Hi families,
It is with great excitement that I can inform you that a date has finally been confirmed for our building works to commence. ADMA our chosen construction company will officially commence the project on Saturday August 20. From the first day of construction they are bound to be finished in 175 working days. This works out for the works to be finished in May 2017. ADMA have plenty of experience working in schools and have ensured us they will make every effort to not disrupt our students too greatly whilst their work is progressing.

Blackwood Outdoor Specialist School our preferred outdoor education and camping destination has also recently had building works completed. The construction of an observatory at the residence in Blackwood is now complete. The observatory equipped with a high power telescope and plasma screen offers panoramic views of the star lit skies above Blackwood. Another point of difference for Blackwood! A big thank you to the Frankston SDS council for their support with this project. Blackwood under the management of Frankston SDS continues to improve its facilities. It offers a fantastic opportunity for students with disabilities to develop team work, independence and communication in a challenging fun outdoor learning environment.

I have received positive feedback from all members of our school community for our newly formatted Individual Learning Plans (ILPs). The new ILPs directly address school priorities in our strategic plan. I would like to acknowledge the school leadership team who have worked particularly hard to provide resources for our teaching staff such as our new English curriculum, Positive Behaviour Support Framework and the I can be Safe program to assist them teaching these critical subjects.

Our second pupil free curriculum day Wednesday just gone was used to further refine how we can best use the English curriculum to improve the communication skills of our students.

Attention was also given to the planning of our school concert to be held at the Frankston Arts Centre on Thursday October 20. I am really excited about our concert; it will be a celebration of the skills and talents of our students. I am really confident you too will love the show.

Have a great weekend!
Scott Tucker

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

The Principal’s Awards are awarded to students according to Our School Values. These awards are given out at the fortnightly assemblies throughout the year.

- **RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT** — We look after our things and the places we go
- **RESPECT YOURSELF** — We make good choices and do our best
  - Natasha
- **RESPECT OTHERS** — We work and play together
  - Tyrel
  - Hugo
  - Tiffany

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

Jamie 7th August

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Friday 16th September** — Last Day Term 3—Early dismissal
- **Monday 3rd October** — First day Term 4
- **Thursday 20th October** — Whole School concert 7pm– 9pm
Get involved in the School Banking program.

Frankston SDS is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. To open an account for your child, you can visit your local branch. All you need to bring is your current personal identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account for your child online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Monday. Each week you need to bring in your bank book on Friday for processing early Monday morning.

If you would like to know more about the School Banking program, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program parent pack from the school 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.

COFFEE CLUB
All Parents and Carers are welcome to come along to enjoy a cuppa, a chat and a laugh with other parents and carers from FSDS. Every Tuesday in the Conference Room 9.30—11.30am.
The Better Health Channel

Do you have a question about health and wellbeing but struggle to find a good source of information?

There are many websites, blogs and publications that offer information about health and wellbeing. Unfortunately some of these are not based on evidence and the information they provide could be incomplete, inaccurate or completely incorrect!

To help everyday people access the best quality information about health and wellbeing, the Victorian Government has developed and maintains the Better Health Channel.

The Better Health Channel provides information on a huge range of topics that is:

- quality assured
- reliable
- up to date
- easy to understand
- regularly reviewed
- locally relevant

The website does not have any commercial advertising and does not accept any corporate sponsorship so readers can be confident that it is not influenced by private third parties.

Information on the Better Health Channel is provided to help people stay healthy or understand and manage their health and medical conditions. It does not replace care provided by medical practitioners and other qualified health professionals.