

FHPS NEWSLETTER

Issue 7, Term 1, Week 8
Friday 22nd March, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon 4th Mar - Thu 28th Mar | Smile Squad Dental Van |
| Tue 26th Mar | Italian Day |
| Wed 27th Mar | School Fun Run Regional Swimming |
| Thu 28th Mar | Easter Hat Parade Last Day of Term 1 (2:30pm finish) |
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| Mon 15th Apr | First Day of Term 2 |
| Fri 19th Apr | House Cross Country |
| Wed 24th Apr | ANZAC Day Assembly |
| Thu 25th Apr | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| Sat 27th Apr | Bunnings BBQ |
| Thu 9th May | Mother's Day Stall |
| Tue 28th May | Student Free Day |
| Wed 6th Jun | School Photos |



UPCOMING STUDENT FREE DAYS

- Tuesday 28th May
- Monday 26th August

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT TERM 1

Wow! I am pinching myself wondering where Term 1 has gone. I can't believe how quickly the 9 weeks of onsite learning has flown. Congratulations to the students for their resilience, persistence, and hard work so far this year. Also, a huge thank you to our teachers for supporting our students at school, guiding their learning, and assisting them to build new friendships with their peers. I sincerely thank our teachers for their professionalism, commitment, and hard work to ensure all students are positively engaging at school and focusing on improving their learning.

Our teachers significantly benefit from family engagement and involvement, and this has been evident at all levels across the school. A huge thank you to our amazing parent/carer community for everything you have done to support your children with their attendance at school and sports events, completing homework, and working in partnership with the teachers for the benefit of your child. Congratulations to all on an excellent term 1.

NAPLAN: CONGRATULATIONS WITH OUR ONLINE TESTING PROGRAM

Whilst I have been conducting lots of tours for Prep families over the past week, the Middle and Senior School students have been sitting their online NAPLAN tests. Our students are to be congratulated on their concentration, patience, high level of engagement and commitment to do their best on these tests. Our staff have supported the administration as required, following the instructions and ensuring there has been a sense of calm in our approach. Our students have felt incredibly supported by the large number of laptop devices the school has invested in over the past few years to enable all students to have their own device for their tests, meaning students can work independently and at their own pace. Our parent payments each year support the costs associated with the leasing of our laptops, and we are grateful to have this support from our parent/carer community. Congratulations once again to our students and teachers for managing the NAPLAN testing program so smoothly.

EASTER PARADE

Next Thursday, our Easter parade will generate wonderful excitement amongst the students as they prepare for their Easter bonnet parade and Easter raffle. We have such a wonderful collection of Easter baskets and prizes due to the generosity of our parent community, and I know the lucky winners will enjoy their prizes. Thank you for the donations to ensure our raffle will be a huge success.

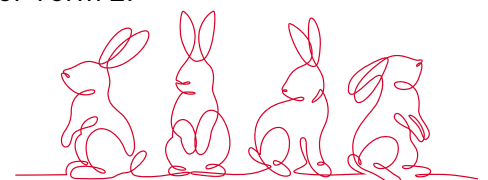
HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all families a safe and Happy Easter. I hope this results in special time together, a break from the usual fast paced life we all lead, and some quality time together over the holiday break.



See you all back on Monday the 15th of April for Term 2!

Regards,
Ricky Joyce
Principal





HAVE YOU SET UP YOUR FUN RUN PROFILE?

Our school fun run will be held next **Wednesday March 27**. Thankyou to the families who have really got behind this fundraising event. Your support is greatly appreciated.

It is not too late to become part of this champion student fundraising team. Simply set up an account and start raising money. Collect donations straight away by sharing your online fundraising link with family and friends in a text message, on social media and email. Simply log on to schoolfunrun.com.au to create your account.

Raise just \$10 to select a prize. The more money raised, the better the prizes. The money raised from the Fun Run will go towards bike racks for the bike shed and continued improvements to our school grounds.

Congratulations to the twelve lucky students who will receive a free lunch order for their fundraising efforts.

CREATING RUNNING RAINBOWS OF HAPPINESS



COLOUR FUN RUN

Time

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| Prep - Year 1 | (9:10 - 9:40am) |
| Year 2 - Year 3 | (9:45 - 10:15am) |
| Year 4 - Year 6 | (10:20- 11:00am) |

Venue

FHPS School Oval

Parents welcome to attend.

What to wear - Students are to come dressed in a white or an old tee shirt (preferably a light colour) and shorts/pants for the colour run. Suitable running/walking shoes are required. Students can accessorise with a tutu, hat, socks etc. Students are **not to wear school uniform**.

Colour stations will be set up around the course. Students wanting to avoid the coloured powder can run around the stations.

The coloured powder is sourced from India, made of high-quality corn starch and is dyed with permitted food colours. It is non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly.



EVENTS AT FHPS

Thank you to the families who have contributed to our 2024 Easter raffle. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated and will help to make our Easter celebrations an enjoyable event.

Raffle tickets are due to the school office by **Monday March 25**. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Don't forget to record your name and contact phone number on each ticket.

Additional raffle books can be collected from the school office.

Prizes will be drawn at the FHPS Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday March 28**.

An **EASTER RAFFLE WRAPPING WORKSHOP** will be held **in the staffroom on Monday March 25 at 9am**. All volunteers are most welcome. If you are free, get your creative groove on and come along. Many hands make light work!

FHPS EASTER HAT PARADE - THURSDAY MARCH 28 from 9am

The FHPS traditional Easter Hat Parade is always a fantastic event with students parading their very creative and decorative hat designs. All students are encouraged to create an Easter hat at home to wear to the FHPS Easter Hat Parade.

The parade will be held on the basketball court, weather permitting.





2024 TERM 2 Y5&6 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 5 and 6 students this term. Kelly is a highly skilled, sought after Body Education educator. She creates a relaxed, inclusive and respectful learning environment to empower students with knowledge and understanding about their bodies.

A **Webex parent information session** will be held on **Tuesday April 23 at 6pm**. 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. The content that will be covered in the Year 5 and 6 program will be outlined and there will be opportunities for parents to ask questions.

A **Webex meeting link** will be sent to parents on **Friday April 19**.
All Year 5 and 6 parents are encouraged to attend this session.

BODY EDUCATION SESSION DETAILS

Year 5&6 course (3 x 50 minute sessions)

A permission notice will be distributed to all students this week and will need to be returned by **Tuesday April 16**.

SESSION DATES

- Year 5: Monday May 6, 13 and 20
- Year 6: Thursday May 2, 9 and 16

Each student will participate in two sessions with their class. The class teacher will be present for both session.

The program will focus on:

- common physical changes of puberty
- gender specific and social/emotional changes of puberty
- reproduction, pregnancy and birth

Michelle Smith
Assistant Principal

