Hi Families,

Managing challenging behaviours is a task that confronts all schools. It can however be more complex when working in a specialist school. At Frankston SDS it is our aim to create an environment where our students feel empowered to take risks and freely express themselves but at the same time we want them to feel safe and secure. Striking a balance between these two is our ultimate objective.

At Frankston SDS we use the School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (S-WPBS) model to manage behaviour. S-WPBS is about teaching and recognizing good behaviour. The S-WPBS is a whole school program for managing challenging behaviours. It aims to build a positive culture where all members of the school community feel supported, safe and ready to learn.

All staff members at Frankston SDS have completed an S-WPBS online professional learning program developed by the Principals’ Association of Specialist Schools (PASS) and Monash University. They are aware of the theory behind S-WPBS and it can be effectively implemented in a school setting.

Expectations of desired behaviors are explicit and there is a clear framework to follow when managing behavior that does not meet the standards required. It is unreasonable to expect students to behave in a particular way if they are not fully sure of what this behaviour looks like. School rules and expectations of behaviour are clearly visible across the school and reward systems are being used effectively to promote desired behaviours.

We believe this strategy is an effective behaviour management model for most of our students. For the small percentage of students who still have challenges regulating their behaviour Positive Behavior Plans (PBP) have been developed to individually support their needs. The PBPs, developed in consultation with parents/carers, therapists and other key stakeholders, outline proactive strategies to prevent behaviours considered to be undesirable and inappropriate. Examples of this might be the use of fiddle toys to more appropriately address a student’s sensory needs or the use of visuals and technology to assist the student to communicate more appropriately.

I do believe the principles of the S-WPBS model could also be used with success in the home environment. Please drop by and see me if you would like to discuss further how PBS could be used in your home.

Have a great long weekend!

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**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.

**CARING— for others in our classroom, school and the wider community.**

**RESPECT— for yourself and others, being kind, and learning our school rules.**

**SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.**

**INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.**

Rhyian
Caroline
Elisha

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS**

- 14th May: Jayde
- 17th May: Noah
- 20th May: Gypsy-Rose

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Tuesday 31st May: Footy Day
- Monday 13th June: Queens Birthday Holiday
- Athletics Day: Thursday 16th June
- Ride for Rudi: Thursday 2nd June
Junior Swimming
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

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Athletics Day

Thursday 16th June

Middles and Senior students will walk from school to Ballam Park at 9.15 and stay there for the day.

Junior students will travel to Ballam Park at 11.00.

Students can arrive at school in their house colours!

Sausage Sizzle lunch order!

If you are happy to volunteer and cheer on the kids at any time of the day you’re more than welcome.

Please sign and return the accompanied form.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the office.