail. Thank you for your unwavering support and guidance throughout the students' primary school journey, and to our parents for entrusting us with your precious children. Your encouragement and involvement in their education has been exceptional, solidifying a strong foundation of guidance, love and support.



A special thank you to our invited guests for gracing us with your presence and sharing in the joy of our students' achievements. Your encouragement and support mean the world to us.

And to the stars of the evening, our graduating Year 6 students: you made us immensely proud. Your achievements, growth, and unique contributions have left an indelible mark on our school community. As you embark on the next chapter of your educational journey, carry the lessons learned and friendships made with you. Once again, thank you to everyone who played a part in making this graduation ceremony a night to remember. We are truly fortunate to have such a wonderful and supportive community. With pride and appreciation, warmest congratulations on your well-deserved graduation, Year 6.

Rotary Award

Congratulations to Billy, Jack, Amelia and Zach for your successful accomplishments in completing the Junior Rotary Community Award this year. This award encourages community involvement, builds leadership and confidence and promotes students connecting with their local community services, events, and people. I sincerely thank Suzanne Caldwell and David Cross, representatives of Frankston Rotary Club and Mr Tickell for his leadership of the program. Well done on your fine efforts.

Staffing Update

It is with sadness our beautiful school community will be farewelling a number of staff at the end of the year. Whilst my retirement has been known for a number of weeks, the remainder of our workforce plan has only been finalised quite recently. Farewell and thank you for your outstanding commitment to the educational outcomes for the students at FHPs;

Mrs Moore, Mr Dyring, Ms Poxon, Mrs Yardley, Ms Fahey, Ms Blackley, Mrs Arbuthnott, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Bourke, Ms Lucas, Ms Matthews, and Mr Long. We will sincerely miss your dedication to your work, and your roles and responsibilities. In recognition of your extraordinary contributions, please accept my sincere thanks. Your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed, and the impact you have made on the lives of your students is immeasurable. The school is undoubtedly a better place because of educators like you who go above and beyond to make a difference. Best wishes to you all for your future.

New Rugby / AFL Goal Posts

Thank You Billy for expressing your opinions so eloquently in a letter to School Council resulting in a brand new goal / rugby post arrangement. We are incredibly impressed by your drive to make a difference in the school community. All of the students say a huge, 'Thank You'.



"As we bid farewell for the last time this year, may the warmth of the holiday season fill your hearts with joy and peace. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with hope, happiness, and new beginnings." (Mrs Cheryl Clark; Principal 2014-2023)

Warmest Regards,
Cheryl Clark FHPs Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4 2023

18 Dec	Christmas Carols Morning Concert
20 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 1:30pm Finish

Sports Uniform

Don't forget to grab our new sports polo from Peninsula Uniforms, in-store and [online](#), to represent your house colours in style!



Sports Update

New Playground

Our new playground is open and the fun is in full swing! Our students are absolutely loving the new equipment. Thank you so much to Wicked Dingo and all of our contractors for all their hard work!



Christmas Walk To School Day

A massive thank you to all students who joined us this morning for a Christmas themed walk to school from the Heatherhill Road shops. Great effort team!





Frankston Heights Primary School
**CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY DATES**

Wednesday 20th December:

Term 4 Concludes—**1.30pm** Dismissal.

Please Note: our school office will also be closed
from 1.30pm on Wednesday 20th December.

Monday 29th January:

School office re-opens & Teachers return to school.

Tuesday 30th January: Students in **Years 1—6** return to school.

Monday 5th February: 2024 Prep Students commence.

*From all the staff at FHPS, we wish you a Merry
Christmas and a safe & happy holiday. We look forward
to seeing your smiling faces in 2024.*

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FROM MRS CLARK - PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of another remarkable academic year, and my time as school principal of this brilliant school, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared together as a school community. It is with immense gratitude and deep appreciation that I write this final letter to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Firstly, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to our supportive and respectful parent community. Your unwavering dedication to your children's education and well-being has been a cornerstone of our school's success. The countless hours devoted to volunteering, attending school events, and actively participating in your child's educational journey have not gone unnoticed. Your partnership with us has created a nurturing and vibrant learning environment that sets Frankston Heights Primary School apart. Our sense of community is a result of our commitment together to build a strong and robust partnership through hard work and dedication.

Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredibly talented and dedicated staff whose passion for teaching and commitment to nurturing the potential within each student are truly commendable. Your hard work and innovative approaches to education have played a pivotal role in shaping the minds of our students and preparing them for the future. Your commitment to the pursuit of excellence is inspirational. The extraordinary results achieved by our students, are a testament to your ability to inspire and instil a love for learning.

To our beloved students, I want to express my profound love and admiration. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and resilience inspire our educators each and every day. Your unique talents and personalities make Frankston Heights Primary School a place of joy and discovery. Thank you for bringing your energy and spirit into our classrooms, making every day an adventure in learning. Your smiles and friendliness will be forever etched in my heart.

To our parents, I extend my deepest appreciation for entrusting our teachers with the delightful task of educating your children. Your confidence in our abilities and your active involvement in your child's educational journey have made a significant impact on their growth and development. As we bid farewell to another academic year, and my last 9 years as Principal, let us celebrate the achievements, milestones, and memories we have created together. Our school community is a testament to the power of collaboration and shared values, and I am truly grateful to have worked in a community achieving the remarkable successes we have witnessed at our school.

With my sincerest gratitude to all families, staff and students, my heart is full of special memories and immense pride at our collective achievements. We are now a high performing school setting high benchmarks for the future. With my deepest admiration, thank you and farewell. Wishing all a wonderful Christmas and holiday period filled with joy and relaxation.

Yours sincerely

Cheryl Clark, Principal





Dear Frankston Heights Primary School community,

As the year draws to a close, we inevitably say goodbye to those students and staff who move on to new challenges; be it in high school, new employment or retirement. They are our community, so we wish them all the best in the knowledge FHPS has worked to prepare them as well as possible.

This year it is particularly significant we pause to acknowledge and celebrate the service of our FHPS Principal; Mrs Cheryl Clarke as she moves into well-deserved retirement.

The modern Primary School Principal in Victoria has many, consistently evolving criteria to fulfil and even more markers for success or failure in their tenure in the role. The role has never been more demanding, more scrutinised or more valued to a school community. It's unpredictable and unrelenting.

I've been immensely grateful to have served on the school council during Cheryl's tenure as Principal. Not entirely because I've seen her build our school from around 270 enrolments to 500+, or because I've seen her tirelessly fight for funding to improve our school buildings and facilities where other similar schools remained silent. Not necessarily just because I've seen her invest in our staff and programs to grow our education practice leading to the best academic outcomes the school has seen in the last NAPLAN reporting period. Nor because of the stringent and fiscally responsible management practices she's embedded to secure the future of our school's digital and media education opportunities. These outcomes are undeniable but don't begin to speak to the character of leader that I've witnessed in Cheryl during her time at the school.

Perhaps an example of these qualities were most clearly defined during the challenges of the protracted COVID Pandemic response. Not just in the wisdom of taking the advice of the CHO and Ed Dept and interpreting them for the school community but in the humility she demonstrated in constantly assessing and adjusting along the way. Not many would know of the toll it took on her, on her family – the sacrifices she willingly made to consult, make decisions (however unpopular) and then wear the inevitable criticism, re-assess, adjust and go again. Cheryl has been an inclusive and people focussed leader for all her time at our school, her willingness to consult and take other views into consideration has been her great strength. Admirable courage, resilience and consistency at a tough time for our community.

On behalf of the School Council and broader school community – I want to sincerely thank Mrs Cheryl Clarke for her exceptional leadership and outstanding contribution to Frankston Heights Primary School. We wish her only the best in retirement following her long, productive and successful tenure as Principal.

Kind regards,

Rob Colcott

School Council President

Frankston Heights Primary School

2023 SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

2023 Semester 2 student reports will be published to the Sentral Portal on Monday December 18. To access your **child's** 2023 Semester 2 report follow the steps below.

- ♦ Log onto the **FHPS portal** via the school website (Select the tab titled SENTRAL at the bottom of the home page).



- ♦ Enter your unique access details (**login name and password**) and select the **Login tab**.
- ♦ From your home page go to the left hand menu and select the tab with your child's name.
- ♦ On your child's home page select the **Academic Reports** tab under your child's photograph.
- ♦ Select the **2023 FHPS Student Reports Sem 2** link and the report will display.
- ♦ To download and save the report select the download icon, to print the report select the print icon.

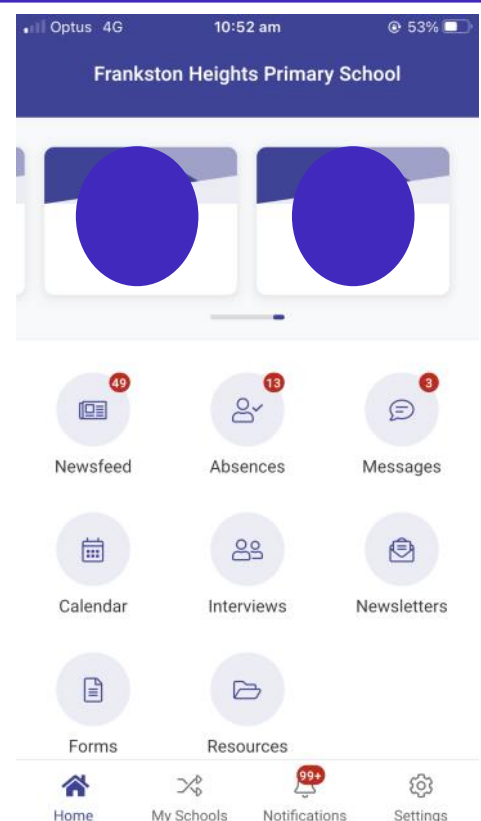
PLEASE NOTE: Parents are advised to download and save all documents in the **Published Reports** section. **Parents of students in Year 6 will not be able to access** their child's Sentral account **once the 2024 school year commences**.

VIEWING YOUR CHILD'S REPORT ON THE SENTRAL APP

To view your **child's** report on the Sentral for Parents App follow the steps below.

1. Select your child's folder at the top of the screen
2. Select the **Student Details** tab on the top right
3. Click on the **Academic Reports** tab
4. Select the **2023 FHPS Student Reports Sem 2** link to view your child's report

Please note you can only view the report from the app.





FHPS Christmas Carols Morning!

DATE: Monday 18th December

TIME: 9am

LOCATION: Outdoor Stage Area



DRESS: Students to wear school uniform with a touch of Christmas spirit!

FHPS school community welcome



Information will be communicated to the school community closer to the date in the event of inclement weather



PAYMENT METHODS AT FHPS

Frankston Heights Primary School encourages families to use the below methods of payment for excursions, events and purchasing items via the school office. These methods of payment ensure there is a two-way record system for all payments made.

BPAY

Specific BPAY details are allocated to each family. These can be obtained from the school office and may be used for any payments throughout your family's time at Frankston Heights PS. Please write on permission slips if you have paid via BPAY prior to handing them in at school.

EFTPOS

EFTPOS facilities are available via the school office. Parents are able to attend the office to pay via EFTPOS in person or phone the school office on 9783 4988 and pay over the phone. Please bring the appropriate permission slips when making payments via EFTPOS in person.

CSEF

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funds are allocated to eligible families holding a Health Care/Pension card upon application. If you hold a Health Care or Pension card or are fostering a child, please speak to the school office to apply for these funds.

CENTREPAY

Frankston Heights Primary School offers Centrepay as a method of payment. Centrepay allows deductions directly from your Centrelink payments which can be used to pay for school items such as books, essential parent payments, incursions/excursions, camps and other essential items.

ACCOUNT CREDIT

Families are welcome to make deposits into their school account at any time. Deposits can be made via EFTPOS or BPAY. These deposits will be held as credits for families to use for excursions, camps etc. Making regular small deposits help families to keep on top of their school finances.

If you would like to discuss your family account or payment methods further, please speak to Cheryl Chiswell (Business Manager) or Krystal Davidson (Office Manager) on 9783 4988.



Enrolment & Exit Updates

Sibling Enrolments for 2025

Enrolments are now open for 2025 Prep Siblings. We are wishing to confirm Sibling enrolments by the end of this term as this assists us in determining placement availability for our 2025 Prep Cohort. Our enrolments for 2025 will open at the beginning of 2024.

Therefore, we ask all families who will have a Prep child in 2025, to please contact the school office to obtain an enrolment form and secure your child's place for 2025.

Families Leaving FHPS at the end of 2023

If your child will be leaving FHPS at the end of the year, please contact the school office as an administrative transfer is required from school to school. This information greatly assists us in our planning for grades for 2024, which has already commenced.

FHPS VOLUNTEER AND PARENT HELPER INFORMATION

Frankston Heights Primary School greatly values the support and assistance of volunteers.

Anyone who assists with school programs is classed as a volunteer.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

1. Read the Child Safety policies and procedures and the FHPS OHS Induction handbook in the Volunteer Pack link below. This requirement must be met for any volunteer to assist with classroom programs, excursions, sport events, camps, school concerts, fundraising events and other child-related programs.
2. Sign the Child Safety Code of Conduct, Volunteer Confidentially Agreement and Volunteer OHS Checklist at the office.
3. Present your Working With Children Check (WWCC) at the office.



FHPS VOLUNTEER PACK (required)

For those interested in further information on how to help in the classroom click on **FHPS CLASSROOM HELPER GUIDE**

RESPECT

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

Sports X is coming to Frankston Heights PS!

Term One, 2024



Frankston Heights Primary School

sports x



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programs



In Term 1 2024,

Sports X will be running the following **after school sports program** at Frankston Heights PS:

Soccer X – Every Monday | 3.45 - 4.45pm | 7 weeks | \$120 (starting Week 2, February 5th)

The programs are available to students from Prep - Year 6.
On arrival children will be split into groups according to age.
All sessions will be run by qualified coaches who hold blue cards.
The sessions will be fully inclusive & fun-based, catering for all abilities.

REGISTER HERE







FUN

FRIENDSHIP

and

ADVENTURE

» JOIN TODAY

www.guidesvic.org.au

We have units in Langwarrin, Carrum Downs and Seaford catering for girls aged 5-15.

For more information, please contact
 Frankston District Manager,
 Deb Abbs – 0438 787 570

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTER NOW FOR 2024!



LINK HERE





CLUB VALUES

RESPECT for oneself, all club members, opposition, league officials and members of the community
 SELFLESS commitment to the club and our objectives
 ENJOYMENT for all club members
 HONESTY & INTEGRITY by all club members
 PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE in all aspects of our operations
 SPORTSMANSHIP on and off the field
 FOOTBALL SUCCESS
 PARTICIPATION opportunities for all members of the community
 FAMILY friendly environment

GIRLS & BOYS TEAMS FROM U8 (MIXED) TO U16



2023 Premiers

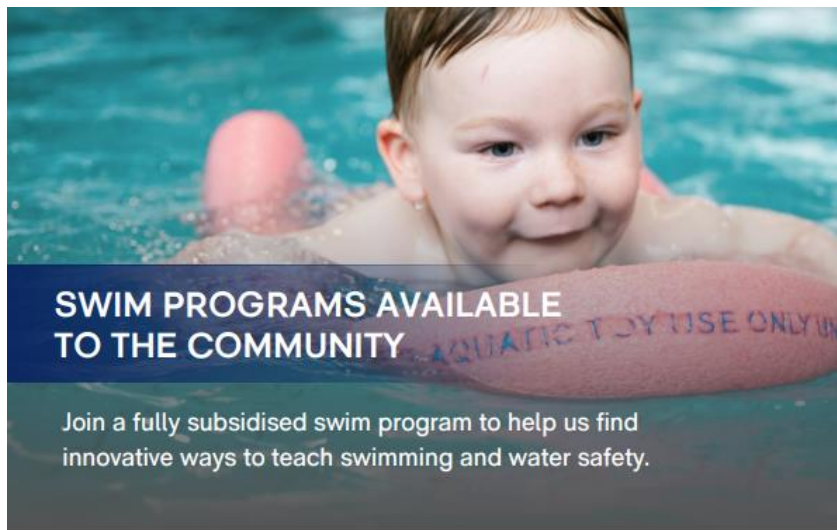
A BRIGHT, BOLD FUTURE

REGISTRATION PER CHILD:

* 1st Player- \$270

* 2nd Player- \$180
Automatic reduction when registering 2nd child

* 3rd Player- \$100
Contact Registrar on
sszwaja.frankstonycw@outlook.com
for a code if registering 3 or more players



SWIM PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

Join a fully subsidised swim program to help us find innovative ways to teach swimming and water safety.

Fully subsidised swim programs available are:

Youth 5 day swim program

WHO: Youth aged 13-17 years

WHERE: PARC

WHEN: Over 5 days
Monday 8 January –
Friday 12 January, 45
minutes per day between
10.30am-1.30pm

Family swimming and water safety session

WHO: Families / parents
with children aged 5 years
and over

WHERE: Pines outdoor
pool

WHEN: Friday 19
January, 4.30pm-5.30pm

3 day Infant water familiarisation program

WHO: Parents with 6
months to 2 years old

WHERE: PARC
WHEN: Over 3 days 19, 21
and 23 February, at either
8.30am, 11.30am, 4.00pm
or 4.30pm

Learn more and book via our website here: <https://qrco.de/beakws>
Make sure you select the 'PARC Swim Vision' tab to see the full information and complete the form.



parc.swim@peninsulaleisure.com.au



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Everybody deserves to smile **THIS CHRISTMAS**

A little Ray of Giving is back and this year we will be making it extra special!

We are excited to start spreading Christmas cheer and we need your help! The campaign will see us partner with Anglicare Victoria to ensure children and families requiring support will get something to open this Christmas. Getting involved is simple, all we ask is that you donate a gift of your choice for a child aged 1-18 to one of our donation sites below by the 18th of December:

- Ray White, 36 Playne Street, Frankston
- Ballam Park Primary School, Frankston
- Belvedere Park Primary School, Seaford
- Baxter Primary School, Baxter
- Frankston Heights Primary School, Frankston
- Frankston East Primary School, Frankston
- Kingsley Park Primary School, Frankston
- Overport Primary School, Frankston South

No need to wrap the gift, we will take care of that for you. The gift will be delivered on your behalf to a child who would otherwise go without this Christmas. This year as a special 'thank you' to our wonderful community members, from the 14th - 16th December at our office at 36 Playne Street we will be providing

FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA

We encourage a gift donation to our charity Little Ray Of Giving in lieu of payment for your Santa photos. Let's end the year by sharing the joy this Christmas! If you need any more info, please call us on 9781 2111.



Rachel Wallace
Head of Community
03 8763 9506
rachel.wallace@raywhite.com

So scan the QR code
for more info and to
book your free
photo with Santa!



Thank you to Ray White
Frankston for their
incredibly generous
donation of \$1,900 to
FHPS!



Proud Partners of:

Ballam Park, Baxter Primary, Belvedere Primary, Frankston East,
Frankston Heights, Kingsley Park and Overport Primary School