Principal’s Message

Coming events
Thursday 14 May  Centenary meeting 7pm in staff room – all welcome
Sunday 17 May  School Band playing at St Ives Show 11.00am
Monday 18 May  Zone Cross Country
Tuesday 19 May  SRC fundraiser – dress as your favourite celebrity!
Saturday 23 May  Trivia Night

SRC Fundraiser for Kids with Cancer Foundation
Children may come dressed as their favourite celebrity on Tuesday 19 May and bring a gold coin for the SRC fundraiser for children’s cancer research.

Teacher professional learning
On Saturday 2 May, teachers came back to school to learn about maths from a world renowned expert, Anita Chin. The day was inspiring, informative and filled with practical hands-on activities! Staff were excited about engaging with our new maths syllabus and are continuing to work on developing rich tasks and open ended activities to support our children to think and work mathematically. Thank you to Mrs Separovich for organising the day! Thank you to staff for being an amazing, dedicated team of professionals!
We have asked Anita to come back to Frenchs Forest in term 4 to run a session for parents!

Student wellbeing
A quick reminder to parents - if you have any medical, para-medical or learning assessments undertaken that may impact your child’s wellbeing at school, please forward reports to the principal, the class teacher or the grade supervisor. Parents may want to make a time to discuss the reports with the classroom teacher and the grade supervisor. Teacher email addresses are on the class newsletters and supervisor contact details are as follows.
School Plan
The school plan for 2015-2017 is up on the school website under the Our school tab. Thank you to all the parents, staff and students who responded to the surveys last year which helped form the basis of our future directions. I would like to invite parents to join me for a quick overview and discussion about the plan on Tuesday 9 June at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Please RSVP to gail.margaret.smith@det.nsw.edu.au if you are able to attend.

Gail Smith
Principal

Focus for parents

Frenchs Forest School is committed to implementing strong creative arts programs! This term, all of Kindergarten and Year 1 have been exploring and creating abstract artworks inspired by Kandinsky. Kandinsky was known for painting one of the first abstract artworks. Here are some of our wonderful Concentric Circle creations. We thought how colour, shape and line influence emotions.
**Respectful Responsible Learner**

The focus for this term is:

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**Assembly Award Winners**

**Term 2 Week 2**

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**Administration News**

**Return of Family Occupation and Education Index**
Families who received this form are asked to please return the completed information to the office as a matter of urgency. The allocation of school funding is dependent upon the submission of this data and your prompt assistance would be greatly appreciated.

**Up-dated Contact Information**
If you have recently moved or changed telephone numbers or emergency contacts, please let the office know so we can update our emergency information.

**Lost and Found**
The office is holding a number of pairs of reading glasses and sunglasses, together with some small wallets and house keys. If you have lost any such items, please call into the office to collect.

**Annie Peake**
Administration Officer

**Term 2 Statement of Account**
Thank you to families for your prompt payment of the term 1 account. The term 2 account was sent out today. If you do not receive an account within the next week, please ring or call into the office.

**Linda Lyell**
Administration Manager
President’s Report

A special thank you to Sally Tate, Judy Gombos and their team of volunteers who organised Band Camp the weekend of 2/3 May. It was an exciting weekend of music and learning, resulting in some amazing performances. Thank you for the time and effort you put in to make this event possible.

There are a lot of changes coming to your P&C over the next few months and lots of exciting activity and events. Please read on for all the sub-committee news. In the notes this afternoon you will see the first communication regarding your P&C’s Funding Objectives (formally ‘Wish List’), for the next two years. Do read it and start thinking about what you like to see in the school to enhance your child’s learning.

New Role

In order to maximise funding opportunities available to better serve the school community and your children, your P&C have created a new role. The Sponsorship and Grants Co-ordinator will be responsible for sourcing sponsorship from the wider business community for events and grants from government and associated bodies that we may be eligible for. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact me ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com

Did you know? There are 76 children in the 3 FFPS bands, run by your P&C. These children not only learn to play an instrument but also learn about working as a team, about performance skills and the importance of practicing a skill to get better.

To accommodate the public holiday, your next P&C meeting is Tuesday 9 June at 7:30pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Sandie Docker
President
ffpspandcpresident@gmail.com

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The temporary canteen is now up and running on Wednesdays and Fridays! Please remind your children that there are no over the counter sales. Lunch orders can be placed online only via School 24.

Charlotte Nash  
Canteen Convenor  
ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be changing the way we serve the school community in order to better focus on the individual needs of each customer and ultimately improve the service the P&C provides the school.

Effective Friday 22 May, the uniform shop will be moving to a full service model, this means that each family will be served individually by one of our wonderful volunteers. Upon arrival to the shop please take a seat in the bag/hat area outside the uniform shop and wait for a volunteer to come and serve you - it will be in a first come first served model so we ask that you please take a number from the container at the front door. If you are interested in the second hand uniforms please let the volunteers know and they will direct you to the second hand uniform area within the shop.

Some of you may not be aware that the uniform shop is run by the P&C, not the school. This means we rely on the generosity of the school community and their donation of time. We would like to increase the number of helpers on each open Friday morning and welcome any parents who would like to volunteer - even if it is for one shift per term.

While the canteen is closed and parent band supervision is not required this term, this is a great opportunity to still help the school community and spend some time in our uniform shop - it’s only for 30-40mins on a Friday morning from 8:45am to 9:15am. It’s actually great fun, you get to meet lots of families and we have a “little kids corner” with toys and books to keep the little ones occupied!

We will be trailing this model for the duration of Term 2 with the view to implementing it officially from Term 3, pending feedback. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact us via ffpspandcuniform@gmail.com

Our opening dates for the remainder of the term are:

- Friday 22 May 8.45 – 9.15am
- Friday 5 June 8.45 – 9.15am
- Friday 19 June 8.45 – 9.15am

Please note that, at the Uniform Shop or if using the order form, payment is by cash or cheque only. Please make the cheque payable to FFPS Uniform Shop. Thank you for your patience in advance with the changes we are implementing.

Deb Hishon  
Uniform Shop Convener.
**Band**

Band camp has come and gone for another year - I would like to commend all of the band students on their behaviour over such a wet weekend. A big thank you to all of the parents who helped run and supervise the camp – your contributions were very much appreciated! Thank you to Miss Young also for bringing it together for Sunday’s performance.

The curtains have now been hung in the band room, just in time for the return of our Band Director. Welcome back, Peter! The senior bands will provide musicians to perform at the St Ives Show this weekend, so if you’d like to support our band, they are scheduled for 11am – St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road on Sunday 17 May.

Thanks again for your support.

*Sally Tate*
Band Convenor
ffpsandcband@gmail.com

**Fundraising**

**Trivia Night**

Don’t worry, you are not too late - get your table together and prepare for a night of fun and excitement. This year’s Trivia Night will be held on 23 May at Forestville RSL at 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start time. Please don’t miss out just because you don’t have enough to fill a full table, let us find you some extra people to have fun with. If you have a couple of extras please feel free to include them - up to 12 people is possible but will be a bit squishy.

Don’t forget to bring along gold coins to play all the fun games on the night!

To help us raise some extra funds, could you please donate a Lotto scratchie ticket or 2 for the scratchie tree which will be raffled on the night. Any other raffle donations would also be greatly appreciated.

There is still plenty of time for you to get involved. 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.

**DON’T MISS OUT ON THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR.**

We will also have an art auction. One surfboard art work per year will be auctioned at a live auction on the night. If for some reason you are unable to come along to Trivia Night you will still be able to bid for the artwork. More details to come.

With the funds raised by your P&C last year we were able to purchase iPads and other wonderful technology which has changed the way your children are able to learn. This year YOU can be a part of helping to raise funds for this year’s fundraising objectives. All you need to do is get involved and lend a hand. Trivia Night is the next opportunity available for you to be a part of this great work benefiting your children. This promises to be an amazing night filled
with fun, games, prizes, laughter and a whole lot more so don’t miss out, get your tickets ordered and come along for a great night.

**Mother’s Day Aprons**
There are only 3 aprons left. One each for Years 2, 3 and 5. All other aprons have been sold. If you are interested in purchasing one of these aprons, please put your payment in the silver letter box, clearly marked “apron” and your child’s name and year.

**Entertainment Books**
The 2015/2016 Entertainment Books are here and ready for purchase. There are over $20,000 worth of vouchers so definitely worth the $70 it costs. $14 from every book is a profit to the school. You can go online at [www.entbook.com.au/200y050](http://www.entbook.com.au/200y050) complete your 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 wonderful offers can be found in this year’s entertainment book. You could order one for your friends and family or they can order one for themselves by going to the same website.

“I bought one last year. Money well spent, money well saved” – Mrs Lyell

**Tonya Richards**
Fundraising Convenor
ffpsspandcfundraising@gmail.com

**Centenary Celebrations**

It is less than 8 months until our big Centenary year in 2016. We brainstormed some fantastic ideas in term 2 on how to celebrate the school’s Centenary 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 tonight (Thursday 14 May) at 7pm in the staff room. We will be discussing our initial ideas with a view to drawing up a shortlist of the best events/activities for the big celebration year.

Please come along and help us make 2016 a very special year.

**Sue Walsh and Lisa Clegg**
P&C Centenary Committee