Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

School Council Annual General Meeting
On Monday night we held our AGM to report on the last twelve months to our school community. While only current and past School Council members attended, our School Council President, Brett White, thanked the retiring council members, Bill Mallinson, Wendy Kilpatrick and Lionel Arnold for their tireless work on council. We outlined the successful year we have had; which included our completed building program, as well as many new curriculum directions across the school. Our data continues to trend upward and this is evidence of our successful teaching and learning programs. We also welcomed the new council parent members, Briody Donavan, who has a student in Prep and grade 6 and Julie Coyle, who has a student in grade 5 and grade 2, and DEECD members, Marie Yanni and Tess Higgins. Following this we elected a new executive for School Council. I would like to congratulate president, Brett White, vice president, Sam Cameron, secretary, Stacey Owens and treasurer, Deborah Madder. I wish to thank council for their work ensuring the governance of the school and supporting the school management. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of my report to the AGM and the Government School Performance Summary and our plans for 2013 in the form of the annual report. When reading please ensure you check dates carefully as the VELs components of the report refer to 2011 data.

Parent Club AGM
On Monday 18th March, Parents’ Club held their AGM and elected a new committee. Congratulations to president, Catherine Price, treasurer, Zana Cameron and secretary, Briody Donavan. Our committee members are Linda Pullen, lost property, Bianca Gannan, Melissa Gourley, Jess Muschamp, Wendy Lorimer, Sam Cameron and Julie Coyle. Thank you to both our new and continuing members. We also had a huge number of parents who jumped in to help organise the Easter raffle prizes. Parents Club have plans for a trivia night, a Wackie-walk-athon and lots more! No doubt we are in for a wonderfully successful year.

Planet Savers Visit to the Briars
We have a group of thirty students involved in our Planet Savers program. This program supports developing understandings about sustainability and looking after our environment. On Wednesday our Planet Savers visited the Briars for an environmental experience. They were very engaged in all the activities. Thank you to all the parents that assisted in travel, as well as to Mrs Wendy Lorimer who attended with Suzie Moroney, coordinator. Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Madder. Please see the photos attached to this weeks’ newsletter.

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Balnarring Beach Excursion - Level 2
On Wednesday our level 2 students went to Balnarring beach as part of their study on eco-systems. They explored rock pools, bushland and the beach. The children were a credit to our school and the teachers said they enjoyed taking them. Thank you to the parent helpers that went with the staff. Fortunately the weather was beautiful and they had a fantastic day! See all the photos inside.

Easter Hat Parade: This morning we had our annual Easter hat parade. Congratulations to all the students on their efforts and to those lucky students who won one of the 90 prizes that our Parents club put together from the eggs donated on the last free dress day. The raffle raised over $750 and was a great success. The morning was lots of fun and the children always enjoy this aspect at school thank you to our dedicated Parent’s Club.

I hope that the Easter bunny will bring you lots of eggs!
I wish everyone a safe Easter and restful holiday. We return to school on April 15th.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson    Principal

Bunnings Workshop
We are lucky at Overport Primary to be able to access free workshops for the children from our local Bunnings store in Frankston.
Lyn Kellows is the activities co-ordinator at Bunnings Frankston and we are able to book a free workshop each term for each level.
This term we had two workshops. The Prep children made Easter chickens in a basket and the Grade 1 children made paint brush bunnies which looked delightful.
Bunnings supplies all the materials and Lyn leads the workshop. The children and I really enjoy having Lyn visit the school.
Next term, children in Grade 2 will attend a workshop.
Lynne White, Art Specialist

Canteen News
Term 2:
Monday April 15th  Canteen closed
Tuesday April 16th  Canteen opens for lunch orders and counter sales.

This term we have tried adding salad to the Dip n Sticks; it has not been a popular option with most people requesting no salad.
We will not be serving salad next term, the cost remains at $4.50 [as canteen was covering trial cost of salad]
The end of our first term certainly has come upon us very quickly. Lots of events have taken place, and there are many more to look forward to in Term 2. The website calendar has been updated, and you will find events such as: Mother’s Day stalls, NAPLAN, Prep excursion to the Botanical Gardens, Open night, Yr 3/4 excursion to Scienceworks, Interschool sport events, University of New South Wales competition dates, Trivia Night and Parent Teacher meeting nights – just to name a few. Please keep your eye out for specific notices regarding these and other events. We will continue to keep you informed through our newsletter as well.

In our very first week back our school council subcommittees have meetings scheduled. On Tuesday 16th April the education subcommittee will meet at 3.45pm in the conference room. The plan for this meeting will be to visit our newly refurbished library facility, and assist with the final stages of storing teacher resources. This meeting is open to any interested parents. You are all most welcome. The buildings and grounds subcommittee will meet at 6.00pm on Wednesday 17th April in the staffroom.

Frankston City Council have a recycling event taking place in the holidays which you and your family may be interested in taking part in.

FREE RECYCLING TOURS!

Come along to our free Recycling Tour on Friday 12 April. Come and see how plastic is sorted from paper, and learn more about what can and can’t go in your recycling bin. A great thing to do with the whole family! First Session: 9am – 11am; Second Session: 10am – 12pm. A bus will take people from the Frankston Civic Centre to and from the Recycling Centre, meeting outside the Council Chambers on Young Street. Numbers are limited so bookings are essential. To register, please contact the Environment Department on environment@frankston.vic.gov.au or 9768 1628.

Family Solutions is also running sessions for parents who may be having some difficulties with children related to: making friends, dealing with bullying, dealing with worries, sadness, fear or anxieties, bouncing back after difficult experiences. It can sometimes be difficult getting children to attend school when they are having a tough time. This group will enable parents to support their children to develop resilience, manage difficult situations, deal with their feelings and share their ideas with other parents struggling with the same sorts of issues. The group will commence on Monday 22nd April for 6 weeks until 27th May, 10.30am - 12.30pm, at Frankston South Recreation Centre, directly across the road from the school. Sessions are FREE, but booking are essential.

That time of year is fast approaching. The end of daylight saving. Yay! When you change your clock before going to bed at the end of daylight saving on Saturday, 6 April, don’t forget to change your smoke alarm battery too.

Have a lovely Easter break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and sound for an exciting Term 2.

Deborah Madder, Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S ARTICLE
It's easy to open a school bank account….simply visit the office and pick up a Youthsaver Account Opening Kit!

Lost Property is now located in Sickbay
A number of items have been handed in this term but unfortunately we have not been able to return all of them as they are unnamed or the name is illegible.
Please remember to clearly name windcheaters and bomber jackets, and encourage your child to have a look in sickbay if they have misplaced an item of uniform.
Thank you.

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during Autumn 2013.

Wednesday 3rd, Friday 5th April
Monday 8th, Wednesday 10th, Friday 12th April

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days. Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 3PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50
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Open daily between 10am and 5pm