

# FHPS NEWSLETTER

Term 4, Week 1

Friday 10 October 2025

## TERM 4 DATES

<b>Mon 13 Oct - Wed 15 Oct</b>	Year 6 Peninsula Camp
<b>Tues 14 Oct</b>	2026 Prep Parent Webex Information Session
<b>Fri 17 Oct</b>	Year 3 - 4 Bike Check
<b>Wed 22 Oct</b>	Prep to Year 2 Concert at Frankston Heights Primary School
<b>Fri 24 Oct</b>	Year 3 & 4 Bike Ed
<b>Thurs 30 Oct</b>	Prep Transition Session 1 Year 5 & 6 Girls AFL Day and Boys Netball
<b>Fri 31 Oct</b>	Year 3 & 4 Bike Ed
<b>Tues 4 Nov</b>	Melbourne Cup Day
<b>Thurs 6 Nov</b>	Prep Transition Session 2
<b>Thurs 13 Nov</b>	Prep Transition Session 3
<b>Mon 17 Nov - Fri 21 Nov</b>	Year 3 Swimming at PARC
<b>Fri 14 Nov</b>	FHPS Prep - Grade 6 Skip-a-thon
<b>Thurs 20 Nov</b>	Prep Transition Session 4
<b>Fri 21 Nov</b>	Years 5 & 6 Blasters Cricket Day
<b>Mon 24 Nov</b>	Student Free day
<b>Tues 25 Nov - Mon 1 Dec</b>	Year 4 PARC Swimming

## TERM 4 DATES

<b>Tues 2 Dec</b>	Grade 6 Market Day
<b>Wed 3 Dec</b>	PARC Water Safety Incursion Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4
<b>Thurs 4 Dec</b>	PARC Water Safety Incursion Year 3, Year 5, Year 6
<b>Fri 5 Dec</b>	Years 3 - 6 Rotary Assembly
<b>Tues 9 Dec</b>	Transition Day Whole School
<b>Wed 10 Dec</b>	Grade 6 Graduation 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm
<b>Thurs 11 Dec</b>	End of Year Excursions
<b>Fri 12 Dec</b>	Final School Assembly Whole School 2.40 pm - 3.25 pm
<b>Mon 15 Dec</b>	Semester 2 Reports Published on Sentral
<b>Tues 16 Dec</b>	Year 5 & 6 Beach Swimming Christmas Carols Concert
<b>Wed 17 Dec - Thurs 17 Dec</b>	Year 5 & 6 Beach Swimming Program
<b>Fri 19 Dec</b>	Last Day of Term 4 <b>1.30 pm Dismissal</b>



## 2025 Y3-6 Production

Darkness flooded the theatre. The stage curtain opened. Lights, camera, action!

A messy backstage prop room saw Kai, Lena and Aria discover a time machine disguised as an old red telephone booth, and from that point on, the music, dancing and movement did not stop. Students quite literally *danced their way through the decades*!

Colourful costumes, creative props and vibrant backdrops, combined with incredible dance moves and classic tunes from the past, kept the audience thoroughly entertained. Toe tapping, clapping, singing along and roaring applause filled the theatre after each performance.

Congratulations to our exceptionally talented students who took to the stage with confidence and enthusiasm, eager to showcase their moves. The learning undertaken throughout Term 3 Performing Arts lessons truly came to life. Our cast are to be commended for their dedication, teamwork and energy in bringing this production together.

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for your invaluable contributions to the sourcing and creation of costumes and props for *Dancing Through the Decades*. Your creativity, time and support helped bring our production to life.

Special thanks to the following people whose talent, expertise and imagination added an extra touch of magic to our show: Troy Gudgeon and family, Alicia Baronessa, Aleesha Bendon, Astrid Croft, Elizabeth Edgecumbe, Rae Jamieson, Rowan Jamieson, Hayley Williams and Leia Vom Braucke.

This event would not have been possible without the vision and direction of our amazing Performing Arts teacher, Lisa Stirling. Lisa, together with Jeanette Ryan, wrote the script and from that point, everything fell into place. Our talented Prep-Year 3 Performing Arts teacher, Candice Bush, worked with the Year 3 students and put her incredible sewing skills to work on costumes. Additionally, the FHPS staff team supported the event through prop construction, organisation, and tireless work behind the scenes.

A champion team and a champion effort!

Well done to all involved in a production that will be spoken about for decades to come!

### Relive the Magic!

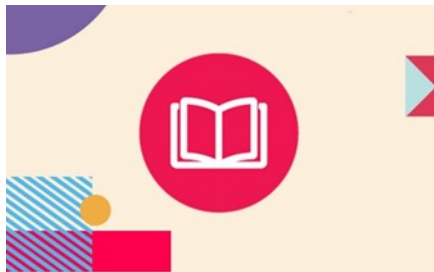
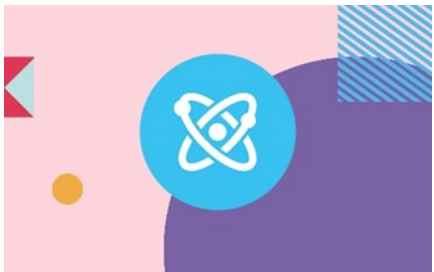

Purchase a copy of our *Dancing Through the Decades* film for just **\$25** and enjoy the music, moves and memories time and again.

This keepsake will be a treasured reminder of your child's performance for years to come.

**Purchases must be made by Thursday 23 October.**

ORDER HERE: <https://www.trybooking.com/eve...>



		
<b>ICAS ENGLISH</b>	<b>ICAS SCIENCE</b>	<b>ICAS MATHEMATICS</b>

## FHPS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN WORLD-RENOWNED ICAS ASSESSMENT

Students from FHPS who participated in the 2025 ICAS English, Mathematics and Science Assessments are to be congratulated on their achievements. A total of thirty two students from Year 2 - Year 6 participated in one or more of the assessments, with many receiving outstanding results and earning certificates of Merit, Credit and Distinction.

Developed for students in primary and secondary schools, ICAS challenges higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics and Science. Results are compared with all students in the same year level across Australia.

We are exceptionally proud of all the students who participated in one or more of the ICAS assessments.

In the English ICAS, two students were awarded a Distinction, nine students a Credit, six students a Merit and seven students a Participation.

In the Mathematics ICAS, three students were awarded a Distinction, seven students a Credit, six students a Merit and eleven students a Participation.

In the Science ICAS, two students were awarded a Distinction, four students a Credit, two students a Merit and six students a Participation.

All FHPS participants will be presented with their ICAS certificates at assemblies this term:

**Year 2:** Friday 17 October

**Years 3-6:** Friday 24 October

Congratulations once again to all of our ICAS participants, you should be very proud of your achievements!

Michelle Smith  
Assistant Principal



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**Janison.**

# FHPS HEALTH & SAFETY RULES

## SAFETY FIRST

**PLEASE WALK YOUR  
BIKE OR  
SCOOTER  
IN THE SCHOOL**



**Thank you**



**NO**



**Skateboards**

**NO**



**Dogs**



**NO SMOKING**



**On this premises  
and within 4 metres  
of the entrance**

**PENALTIES MAY APPLY**  
Tobacco Act 1987



## HEALTH AND SAFETY AT FHPS

The health and safety of our students, staff and families is always a priority at FHPS. A number of important rules are displayed at each school entrance, and we ask that all members of our school community follow these guidelines to help keep everyone safe.

- **Dogs on school grounds**

While we know dogs are much-loved family members, they are not permitted within the school grounds on school days. If you walk your dog at drop-off or pick-up times, please arrange to meet your child outside the gates.

- **Parking**

Parents and carers are reminded not to park in the school car park before or after school, or during school hours. Families using Before and After School Care should use the Robina Street entrance for drop-off and pick-up.

- **Student toilets**

For child safety reasons, student bathrooms are strictly for FHPS student use only. Adult bathrooms are available in the administration building opposite the office.

- **Smoking and vaping**

Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school grounds or within 4 metres of any entrance.

We thank all families for supporting these important measures to ensure FHPS remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT FHPS

At FHPS, the wellbeing of our students and staff is always at the heart of what we do. To make sure everyone is safe in the unlikely event of an emergency, our school has plans in place for a range of situations, such as severe weather, medical incidents, building fires or intruders.

Each term, students and staff take part in practice drills. These are calm, well-supported sessions that help everyone know what to do if we need to:

- evacuate the school (on-site or off-site)
- stay safely indoors (shelter-in-place)
- move into lockdown/lockout procedures

If we ever need to activate our emergency plan, families will be notified through Sentral.

Please be assured that if presented with an emergency, FHPS will work closely with emergency services and the Department of Education to follow the best advice and ensure the safety of every student and staff member.

Together, by practising regularly and planning ahead, we make sure FHPS continues to be a safe, caring and supportive place for all.





# Thunderstorm Asthma

## BE PREPARED THIS POLLEN SEASON

Grass pollen season, which typically runs from October to December each year in Victoria, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

Frankston Heights Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe as the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor the Vic Emergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify greater risk.

During the season, there are some things you can do to prepare and protect yourself and your family:

- If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about what you can do to help protect them from the risk of thunderstorm asthma this pollen season, including updating your asthma action plan. Taking an asthma preventer properly and regularly is key to preventing asthma, including thunderstorm asthma.
- If your child has hay fever, see your pharmacist or doctor for a hay fever treatment plan and check if you should have an asthma reliever puffer. These are available from a pharmacy without a prescription.
- If your child has hay fever and experiences wheezing and coughing, it is important to make sure they don't also have asthma. Speak to your doctor about an asthma action plan.
- Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms from October to December, especially during the wind gusts that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

Protect yourself this pollen season – managing asthma and allergies matters.

For more information, speak to your doctor. You can also refer to the Better Health Channel website.

Regards,

Megan Chandler

Frankston Heights Primary School- First Aid Management

# FHPS VOLUNTEER AND PARENT HELPER INFORMATION

Frankston Heights Primary School greatly values the support and assistance of volunteers. Anyone who assists with our school programs is classed as a volunteer.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

Every year volunteers are required to:

1. Read the Child Safety policies and procedures and the FHPS OHS Induction handbook (click on the links below to access). 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 a current Working With Children Check (WWCC) at the office. Forms can be collected from the post office or visit the Working with Children Check website at [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)



All volunteers are to familiarise themselves with the following documents. Click on the hyperlinks to access each document. Hard copies are available at the office.

- [Frankston Heights Primary School Child Safety Policy](#) - **READ**
- [Frankston Heights Primary School Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures](#) - **READ**
- [Frankston Heights Primary School Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) - **READ**
- [Frankston Heights Primary School Volunteers Policy and Child Safety Induction Pack](#) - **READ**
- [Frankston Heights Primary School Volunteers OHS Induction Handbook](#) - **READ**
- Once read, **please visit the office** to sign the Child Safety Code of Conduct, Volunteer Confidentially Agreement and Volunteer OHS Checklist.

**RESPECT**

**RESILIENCE**

**RESPONSIBILITY**



# Children's Week 2025

## 18-26 October

Theme: Everyone should know about Children's Rights



Artwork Winner: Keiko Prasetyo (6YO) 'Bubble Rights' - "I love to play with bubbles. This drawing is about children's rights to be safe and grow. They need to have a family, to have a safe home, a warm bed and to eat. They need to have a school, to play, to talk or to say what they want and to be listened to - even with a book (PECS) if they can't talk."



[childrensweek.org.au](http://childrensweek.org.au)



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