Looking great in our jerseys!

Stewart House
Thank you to everyone who supported our SRC fundraising for Stewart House. We raised $645.00 – a fantastic effort!

A special memorial
I was visited last term by a lovely family who have a special connection with our school. I have included a letter from Ray and Betty O’Brian in this newsletter as I know families will share my interest in reading a little piece of our history! When you find Susan’s tree you will see the pink ribbon and the plaque!

NAPLAN
Information letters about NAPLAN were sent home last term. The time has finally arrived and NAPLAN will be held next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for Year 3 and Year 5 students.
**Walk safely to school day**
Friday 23 May is walk safely to school day. Children who walk will receive a sticker from our Year 6 SRC leaders Phoebe and Noah.

**Bus Access Road cnr Warringah Rd and Forest Way near the Warringah Rd overpass**
Please be aware that cars have been seen in the last couple of weeks using this road illegally. Please take care when crossing the road and if you see any cars using the road take their registration number and phone Frenchs Forest police on 94529599 with this information. You may also like to phone Warringah council as we have been trying for a number of years to have a crossing put in here, without success.

**Gail Smith**  
Principal

**Coming events**
- Tuesday 13 May  NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5)
- Wednesday 14 May  NAPLAN
- Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN
- Thursday 15 May  Buddy excursion (Kindy and year 6)
- Friday 16 May   Tea @ Tina’s
- Friday 23 May   Walk safely to school day

**Assembly Award Winners**

**Term 1 Week 9**

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Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this fortnight is: Healthy lunchbox, healthy body, healthy mind
Move responsibly around the school

School News

Debating

The Premier’s Debating Challenge for Years 5 & 6 is a competition held between NSW Public Schools each year with the aim to develop students’ public speaking and reasoning skills. This year, Frenchs Forest is entering a team of students for the first time. Throughout the year, interested participants have been attending sessions during their Monday lunchtimes, learning the skills and requirements of a formal debate. It is a completely new challenge for all of them, with most students never having seen a debate.

The competition will run throughout Terms 2 and 3, with four rounds to be held against Bilgola Plateau, Kambora, Terrey Hills and Wakehurst. For each debate, a team of four students will be selected to compete. Years 5 & 6 will be invited to attend as an audience for the home rounds. After the round-robin, zone winners will progress to a regional final, followed by a State championship.

It has been an exciting endeavour so far for the students involved. This week they competed in front of their peers for their first full practice with one student commenting, “It was really scary and nerve-racking, but now that we’ve done it I feel like we’ve really accomplished something”.

Matthew Philips
Debating Co-ordinator

Changes to Sportspro Timetable

There are some day and time changes to Sportspro next week due to NAPLAN. Please check when your child’s day is. Students need to wear sport uniform on that day.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Reisenberger who gave birth to a healthy baby girl named Azalia on 26 April, weighing 3.29kg. We look forward to a visit soon.

Administration News

Late arrival/early leave – new system
A new system has been introduced for when a student arrives late or departs early. Would parents now please fill in a duplicate slip in the book provided at the front desk and take the tear off slip to the teacher.

Annie Peake
Administrative Officer
Transcribed letter from Ray & Betty O'Brien

Dear Mrs Smith

Let me introduce myself: I am Ray O'Brien, an 84 year old retired builder. With my wife, Betty, we arrived in Sorlieville, now called Frenchs Forest, in 1951. Our three children, Raymond, Susan and David, all attended Frenchs Forest Primary School during the sixties and seventies.

Our daughter, Susan, was born a “Blue Baby”, having a hole in the heart. This gave her a severe physical handicap but despite this she attended your school full time where she was loved and cared for. An operation (at 7 years) to correct her heart defect though repaired the defect, complications set in (note very early days of heart/lung procedures) and Susan passed away in hospital on 3 May 1968.

Her classmates and older brother, Raymond, were deeply saddened and the school were kindly mindful of this and so arranged a small memorial dedication whereby in the school grounds Raymond planted a special tree in Susan’s memory.

Because of the school’s later expansion building programme, the tree was transferred to a different site where it has flourished and remains undisturbed to this day, forty five years later.

As my wife and I are now in our eighties and this tree means so much to us with the memories of Susan and her school, we would like your permission to attach to the tree trunk a very small unobtrusive plaque with Susan’s name and date she attended the school.

The tree is rather unique; it is a Calodendron Capense or common name Cape Chestnut. It blooms at Christmas time with beautiful pink flowers and is sited close to the fence at the end of the school track leading towards Woolworths. It is best viewed from outside the fence near Woolie’s loading dock. To identify the tree I have attached a small pink ribbon bow to the tree trunk.

Mrs Smith, if you can give us permission for this small private request we will be eternally grateful.

sincerely
God Bless You
Ray & Betty O’Brien
President’s Report
Welcome back to term 2. What an exciting term it’s going to be with Tea @ Tina’s, band performances, ‘dip day’ in the canteen, Trivia Night… just to name some of what your P&C will bring you this term. All organised and run by a dedicated group of volunteers - mums and dads just like you working together to make our school an exciting and enriched place for our children.

Without volunteers, these services and events simply can’t happen. If you’d like to get involved, ask around in the playground, come and find me (I’m always there) or shoot the P&C an email at ffpspandc@gmail.com

We’d love to have you on board; as a volunteer or in one of the many specific roles like Canteen and Band convenor, which are currently vacant (suitable for working or non-working parents). Don’t forget to look at the calendar for upcoming events.

Sandie Docker
P&C President
Be Involved = Make a Difference

Trivia night update – 31 May 2014
The Trivia Night is not far away and by now you will have received an invitation and hopefully you are getting excited and putting together a table and planning your table’s theme. Remember it’s ok if you don’t have a table, as we can put you on a table.

To help to make this night a success, we would be grateful if you could please donate a scratchie or 2. We will be creating a couple of scratchie trees and these will be raffled on the night. Please drop these in the silver letterbox. Also, if you or someone you know has a business, it is a fantastic opportunity to donate a product or service and this can be used as a silent auction item at the Trivia Night. If you can help in this way, please contact Leanne Broadhead (Leanne.broadhead@bigpond.com). We will promote the business at the trivia night.

If you have any questions about the Trivia night, please contact me.

Robyn Grogan
Fundraising Committee
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Uniform Shop
It’s been a busy time with everyone getting ready for the winter uniform terms. We will be open every second Friday (see opening times below) and on two Saturday’s through the term.

- Friday 16 May 8.45 – 9.15am
- Saturday 24 May 3.45 – 4.15pm
- Friday 30 May 8.45 – 9.15am
- Friday 13 June 8.45 – 9.15am
- Saturday 21 June 3.45 – 4.15pm
- Friday 27 June 8.45 – 9.15am
We have ordered a few additional polar fleeces (sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 & 14) which are available for purchase at the uniform shop for $45. If you would like to order a fleece using the uniform order form (available via the FFPS website or from the office), please make a note on the form as it is not a standard stock item and enclose the payment. Once the additional sizes are sold out we will not be placing an additional order this year.

If you are not able to visit during our opening times you can complete an order form which is available from the office or download from our FFPS website. Orders are filled each Friday and can be sent to your child’s classroom or available for collection at the office. Please ensure your order form is the current 2014 form as there have been some small stock and price changes from 2013.

Please note that payment is by cash or cheque only. Please make the cheque payable to FFPS Uniform Shop.

If you are interested in helping out in the shop on our open day (small kids are welcome!) please let me know via the office.

Deb Hishon
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator