Hi Families,
Welcome to term two. Work at Frankston SDS has hardly stopped since I last wrote to you.

Finally our building project is underway. The senior portable, Room 18 & 19, has now been relocated up on the hill to form a senior wing. Whilst two of our middle portables, Rooms 7,8,9 &10, were flipped and moved to almost adjoin the multipurpose and art rooms. The result of this work is that we now commence construction on the large area at the back of the school which is now vacant. We expect construction on this stage of the project to begin later this term.

It was fantastic to see so many of our families present at the school on Tuesday night for our inaugural futures expo. The format of the evening consisted of short presentations from up to ten adult service providers in the wider Frankston community. Each provider then set themselves up in tables across the senior building. Families were provided the opportunity to discuss their concerns and ask questions relevant to their child’s needs. It was a very informative evening and I believe families left with a great understanding of services available to their child after they have graduated from school. The next step will be a school conducted tour of these settings. Thank you to Anne Tierney and the senior team for their work organising this event.

Next Friday will be a pupil free day at Frankston SDS. The focus of the day for staff members will be reviewing what we teach, our curriculum, and how we can use it most effectively to improve outcomes for our students. We have devoted a great deal of time in the last year writing a new curriculum. We want to ensure our staff are utilising it to get the best results.

We will also reviewing our reporting processes. Our school report aims to give families the most accurate account of their child’s development at school. At the same time we must ensure we are meeting the requirements set by the Department of Education and Training (DET). This year we have made a number of changes we believe will make the reports not only more informative for families but also more functional and easy to read. I will be keen to hear your feedback.

Please drop by and see me if you have any questions about the above matters or anything else.

Have a great long weekend!
Scott Tucker
Principal

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.
Ajak Gurech    Ariana Addidson

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

SHARING— with others, taking turns and working with others.
Thomas Howell

INDIVIDUALITY— being the best you can and doing the best you can.
Ian Butlin    Jamie Iacopetta

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 29th April
Curriculum Day
LIVING WITH AUTISM.
PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ASD AGED 6-11 YEARS

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum aged 6-11 years?

Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:
- Meet with other parents to share ideas and strategies
- Develop skills to further support your child
- Find out about other resources and funding
- Take time to think about how to care for yourself and others in your family

WHEN: Wednesday 20th and 27th April, 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th May
TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School
Belar Avenue Frankston
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton, 0499 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided
Cost: FREE of Charge
LIVING WITH AUTISM.
PARENTS OF TEENAGERS WITH ASD AGED 11-18 YEARS

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum aged 11-18 years?
Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:
- Meet with other parents to share ideas and strategies
- Develop skills to further support your child
- Find out about other resources and funding
Take time to think about how to care for yourself and others in your family

WHEN: Thursday’s 12th May to 16th June 2016
TIME: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
WHERE: Selandra Community Place
2 Forest Drive, Clyde North VIC 3978
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

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