

FHPS NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 9
Friday 11 September, 2026

TERM 3 DATES

14 - 16 September	Y3 & Y4 The Ranch Camp
16 - 18 September	Y5 Weekaway Camp
16 September	Prep Author Book Exhibition 2.45pm-3.15pm
18 September	Last Day Term 3 - 2.30pm Finish

A reminder that all students are now required to wear their school red wide-brimmed hat when outside.

Please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day.

If your child needs a new school hat, red wide-brimmed hats are available from the school office for \$10.

Thank you for helping us keep our students SunSmart!

Hats 1st September



TERM 4 DATES

5 October	Term 4 Commences
7 October	Division Athletics
7 - 9 October	Y6 Peninsula Outdoors Camp
9 October	Y4 & Y4 Bike Checks
19 October	Whole School Peter Combe Concert
23 October	Whole School Assembly - 2.45pm
27 October	Senior Division Basketball
30 October	Halloween Free Dress Day
3 November	Melbourne Cup Holiday
20 November	School Fair
23 November	Student Free Day
7 December	Volunteer morning tea
8 December	2027 Whole School Transition
9 December	Y6 Graduation
10 December	End of Year Celebrations
15 December	Christmas Carols Concert
18 December	Last Day Term 4 - 1.30pm Finish

Homework Information for Parents

The Purpose of Homework

At Frankston Heights Primary School, homework complements classroom learning by providing opportunities for students to practise and consolidate skills, reinforce learning and develop independence, organisation and positive learning routines. Regular reading is particularly encouraged as it supports the development of vocabulary, comprehension, fluency and confidence as readers.

Our Approach to Homework

Homework will be assigned to all students; however, FHPS recognises that families have different schedules, commitments and circumstances, which can affect their capacity to engage with learning at home. Our approach aims to ensure that homework remains a valuable learning opportunity without creating unnecessary pressure for students or families.

Families are strongly encouraged to engage with assigned homework where possible, particularly regular reading and associated activities. Supporting children to establish a positive and manageable home learning routine can reinforce classroom learning while helping students develop independence, responsibility and confidence.

Communicating Homework

Homework expectations will be outlined by each year level in the term newsletter. Teachers will also send a weekly Sentral notification advising families that homework has been assigned.

Teachers will discuss the weekly tasks with students to ensure they understand the learning and what is expected.

Supporting Students at Home

Parents and carers are encouraged to support their child to engage with homework and develop positive home learning routines. We recognise, however, that the level of support families are able to provide will vary.

Teachers will monitor homework submission and completion, acknowledge students' efforts and provide feedback where appropriate. Families will not be contacted if assigned homework is not completed.

FHPS will continue to review its homework practices to ensure tasks are purposeful, manageable, accessible and aligned with classroom learning, while recognising and respecting the diverse needs and circumstances of our school community.

Michelle Smith

Child Safety & Staff Carpark Reminder

All parents and carers are asked to please observe that the staff carpark is for staff use only between 7:00am and 4:00pm. Parents and carers dropping off or collecting students are not permitted to drive into or park in the staff carpark during these hours, as this is an important child safety measure.

The area at the end of the staff carpark provides pedestrian access for students and families entering and leaving the school grounds. Vehicles moving through this area can create a potential safety risk, particularly when children and families are walking nearby.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping this area clear of vehicles and helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

FHPS Emergency Management Drills & Procedures

At Frankston Heights Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is always our highest priority. Our school has detailed emergency management plans and procedures to respond to a range of potential hazards, including severe weather, medical emergencies, fires and intruders.

To ensure everyone is familiar with these procedures, we conduct regular emergency management drills throughout the year. These rehearsals help staff and students understand what to do and where to go in different emergency situations, including:

- On-site evacuation
- Off-site evacuation
- Shelter-in-place
- Lockdown/lockout

On Tuesday, we practised a precautionary lockdown. On Monday 14 September, all staff, students, volunteers and contractors on site will participate in an on-site evacuation drill.

These drills are an important part of our ongoing commitment to school safety and preparedness. They are conducted in a calm and planned manner and provide an opportunity for our school community to practise the procedures we would follow in an actual emergency.

Should our emergency management plan ever need to be activated in response to a real emergency, families will be notified promptly through Sentral.

In an emergency, FHPS would work closely with emergency services and the Department of Education to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone on site.

Michelle Smith

THE COUNTDOWN TO OUR 2026 SCHOOL FAIR IS ON 10 WEEKS TO GO!

FHPS COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our School Fair is fast approaching, and there is plenty to do behind the scenes to make this major community event a success.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who have already volunteered their time and support. Many hands make light work, and we would love to see even more members of our community get involved.

To help each stall run smoothly, it would be fantastic if every stall had at least two parent/carer representatives who can help coordinate and communicate organisational details with families.

If you are able to lend a hand, please contact your child's class teacher or email frankston.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au, and mark Attention: Michelle Smith.

Whether you can help with a stall, preparation, set-up, pack-up or on the day, every contribution makes a difference.

Let's work together to make our 2026 School Fair a fantastic day for our students and the whole FHPS community!

Michelle Smith



2026 SCHOOL FAIR STALLS

Class	Stall	Class Representatives
0A	Face Painting	reps needed
0B	Second Hand Books and Preloved Toys	reps needed
0C	Plants	Prep C parents needed. Vera Eate
1A	Soft Drink Toss	reps needed
1B	Toy Raffle and Lucky \$100 note	reps needed
1C	Lollies	reps needed
2A	Show Bags and Stick Lotto	Kelly Beard plus one other rep
2B	Funny Faces	reps needed
2C	Mini Golf	reps needed
3A	Messy Shed	Shanelle Derrick plus one other rep
3B	Luck Duck Dip and Guess The Teacher	Kayla Banting plus one other rep
3C	Bracelet and Jewellery Making	reps needed
4A	Canteen - Food and Drink	reps needed
4B	Wine and Beer Garden	Harry McCabe. 4B parents support BBQ
4C	Cakes and Sweet Treats	reps needed
5A	Chocolate Toss	reps needed
5B	Spiders and Icecream	reps needed
5C	Hair and Tattoos	reps needed
6A	Lucky Bags	reps needed
6B	Lego Competition	Sam MacDonald plus one other rep
6C	Wine and Beer Garden	Brendan Scroggie. 6C parents support BBQ



FRANKSTON HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR

SAVE THE DATE



Rides | Stalls | Food & Drinks
Entertainment + Loads More!

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

1.00PM - 6.00PM

ALL WELCOME

FHPS VOLUNTEER CHILD SAFETY INDUCTION REQUIREMENTS

FHPS greatly values the support of our volunteers. Your contribution enriches our school community and helps provide valuable learning opportunities and experiences for our students.

We have recently updated our Volunteer Induction processes to ensure all volunteers are appropriately inducted and familiar with our Child Safety and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements.

Before undertaking any volunteer role where children are, or are reasonably expected to be, present, all volunteers will need to complete the following requirements:

- **Working With Children Check (WWCC):** Please present your current WWCC to the Main Office, where an administration staff member will take a copy for our records. Volunteer WWCC details will then be uploaded to our new SAM4Schools system for validation.
- **Child Safety and OHS Induction:** Once your WWCC has been validated, you will receive an email with information and documents relating to the school's Child Safety and OHS requirements. Volunteers will be required to read the documents provided and acknowledge that they understand and accept the relevant requirements before commencing their volunteer role.
- **Onsite induction:** Prior to your first volunteer session, a member of our Administration team will complete an onsite induction with you. This will provide an opportunity to discuss our procedures, expectations and any questions you may have.

All volunteer induction documents and acknowledgements must be reviewed and signed every 12 months to ensure that our records remain current, and volunteers are familiar with the school's requirements.

These processes are an important part of ensuring FHPS provides a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for all students, staff and volunteers.





ROCKETEERS



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) available for eligible families.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, log into MyGov.

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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



ROCKETEERS

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Frankston Heights Primary School

Address: Kalmia Street FRANKSTON VIC 3199

Phone: 0452 247 697 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

**Mon
21 Sep**

Big Art Day: Bloom and Discover

Step into a world where ideas grow! Paint, build and design as creativity blossoms all around you. What will you bring to life today?

Full Fee \$85.00 | After Max. CCS* \$8.50



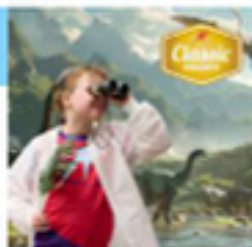
Base Camp Day

**Tue
22 Sep**

Project Classics: Roar and Explore

Step into the dino age! Uncover amazing dinosaur facts, then build your own Dino Dash Game to take home. Designed by Eye Heart Science, it's a day of roaring fun, creativity, and real science!

Full Fee \$109.00 | After Max. CCS* \$10.90



Project

**Wed
23 Sep**

Special Event: Grand Final Fever with Coles Healthy Kicks

Compete, cheer and level up your game in the ultimate AFL Max showdown! From fast-paced challenges to interactive activity zones, every moment is packed with movement, fun and excitement.

Full Fee \$140.75 | After Max. CCS* \$14.08



Excursion

**Thu
24 Sep**

Operation: Green Thumbs

Plant the seed of an idea and watch it grow! Explore, create, and discover what happens when imagination and nature work together.

Full Fee \$85.00 | After Max. CCS* \$8.50



Base Camp Day

**Mon
28 Sep**

Experience Takeover: Cake Masters

Ready to become a Cake Master? A special guest is coming to help you decorate cake, get creative with fun designs and package your masterpiece to take home!

Full Fee \$123.00 | After Max. CCS* \$12.30



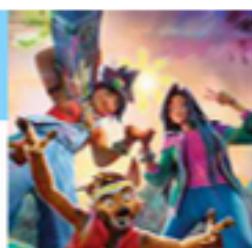
Experience Takeover Incursion

**Tue
29 Sep**

Adventure: Dreamworks Animation Forgotten Island

Get ready for a magical cinema adventure! Step through a mysterious portal and into a magical world filled with unforgettable creatures, hidden secrets and an incredible friendship put to the ultimate test in Forgotten Island.

Full Fee \$145.80 | After Max. CCS* \$14.58



Excursion

**Wed
30 Sep**

Big Art Day: Wild Wild West

Saddle up for creativity! Design your own hobby horse with colorful manes and expressive eyes. Your imagination, your ride!

Full Fee \$119.90 | After Max. CCS* \$11.99



Project

**Thu
01 Oct**

Special Event: Ultimate Ninja Challenge by Proactivity

Race against the clock and tackle giant challenges in the ultimate Grand Final showdown packed with action, teamwork and high-energy fun!

Full Fee \$147.00 | After Max. CCS* \$14.70



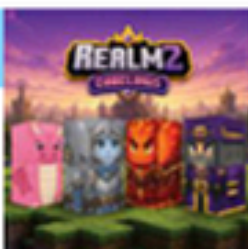
Excursion

**Fri
02 Oct**

Project: Realmz Kingdom Builders

Build your own kingdom with our exclusive Realmz Cubelings magnetic building system. Then unbox a special surprise to discover which character will join your Castielands adventure!

Full Fee \$114.81 | After Max. CCS* \$11.48



Project

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GRAND FINAL GAMES

10 DAYS • 10 CHALLENGES • NON-STOP GAMES



EARN GAME POINTS

Take on a new challenge every day and earn Game Points along the way.

Plus, there are bonus points up for grabs for getting involved, giving things a go and showing off your skills!



GRAND FINAL STORE

Winners can cash in their Game Points at their service's Grand Final Store! What prizes will your Service Leader have for you to choose from?!



CHAMPION TAKEOVER

Will you be our Champion?

Our overall Grand Final Games Champion wins the ultimate prize - a chance to take over OSHC!

Choose the activities **and** what's on the menu for your winning session.



SPORT CHALLENGES

Get active, and put your skills to the test.



PROBLEM SOLVING

Think, solve the puzzle, crack the code.



TEAM BUILDING

Work with friends to achieve together.



CREATIVE CHALLENGES

Get imaginative and bring your ideas to life.



WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOURS DAY

Rep your favourite team from any sport or league on our Grand Final Day and join in the celebrations.



READY TO PLAY?

Book now to secure your spot

Terms & conditions apply. See the website for more details.

7-18 September
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More People Can Swim

4 Day School Holiday Intensive Program

Never learnt to swim? It's never too late.

Build confidence in the water and learn essential swimming and water safety skills in a supportive, beginner-friendly environment.

- ✓ **Build water confidence**
- ✓ **Learn essential survival skills**
- ✓ **Stay safer in and around the water**



- Who:** School aged children 5–17 who have little or no swimming experience
- When:** 4-day program, starts **Tuesday 29th September**
- Days:** Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th September, Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October 2026 commencing at either 10.30am or 11.15am.
- Where:** PARC
- Cost:** **FREE** - fully funded by Peninsula Leisure and Frankston City Council

Because everyone deserves the skills to be safe in and around the water.



Heatherhill Cricket Club's INAUGURAL WOMENS TEAM

Be a part of history!



Heatherhill
Cricket Club are
taking expressions
of interest for our
inaugural
women's team for
the '26/'27 season.

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