Hi families of Frankston SDS,

It is with great excitement that I can inform you that our extensive building project will begin tomorrow at Frankston SDS. For a number of reasons beyond our control construction has been delayed and we are thrilled that work is finally ready to be commenced.

The first step of this project will involve relocating our existing portables in the school to enable us to build four new classrooms and a new gymnasium. Excavation will begin tomorrow to prepare for Rooms 18 and 19 to be moved up on the hill, adjacent to the other senior classrooms. Careful planning has taken place to allow room for extensions and upgrades into the future. The actual relocation of the portables will happen over the school holidays. We are confident classes will not be disrupted by this work.

I am also happy to inform you that we picked up our new school bus last week. The bus, a brand new Toyota twelve seater was donated to the school by the Pratt foundation. Special features on our bus include air conditioning, diesel engine, automatic transmission, reverse cameras and a tow bar. A huge thank you to Jo Gilbert, mother of student Jayden, who raised the issue of a new bus at Frankston SDS to the Pratt foundation and of course the foundation who kindly donated the total cost of the bus. We plan to have an event to celebrate the arrival of our bus in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out in your local paper!

A number of classes have enjoyed camps this term and I am fortunate to be accompanying a group of students from the middle school in the last week as we tackle the Alpine rail trail from Beechworth to Bright. Camps are a great learning experience for our students and I am always grateful to our dedicated staff members who are happy work the extra unpaid hours to provide these opportunities for our students. I can’t wait!

Finally a reminder to our families who transport their children to and from school. Could you please use the footpath next to the driveway when walking down the hill to drop your child at school? It is particularly difficult for buses to stop suddenly at the entrance of our school. It is much safer to use the footpath.

Have a great weekend!

Scott Tucker
Principal
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

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EASTER BONNET PARADE

The annual Easter Bonnet parade will be held for all students in Juniors and Middles on Wednesday 23rd March at 11.15 am. This will take place in the junior courtyard. All parents and families are welcome to come and watch the parade. Thanks to those who have already contributed to the Easter raffle—we are still collecting items for the raffle hampers. Please send them to the office.

PARENT AND CARER RELAXATION

Take some time out for yourself and come along to our weekly relaxation group to help increase feelings of calm and inner peace and join us for a cuppa afterwards. Every Friday in the Library from 9.30—10.30am. Please contact Patrycia if you require more details.
Congratulations to our new school leaders for 2016
It has been a busy start to the year in Room 5. We have had a lot of fun exploring the theme of Dinosaurs and we had fun visiting the Melbourne museum to see the dinosaur bones. We enjoyed practicing our dinosaur dance, getting our costumes finished and then performing in assembly. We love our music in Room 5 and the students are lively singers and musicians. In our weekly PE sessions we have been learning all things athletics. We have some great shot put throwers and athletes.
Social networking tips for parents

Social networking is a great way to keep in touch with friends and family as well as meeting new people with similar interests and hobbies.

Here are some tips to follow when you feel your child is ready to begin engaging with social networking sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter:

- If you haven't already got an account, set one up so that you can understand what your child can and can't do as well as learning how to adjust the privacy settings. You can use fake information if you aren't comfortable using your own.

- Make sure your child is old enough to use the site. Sites like Facebook and Instagram require users to be 13 years or older.

- Tell your child to keep their passwords a secret otherwise other people may log on and pretend to be them. It is important that you know your children's password however.

- Advise your child to set their account to private so that they will only interact with people they know in real life and aren't approached by strangers.

- Encourage your child to think carefully before they post any information online. Things they post on social networking can have an impact on them even after they delete it and long into the future.

- Help your children to set up their location services on their device so that they aren't broadcasting their location to strangers.

- Remind children to be careful when making new friends online as some people may not be who they say they are and ensure your children never arrange to meet an online friend unless accompanied by a trusted adult.

- Make sure you know how to report inappropriate content on social networking sites and show your child what they should do if they come across anything inappropriate.

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