Dear Parents and Friends

House Cross Country
On Friday April 24th we held our annual House Cross Country competition here at school for our Year 3-6 students. Everyone put in a great effort around the course, never giving up. Congratulations to Beach House that won the whole event. Congratulations also go to the following students for placing in their age group.

9 Year olds
1st: Chinta Matthew
2nd: Ruby Caleb
3rd: Jessie Jamie
4th: Liberty Sam

10 Year olds
1st: Carla Riley
2nd: Matilda Ky
3rd: Lani Maurice
4th: Lakynn Chris

11 Year olds
1st: Maddy Jordan
2nd: Parris Samuel
3rd: Sarah Kurtis
4th: Talia James

12 Year olds
1st: Louise Molang
2nd: Alayha Finn
3rd: Jade Keanu M
4th: Bethany Anotnio

You will find some photos on the next page of the newsletter.

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Our ANZAC Day Ceremony was well attended by the school community on Friday. The students did a terrific job with the ceremony and many thanks to Mrs Stanszus and Mrs Hoyne for guiding them along the way. I am proud of the way our students can take on these leadership roles use the skills of respect, persistence and confidence.

Skoolbag App
As most families are aware, we have our own app that is available on the Apple and Android App Stores. This app gives you instant access to information directly on your smart phone. The school is able to push our reminders directly to you. For example, last Friday reminders were sent out in regard to the Cross Country and the ANZAC Day Ceremony. There are two new features that have been added to the app in the eForms section that will allow you to do the following:

Change of details
Help us keep up to date by completing this eForm on your smart phone if any of you details have changed. Most often the changes are related to phone contact information. It is extremely important that your phone numbers are up to date so that we can contact you in an emergency situation.

Report an absence
If your child has been sick or otherwise absent from school, you can complete this eForm and send it to us from your smart phone. With this eForm, there is a section for you to actually sign the form using your smart phone.

We highly recommend the Frankston East Skoolbag App. It is free to download and use. Just search Frankston East Primary in the App Store.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Our annual Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Friday May 1st. The
PFA have changed suppliers this year and there is a vastly different range of gifts available to the kids this year. So don’t forget to send the kids along with some money in their pocket to make that extremely important purchase for that second Sunday in May.

Have a great week

Brian McFall
Principal

P/1M—Ryan H.—For always being a great classroom helper.

P/1S—Mark L.—For always working to the best of his ability.

1/2W—Sajaad A.—For working extremely hard in reading groups.

2/3H—Andjelija S.—For excellent writing about ANZAC Day.

3/4B—Chinta L.—For always giving 100% in everything she does.

3/4S—Justin B.—For working really hard on his Australian explorers PowerPoint.

5/6O—Sarah J.—For outstanding effort in class.

5/6S—Alayha R.—For outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum.
Happy Birthday

May 1st  Michelle P.  1/2W
May 2nd  Kenyon N.  2/3H
        Ky R.  3/4B

PARENT CORNER

In an acknowledgement that Mother’s Day is fast approaching (Sunday May 10th) I found this excellent article by Michael Grose which is an amusing and well informed account of his time as the main carer of his children and the realisation of the difficult but ultimately rewarding role that mothers play.

Mother of All Jobs

Michael Grose
As an ex-house dad, I take my hat off to mothers.

When I was busy at work I would often think about what my wife must be doing. I used to conjure up an image of her playing happily with my three-year-old son in the sandpit at the local playgroup while the other two children slept peacefully nearby. With these images at the front of my mind I thought motherhood sure beat working for a living.

Many years ago I discovered how far from the truth my notion of motherhood really was when my wife and I swapped roles. I must confess that two of the children were at school so I had it easier than my partner but it was as close as I could get.

The first thing I learned was that while I may be the primary carer I could never be a substitute mother to my children. Take sickness or illness for example. When one of the kids was off-colour, had a cut or bruise or just needed some tender loving care they headed straight for their mother. Dad may do in the meantime, but I was a pale imitation of the real thing, their mum, when it comes to dispensing comfort. I could give them just as good a hug as any female. It is just that
their mum was well ... their mum. It is as simple as that.

I also learned there are some things that fathers can’t do as well as mothers. In my case it was fixing my daughters’ hair. The first time I put my youngest daughter’s hair in a plait she cried. Not from pain, just the embarrassment of being seen in public with a hair-do that looked like a piece of knotty, old rope. It became accepted in my house that ‘dads don’t do hair’.

I soon appreciated the unique skills that mothers develop if they are to survive the rigours of parenting on a daily basis. In particular, mothers seem to have the uncanny knack of doing three jobs at once while dealing with noisy or whingeing children.

**Multi-task masters**

Anyone who can cut a round of sandwiches, prepare breakfast for a family, find a missing pair of socks for tiny feet while making sure everyone is on track, has my vote. I have trouble getting myself dressed in the morning, let alone worrying about anyone else.

There is no place in a mother’s repertoire for tunnel-vision or focusing on one task at a time. These are luxuries reserved for the workplace, not the family home. The fact that kids are noisy, demanding and often unpredictable means anyone who spends a fair time in their vicinity must be flexible, patient and able to keep cool under extraordinary pressure. Qualities I still don’t possess.

Take cooking for example. The job of preparing a decent meal wasn’t too hard. I could – and still can – usually produce something quite edible with a minimum of fuss. However, rarely did I have the chance to cook in isolation. There was always a child interrupting, asking for help or just wanting to chat. Not to mention fitting cooking around bathing, hearing kids read or picking them up from sports practice.

An increasing number of mothers do full-time paid work or study then come home for their second shift of parenting. Any mention to these mothers of my trials with the juggling act, simply evokes a shoulder shrug and a ‘welcome to the real world’ look.

If anyone says that motherhood is not like real work, send them my way. After many years of being the primary parent to my children – usually the preserve of women – I can really set them straight. It’s hard yakka that largely goes unrewarded.

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_Auskick started last Monday and it’s not too late to join in. The Auskick staff have a laptop and Internet connection with them and you can sign up on the spot. Payment can only be made by card. _No cash_ is accepted. So if you are interested, come on down to the school grounds on Monday at 3:45pm._
Million Paws Walk at Hastings Foreshore Sunday 18th of May

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Maths Share

Mystery coin M62

You will need one sock different coins

What to do
This is a problem for two people.
1. Put a coin in a sock or purse.
2. See if the other person can guess which coin it is.
3. Now put two coins in the sock.
4. Tell your partner how much money there is altogether.
5. See if the other person can guess which coins they are.
6. Place coins to the value of $2.00 in the sock.
   Tell the other person how many coins are in the sock. They must guess what the coins are.
   How many guesses did it take to work out what the coins were?

HINTS FOR PARENTS
There is no single right answer. Talk about the possibilities first. Focus on shapes, sizes, weights of coins too.
TRACK EVENTS 2015

On Friday the 17th of April the FEPS Track Team caught the bus to Ballam Park to participate in the District Track Events. We started the first event at around 9:30am and that was the 800m. Then the next event started at around 10:00 and that was hurdles. The 100m and the 200m were next. The last event of the day was the relay and that started at around 1:00pm. Frankston East Primary school was in division 2 and we came 3rd out of 5 schools. I came 7th in 800m, 3rd in 200m and in relay we came 3rd. The people in my group were Jackie, Kayla, and Alayha. After the last race, we all got back on the bus and the bus driver drove us back to school. We arrived back at school about 3:15pm.
It was a tiring but fun day!

BY MADDY 5/6S

It was Friday 17th April, the day we were going to the track…….. It was around 9:20 when we got on the bus, everyone (including me) was energised and ready to go for the big day ahead!!!!
Once we arrived there we went to our sun shelter that Mr O had put up before we got there and put our bags down. The 800m races started first, all races had division A and B….. We were division B. Everyone who wasn't racing was cheering for the people racing. A couple of people came first which is amazing as the 800m is the hardest race…..
Next came the hurdles where a couple of people came first, again all we could hear were people shouting names from everywhere….but I think we were the loudest!!!!! That was followed by 70m. People started calming down at this point but our school was still pretty loud. Everyone started having a drink because they were either thirsty from running or their throats were dry from shouting……another first ribbon!!!
100m was up next followed by 200m, everyone was still shouting……all you could hear was the buzz of GO!!!!
The relay was last, everyone was in a certain group 1, 2, 3 or 4. I was in group 3. It was a long, long wait seeing as I was last runner in our group!!!! I was nervous but excited too……
Our school came 3rd in division B, we were all happy with that.

By Sarah K 5/6O
TRACK EVENTS

Last Friday we caught the bus to Ballam Park to do track events. The first event was 800m then hurdles then 70m then 100m then 200m and the last one was relays. Frankston East Primary School came 3rd out of 5 schools in division 2. The medals I got were 4th in hurdles, I also got 4th in 70m. I came 2nd in 100m and my group came 3rd in relays. In my group were Jackie, Maddy, and Alayah.

By Kayla Davidson 5/6S
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