Principal’s Message

Coming events
Tuesday 11 August       ICAS maths test at 8am in Mr Philips room
Tuesday 11 August       Arts Alive Concert in the Sydney Town Hall
Thursday 13 August      Milo Cup (selected primary students)
Friday 14 August        Tea@Tina’s 3.10pm at the canteen
Sunday 16 August        Band Solo afternoon in the school hall 2pm
Monday 17 August        Zone athletics at Narrabeen Sports Centre
Tuesday 18 August       Canteen Dip Day
Wednesday 19 August     Author visit – Morris Gleitzman
Wednesday 19 August     Author visit – Frances Watts

School grounds
The new fence between Duffy’s Forest and our oval is now complete – what a difference it makes!

Maths workshop for parents
If you are able to attend the maths workshop run by Anita Chin on Friday 9 October, please RSVP to me at gail.margaret.smith@det.nsw.edu.au. It will be a brilliant session which I encourage you to attend. We have a few spaces left.

Maths equipment
We have purchased a write-on plastic sleeve and markers for all children to use in maths lessons. The $5 cost has been included on the term account. These will come home at the end of the year with the worksheets inside.

Open classrooms
An invitation was extended last week to visit classrooms and the library on Monday 14 September from 8.40am to 9.30am. Please set this time aside and pop in to see the children’s learning.

What makes our school special?
At FFPS we aim to offer a range of extra-curricular activities to engage children in interests outside the mandatory curriculum.

Chess lessons       Terms 1 and 2 Friday lunchtime
Chess competition   Term 3 Thursday afternoon
Respectful Responsible Learner

The focus for this term is:

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Assembly Award Winners

Term 3 Weeks 2 and 3

SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS
Stefan B, Emily B, Harry H, Alessio V, Liam T, Brooke F, Toby P

Administration News

WORKING WITH CHILDREN (WWC) – VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOLS
We highly value parent volunteers within our school. On a daily basis parents assist us in classrooms, canteen, uniform shop, band and in so many other ways.
The current DoE guidelines for working with children, even as a volunteer, require you to register on the Working With Children website to apply for a WWC certificate. Basically it is mandatory in any situation where you are working with children. This certificate is FREE.

What you need to do now
Step 1 - WWC - Application Number
Start by going online to the Working With Children website:
Click on the blue box “Start Here” then select “Apply for your check”.

Gail Smith
Principal
Complete your personal details following the prompts. When you press submit you will instantly receive your application number. It will also be sent to you by email.

**Step 2 - RMS**

Take your printed email with your Application Number to the Roads and Maritime Service (formerly the RTA). You must also take forms of identification to ensure you meet 100 points of identification (passport, driver’s licence etc).

**Step 3 – Certificate and Clearance**

Once your identity check is completed by the RMS, you will be emailed a Working With Children Certificate (this can take anything from 1 day to 4 weeks). You must forward this email to the school – frenchsfor-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or copy and hand in to the office. When forwarding the certificate to the school, please list your child’s name and class. Once we have received your clearance you may volunteer at the school.

**Transporting Students**

The WWC certificate is required as well as a current copy of vehicle insurance.

Thank you for attention to these mandatory requirements.

Linda Lyell  
Administrative Manager

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**School News**

On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July, Frenchs Forest Public School saw some Aboriginal dancers called The Descendance. They did lots of traditional dances from their culture, like the kangaroo and emu dances. They encouraged teachers and students to do the dances too. They also explained to us how to play the didgeridoo and taught the whole school some words from their language. Didgeridoo isn’t the real name of the instrument. In the language of the tribe we saw, it is called a ‘yigi yigi’ but has over 300 names depending on which Aboriginal language is being used. They told us stories through their dancing, like keeping sand flies and mosquitoes away when going into mangroves to get food. They also told us about the food they eat and the way they live. We thought it was a really good performance and we enjoyed watching the little Aboriginal children join in. It was a great day.

By 2/3H

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**LRC News**

**Author Visits**

We have very exciting news from the LRC this week regarding not one but two fabulous authors visiting the school in week 6.

Wednesday 19 August will see Frances Watts visiting in the morning to talk to children in Kindergarten to year 3. Frances has written a number of fabulous books for smaller children not
least being “Parsley Rabbit’s Book about Books” – much loved by FFPS children. There is a display of Frances’ books at the entry to the LRC.
The afternoon of 19 August holds a very special treat for Years 4, 5 and 6 as Morris Gleitzman is visiting us. Morris is a prolific author of wonderful novels for older primary children. His works include “Loyal Creatures” which years 5 and 6 enjoyed earlier this year, Boy Overboard, Toad Rage and many, many more. Again, there is a display in the front of the library.

**Book Week Book Fair**
Week 7 is Book Week! This year’s theme for the Children’s Book Council of Australia Book Week is ‘Books Light up our World’ and we are hoping our annual Book Fair will light up our students’ worlds. We will set up on Monday 24 August and give all children a chance to preview the available titles. Tuesday 25 will be our big sale day and again on Wednesday 26 in the morning. A flyer will come home closer to week 7 giving precise details of times etc. I will do my very best to ensure there are good titles available and wish to point out that, not only do our children really enjoy Book Fair days but also all sales earn the LRC a very generous commission which then goes straight back into buying more wonderful resources.

Claire Peters
Teacher Librarian

**P & C News**

**Uniform Shop**
Our opening dates for Term 3 are:

- Friday 14 August 8.45 – 9.15am
- Friday 28 August 8.45 – 9.15am
- Saturday 29 August 3.45 – 4.15pm
- Friday 11 September 8.45 – 9.15am

Deb Hishon
Uniform Shop Convener

**Band**

Last Sunday saw our Concert and Performance bands compete in the NSW Band Championships at the University of NSW. An early start for the Concert band who achieved a Silver award, followed by Performance who managed a Bronze award. Congratulations! Thank you to all the band members who were able to attend and their parents.

In the following weeks, we will be enjoying more music with the **following dates to be noted**:

Sunday 16 August – Training and Performance Bands Solo Showcase – from 2pm.
Sunday 23 August (new date) – Concert Band Solo Showcase – from 2pm.
We request that each family brings a plate to share for afternoon tea please. It would also be appreciated if the children remember that they are there to support their fellow band members by staying in the hall to listen, applaud and encourage.

Sunday 30 August – Concert Band to perform at the Belrose Super Centre Home Show at 1:30pm.

Sunday 13 September – Performance Band at Battle of the Bands – **to be confirmed**

We are also looking for a new home for two Tom Toms – currently stashed away in the store room. I’m not sure as to what state they are in, only that they have been replaced and are taking up room. Please contact me if you are interested in relocating them or alternatively, if someone can think of somewhere to send them, please email ffpspandcband@gmail.com

Thank you and good luck to our solo artists!

**Sally Tate**
Band Convenor

**Fundraising**

**Disco**
The disco was a huge success! The children seemed to have a wonderful time. Thank you to Kim Osborne for pulling it all together and thank you to all the parents who volunteered on the night! These fun events could not happen without your help!

**Entertainment Books**
It's not too late to buy your 2015/2016 entertainment book! You can pay online at www.entbooks.com.au/200y050c or put your order into the silver letterbox with your payment.

**FFPS Fair**
The fair planning in underway but don't worry it is not too late to get involved!
Our first official fair meeting is tonight at 7:30pm in the P & C room which is next to the uniform shop. Please email us at ffpspandcfundraising@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved in the organization of this great event, or better yet come along to the meeting tonight!

**Tonya Richards**
Fundraising Convenor

If you are shopping at Woolworths from Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10.00 you spend (excluding certain products). Ask for a sticker sheet and place the stickers onto the sheet. When it is complete please drop the sheet into the collection box at the school or at Woolworths Forestway store. Your support will enable our school to receive some new educational resources.
Allambie Heights Public School

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AROUND THE WORLD

Explore Experience Enjoy

SUNDAY 30th AUGUST 2015
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Come & enjoy incredible rides, awesome fair food, face painting & crazy hair, incredible silent auction, kids craft, second hand goods stall & more!

10am to 4pm

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