**Principal’s Message**

**NAPLAN**
In May (see dates below), NAPLAN will be completed by students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The results of the tests will provide information to schools about what students can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement.

To support the children to do their best, it is recommended that parents ensure a good night’s sleep, breakfast and arriving on time for school each morning. The children will be in a supportive test environment and will be encouraged to do their best.

**Canteen**
Many thanks to Sandie, Charlotte and Mishell who have spent many hours over the last few days to source a canteen service option for our school. The commitment of these ladies to their volunteer roles is extraordinary and makes me so proud to be a member of this school community!

**Raincoats**
All children must have a raincoat in their bag every day. It is not healthy to have children running through the rain to the bathrooms then sitting in wet clothes all day. Umbrellas are not a safe option at school.

**Safety at school**
Our playground is well supervised by staff at all times and I am pleased to let parents know that staff have decided to make themselves more visible by wearing hi-viz vests when they are on playground duty. Look out for the pink, yellow and orange teachers - very stylish!

**Appointments for children**
If you are taking your children out of school for appointments we are requesting that, where possible, appointments are made after school or in the afternoon. Generally English and maths are taught before lunch and it is important children are at school for this learning.

**Twitter**
If you would like to follow the school on twitter on your phone or on our website, the handle is @FrenchsForestPS.

**Gail Smith**    Principal
**Coming events**

Friday 1 May  
Athletics ribbons presented after assembly

Saturday 2 May  
Staff attending professional learning workshop with Anita Chin

Saturday 2 May  
Band Camp for concert and performance bands

Sunday 3 May  
Band Camp concert at 2pm

Tuesday 5 May  
P&C meeting 7.30pm

Tuesday 12 May  
NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 – Language conventions and writing

Wednesday 13 May  
NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 – Reading

Thursday 14 May  
NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 – Numeracy

Thursday 14 May  
Buddy Excursion - K and 6 to Coastal Environment Centre

Thursday 14 May  
Centenary meeting 7pm in staff room – all welcome

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**Focus for parents**

**Your Child’s Health**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months), should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

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**Respectful Responsible Learner**

The focus for this term is:

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**P & C News**

**President’s Report**

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all had a happy and safe holiday. The term has started with a bang, quite literally, with the canteen sustaining significant damage in the storm. Please see the canteen news below for more information on what this means to your usual service.
It has already been and will continue to be a busy term for your P&C, from fundraising events, to band events, to centenary planning. Please do read on to see what’s happening and if you’d like to get involved in any way don’t hesitate to contact any of the convenors or myself. Only you can make your P&C stronger.

Your next P&C meeting is Tuesday 5 May at 7:30pm in the staff room.

**Sandie Docker**  
President  
ffpspanandcpresident@gmail.com

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Due to damage sustained in the recent storm, the Canteen’s structural integrity has been compromised and therefore it will be closed for the rest of this term. We have sourced a solution using local providers and will be sending out an email on Monday detailing this service and how you can use it.

**Charlotte Nash**  
Canteen Convenor  
ffpspanandccanteen@gmail.com

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**Band News**

The start of Term 2 has got off to an unusual start, with Mr Squire having to have an operation sooner than expected. This means he will unfortunately miss band camp this weekend. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Band camp is for the Performance and Concert Bands to have an intensive weekend playing and learning music, with some fun thrown in! I hope all the band members enjoy their weekend!

Please note: A final parent roster for band camp will be issued this evening. I will send out via email, please contact me if you do not know what shift you are on.

I would also like to thank the two “stand in” band directors, who have taken on our bands at short notice.

Please note that the Concert Band **will not** be rehearsing next Friday morning, 8 May to allow students to participate in the Mother’s Day breakfast.

**Sally Tate**  
Band Convenor  
0411 288 335  
ffpspanandcband@gmail.com
Fundraising

Trivia Night
Trivia Night is fast approaching. Students should have come home with a note regarding Trivia Night in their bags today so be sure to look for it and start getting your table organised. Grab your 10 people, create your theme and get ready for the social event of the year. It is always a fun-filled evening.

There is still plenty of time for you to get involved, so please contact us if you are interested in donating a prize for the silent auctions or if you are able to help on the night. We need at least 4 volunteers to sell raffle tickets. We will also be creating a couple of scratchie trees, one for a silent auction item and one as a raffle prize so please bring in a scratchie or 2 to the silver letterbox to donate toward our Trivia Night fundraising.

We will also have an art auction. One surfboard art work per year at school will be auctioned off at a live auction on the night.

It promises to be an amazing night filled with fun, games, prizes, laughter and a whole lot more. Don’t miss out, get your tickets ordered and come along for a great night.

Mother’s Day Aprons
There are a couple of spare aprons in each year (except for kindergarten and Year 1 as all those spares have already been sold). If you missed out but would still like to order one, please get your order to the office ASAP. Orders will be filled in order of their arrival into the silver letterbox. There are only a couple per year extra so get in quick or you might miss out. If you have ordered one but have yet to pay, please put your payment with your child’s name and class into the silver letterbox ASAP so you are sure to get your apron once they have arrived.

Entertainment Books
The 2015/2016 Entertainment Books are here and ready for purchase. There are over $20,000 worth of vouchers so it is definitely worth the purchase price of $70 and $14 from every book sold goes as a profit to the school. You can go online at www.entbook.com.au/200y050, complete you details, including payment and your book will be given to your child. There is a sample book in the office if you would like to see what offers can be found in this year’s entertainment book. There are some wonderful offers. You could order one for your friends and family or they can order one for themselves through the same website.

If you have any fundraising questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tonya Richards
Fundraising Convenor
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Centenary Celebrations
It's only 8 months until our big Centenary year in 2016. We held our first meeting at the end of Term 2 and brainstormed some fantastic ideas to celebrate the Centenary next year.
We are keen to get as many people involved as possible to make it a very exciting year.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 May at 7.00pm in the staffroom and, at that meeting, we will be going through our initial ideas and culling and firming up what we want to do in our celebration year. So please come along and be part of the celebrations.

Sue Walsh & Lisa Clegg
P&C Centenary Committee