Principal’s Message

Coming events
Tuesday 29 July  ICAS English competition – 8.00am
Thursday 31 July  Kindy literacy experience for 2015 kindy parents
Friday 1 August  Education week celebrations 12.30pm
Wednesday 6 August  Author visit – Ursula Duborsarsky
Wednesday 6 August  P&C meeting 7.30pm – all welcome

Education Week
Please join us on Friday 1 August as we celebrate Education Week at Frenchs Forest School.
Events as follows:
• Open classrooms from 12.30pm
• Picnic lunch from 12.55pm
• Library visit from 1.30pm
• Band, choir and dance performances 2.00pm in the assembly hall
• Tea @ Tina’s 3.10pm

We look forward to welcoming parents, grandparents and special friends to school!

Staff updates
Welcome back to Mrs Morton who joins us on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Morton will be supporting students with literacy, giving the executive team some planning and administration time and teaching 1D on a Friday.
Miss Jasmine Cliff will be the class teacher for 1R for the remainder of the year and is warmly welcomed to the Year 1 team.
Miss Lauren van Weeren and Mr Rohin Brown will be teaching art and undertaking casual relief on classes.
Mrs Kath Wootten will be returning to work with a newly arrived ESL student two mornings a week.
A very warm welcome to our pre-service teachers who are joining us from Notre Dame University and Macquarie University. It is always exciting to have pre-service teachers join our staff as we share current best practice together.

Congratulations
Rhiannon L has been selected as a soloist for the Arts North Choir Festival at the Sydney Town Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for this talented young lady!

Well done to our inaugural debating teams who have had a very successful season, winning two out of the four debates. Thank you to Mr Philips for training the teams and to the enthusiastic students who participated.
School Development Day
The teachers spent a very productive day on Monday 14 July working together in team groups to plan their programs of teaching and learning. We have spent a great deal of professional learning time this year around implementing the new English and mathematics syllabi with a focus on quality teaching underpinning our lesson planning. It has been exciting to share ideas for using our new technology to support the implementation of the syllabi.

Supervision and safety of students before and after school
Please note that there are teachers on duty for supervision from **8.40am** on the top playground. Children arriving before this time should be enrolled in before school care. In the afternoon children should be collected at 3.10pm or enrolled in after school care.

**Gail Smith**  Principal

**Respectful Responsible Learner**

The focus for this term is:

| Weeks 1 and 6 | Politely greet and respond to all |
| Weeks 2 and 7 | Am I prepared for school? |
| Weeks 3 and 8 | Say please, thank you and excuse me |
| Weeks 4 and 9 | Uniform – am I wearing my uniform with pride |
| Weeks 5 and 10 | Accept differences and encourage others |

**Assembly Award Winners**

**Term 2 Week 9 & Term 3 Week 1**

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**Admin News**

If your child has borrowed clothing from sick bay, please return it, freshly laundered, as soon as possible.

Annie Peake  Administrative Officer

**School News**

Choir – Primary Proms
Please note that tickets for the Primary Proms Concert at the Sydney Town Hall on 17 September will go on sale on Wednesday 30 July. Please contact City Recital Hall Box Office, Angel Place, tel: 8256 222 or go online at [http://www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com)

Congratulations
Well done Stefani M who attained a Bronze medal for the U13 Girls Epee in the Southern Highlands Epee Championship.

**Library Resource Centre News**

Once again Term 3 is going to be very busy in the LRC and there is much to report on.

**Week 4 Author Visit – Ursula Dubosarsky**
We are delighted and indeed privileged to be able to welcome this multi award-winning author to the LRC on Wednesday 6 August in Week 4. Have a look at Ursula’s website [http://ursuladubosarsky.squarespace.com/](http://ursuladubosarsky.squarespace.com/) to get an idea of her wide ranging and utterly fantastic creative output, both alone and also in conjunction with some of Australia’s best illustrators. You can also see some of her books on display in the LRC. Ursula will speak to all classes through the day and we are looking forward to a wonderful experience.

**Week 6 Book Week 16 August – 22 August**
Theme - Connect to Reading- Reading to Connect
**CBCA books**
This term, K-2 are studying many of this year's fabulous Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlisted books in the Early Childhood and Picture Book Categories. I think they are a particularly strong selection this year and urge you to have a look if you're in the LRC or your own library or bookshop. News of winners in each category will be highly anticipated by our younger readers.

**Book Fair**
In addition to celebrating the CBCA books, we will be holding our Annual Book Fair in Book Week this year. We have for many years held this in Term 4 but decided on a change for 2014 and felt it very appropriate to choose this week with its focus on all things literary! There will be more news to come closer to the date so watch out for flyers with dates and times etc.

**Book Character Dress up Day**
As a final part of our Book Week celebrations, students will be invited to spend Thursday 21 August dressed up as their favourite book character! Payment for this privilege will be a gold coin donation to the Indigenous Literacy Project which we are also supporting later in the term. A couple of points on this initiative:

- Students will need to be prepared to discuss “who” they are! There needs to be a genuine connection to a book.
- Costumes need not be elaborate but should reflect those connections – can be as simple as a pair of Harry Potter glasses and a magician’s hat for example.
- We would not like to see any armoury accompanying budding “Percy Jacksons” or “Battle Boys” – no swords please.

Again there will be more news in the Focus of Week 4 but we wanted to give you ample warning that these events are coming up.

**Week 8 The Great Book Swap – Monday 1st –Friday 5th September**
We will be holding a Great Book Swap (GBS) in the LRC in Week 8. This is in support of the very important initiative to raise funds for indigenous children’s reading programmes, the Indigenous Literacy Project or ILP. Indigenous Literacy Day falls in the middle of this week on Wednesday 3 September making this another appropriate week for action in the term’s very rich timetable of literary and literacy events.

K-2 and 3-6 tables will be ready from Wednesday 27 August (week 7) if children wish to leave any good books they would like to swap. Books can obviously be brought in on GBS days as well.

The Great Book Swap will be open for business, 8.40am -9.10am throughout the week and second half lunch and the SRC are going to be running the show this year!

We look forward very much to seeing many Happy Swappers in Book Week!

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Term 3, and these cold weekends combine to provide the perfect opportunity to crack on with finishing the PRC. Online Reading records need to be completed by 22 August i.e. the end of Week 6. I note that a number of children have not logged on to open their online record and urge them to do so. Extra PCs are available in the LRC second half lunch and monitors can assist with entering the books.

Claire Peters  Teacher Librarian
**President’s Report**

Welcome back to term 3. This term will see preparations for the Fair begin. Please keep an eye out for any Fair notes and help out wherever you can. This is the P&C’s major fundraiser for the year and all money raised goes back to enriching your child’s time at FFPS.

A reminder that it is your P&C that provide services like the canteen, uniform shop and band activities. We are ALWAYS in need of more volunteers. Without volunteers, these services 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 ffspandc@gmail.com

The P&C Federation is undergoing a major overhaul at the moment. The new landscape is still developing, but as soon as we have more concrete information, we will pass it on to you.

Don’t forget to look at the calendar for upcoming events.

Current Vacancies: Band Convenor

Next P&C meeting – Wednesday 6 Aug, 7:30pm in the Staff Room.

_Sandie Docker_ P&C President

Be Involved = Make a Difference

**Canteen**

Welcome back to Term 3. The canteen re-opened for full service on Wednesday 16 July and is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the term at recess and lunchtime.

An updated winter menu was sent home with the school notes in week 1 and is also available on the school website (check ‘Parent Resources’ – Canteen).

**Committee News**

Welcome to Charlotte Nash, our new canteen convenor. Charlotte joined the committee in term 2 and will take over the role of convenor with effect from 6 August. Charlotte has a son in Kindergarten.

**SCHOOL24 Online Lunch Ordering**

Parents who use School24 – please be advised that after reviewing our current usage and practices, School24 will no longer have the function of cash payments via the canteen effective 1 August 2014. If you have any questions regarding this please contact Sylvia Groves, FFPS P&C Canteen Treasurer at ffpscanteen@gmail.com.

**Volunteers**

Welcome back to all of our wonderful volunteers and thank you for once again putting your hand up to help out during the term.

If you would like to volunteer or just find out more about what is involved we would love to hear from you. Just one shift (2 ½ hours) here or there makes a huge difference to our volunteer operated canteen. If you would like more information on volunteering please contact our roster co-ordinator, Kelly-Anne Ferrie at paraplanning.australia@gmail.com

FFPS Canteen Committee
We are well and truly in the grips of winter now and the uniform shop has plenty of winter woolies to keep the students warm. Limited stock is available for new polar fleece jackets and the warm fleece scarves with the school emblem are still available. We also have plenty of second hand winter stock available, in very good condition and half the price of new stock.

Our opening dates for Term 3 are as follows:

- Friday 1 August 8.45 – 9.15am
- Friday 15 August 8.45 – 9.15am
- Friday 29 August 8.45 – 9.15am
- Saturday 6 September 3.45 – 4.15pm
- Friday 12 September 8.45 – 9.15am

If you are not able to visit during our opening times you can complete an order form which is available from the school 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 remember that we do not have credit card facilities – cash or cheque (made out to FFPS Uniform Shop).

We are always looking for volunteers, if you are interested in helping out in the shop on our open days (young children are welcome!) please let me know via the Office.

**Deb Hishon**  Uniform Shop Co-ordinator