Next week is, for many years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across the country, a week that causes a great deal of anxiety, and yet it shouldn’t. Next week is NAPLAN Week- the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. All students in these year levels, with the exception of those that have been exempt or withdrawn, will undergo a series of assessments in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar, Writing Conventions and Number. These assessments will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

NAPLAN simply provides a range of questions in each of these assessments, with the exception of writing, where the children provide an answer. Sometimes it will be multiple choice, sometimes selecting from a range of options, and sometimes providing a one word answer or performing a mathematical calculation. All children will find some of the questions easy as they will be pitched at up to two year levels below their current grade level and most children will find some of the questions difficult as they will be pitched at a level up to two years beyond where they might currently be. In the writing assessment, students will be given a stimulus and from that will be required to provide a written piece in a particular genre or style of writing.

Class teachers will have spent some time preparing the children for the style of tests that will be presented so that they have some familiarity with the way in which NAPLAN will be presented, however, we do not train or tutor the children in NAPLAN as we see that this is one small part of the overall assessment program to inform us of the particular point at which each child is achieving. The reality is that when we get the results back in late August or early September it will tell us where the children were in May. This is not overly helpful in assisting teachers to plan their programs, group children according to needs or to report on student achievement.

Anxiety can often occur because of expectations that children perceive in the way that we as teachers and parents have of them, so the best way that you can help your child with NAPLAN is simply to wish them well, but not to put any pressure on them. They will perform much better if they are relaxed and not concerned about ‘failure’.

Two highlights of the school year are our Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day breakfasts and tomorrow we are celebrating Mothers’ Day with the mums and grandma’s of our students. Please come along from 8.15 to give us all the opportunity to recognise what a great job you do as mothers and grandmothers - it certainly is a full time job but has to go with all the other things you do on a daily basis. The breakfast will be held in the area outside the canteen providing the weather is fine- otherwise we will go to the multi purpose room. We hope to have lots of dads and grandfathers as well as school staff helping with the preparation of the food and our school captains and house captains will assist with the serving.

I am sure that we are all aware of just how quickly our world is changing. It is hard to keep pace with the new development in technology, particularly in ICT. Many of our children will eventually be in careers or jobs which have not even been created yet. Many of the jobs that people do now will be obsolete by the time our children enter the workforce. I would like to bring to your attention a presentation from Dylan Wiliam, educator and researcher, which has been arranged by Frankston High School. The presentation will be specifically for parents and will talk about how parents can help their child to find their way in this ever changing environment. Details of this presentation have been published in this newsletter and I encourage you to attend if at all possible. Why not get a group of friends to go with you – even if they don’t have children at this school it will still be highly relevant.

Regards

Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S
ACHIEVEMENTS

Isabella, Annabelle, Skye, Crystal, Dante, Kelvin, Marcus, Holly, Ruan, Oliver, Campbell, Asha and Briley received their Values Awards at assembly last Friday.

Harvey, Tyrone, Meija, Laura, Alyssa, Annika, Amy, Jack and Jemma received their sports awards at assembly last Friday.

Phoenix and Bailey received their Dollarmites awards from the Commonwealth Bank for banking into their bank accounts.

COMMUNITY NEWS

12 week body transformation—personal trainer starts 7th May 2015.

It’s not too late to change your smoke alarm batteries.

Seaford United soccer club is looking for boys and girls to play soccer.

Frankston Hockey Club. Training at Monash University.

TIP OF THE WEEK

When ordering your lunch through the canteen, or uniform through the uniform shop, please be aware that there is a cut off time of 8.00a.m. on the actual day (Friday).

Please order before this time or you may miss out on the items that day.
MOTHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 8th May

8.15 A.M.—9.00 A.M.

A chance for Mums to celebrate Mothers’ Day with their children by sharing breakfast with them at school.

Before you go to work on Friday pop along to the school and partake of a delicious free breakfast.

(a call to all fathers to assist with the cooking from 8.00 a.m onwards.)

Please let Michael or Erica know if you can help.

Bunnings Frankston Ladies Night.

Thursday 21st May 6pm – 8pm

Book Now for our Ladies Night.
Join us for a night of fun.
Special Guest Appearance by:

Fast Ed.
(From Better Homes and Gardens)

Bookings Essential:
03 8790 7100 or frankston@bunnings.com.au

Frankston High School invites you to attend a presentation by world class educator and researcher, Dylan Wiliam (PhD).

How do we prepare our children for a world we cannot imagine?

In this presentation, Dylan will outline the role of parents to ensure that their children take control over their lives, appreciate their culture, make a difference in the world and find rewarding work.

Date: Monday 25 May, 2015
Time: 5pm – 6pm
Location: Senior Campus Presentation Space

If you are interested in attending this exciting event, please email office@fhs.vic.edu.au with the number of attendees by Wednesday 20 May.

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LANGUAGE UNIT

Students in the Language Unit have studied Australian history, natural disasters within Australia and also looked at latitude and longitude. They enjoyed making their own little books based on “The Book That Eats People”. They have also tried persuasive text writing as well as reporting on the year 3/4 Camp.

I believe that wrestling should not be banned because the wrestlers are very wealthy and if it was banned, they wouldn’t have any money left. Wrestling is sometimes fun and they are very well trained. They work out on weights, at gyms and they practise the moves. They are also in a lot of movies such as Fast and Furious 6 and 7 that The Rock was in. There is a new movie coming out that two wrestlers will be in. One is called The Miz. This is why I think wrestling should not be banned.

Ryan

Last week on 24/04/2015 I went to camp. My favourite bits were eating the marshmallows, the night walk, the kites, the canoeing and the food. My favourite foods were cornflakes, baked beans on toast, eggs on toast, fish and chips, ice-cream and marshmallows. The food was yummy.

Annabelle

My favourite thing about camp was canoeing. I was with Ollie and we crashed into the bush. Ollie and I tried to get out of the bush. I was with Cooper, Ollie and Lachlan in a cabin, and I did orienteering with Nick, Luke and Ollie. We had to find sea animals in the sea. We found all of the sea animals.

Brennan

I believe children should not have pets ever because they are dirty and they poo. They are a waste of money because you have to buy food and toys and pay vet bills.

Alex

Did you know:
Australia is the only Continent without an active Volcano?
3/4 Camp

On Wednesday 3/4H and 3/4T went to camp. We went for three days to Merrick Lodge. There were heaps of activities.

We went to the beach, it was very cold and my brain froze. After the beach we went to the rock pools, I found a lot of crabs. When we got back from the beach and the rock pools it was 6 o’clock, it was fun and funny. For dinner we had fish and chips then it was time for bed.

On Thursday we got to do team games, orienteering, canoeing and kite making. For dinner we had chicken soup and a roast with carrots, peas, potatoes and broccoli. We also did Red Faces, Beau won doing a News Report. The judges were Mr Hayes, Mrs Fleming and Jo B. After a shower it was bed time

On Friday it was time to come home, on the way back we stopped off at a park.

I liked camp a lot, it was very fun and funny. My favourite part of the 3/4 camp was canoeing.

THE END!

By Mason

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3/4 CAMP Merricks Lodge

3/4T

On the 22-24th April the 3s went to Merricks Lodge for camp. We did lots of things such as canoeing, boogie boarding, orienteering, kite making and much much more!

Day1

Before we arrived at camp we went to Balnarring beach, we looked at the rock pools but before we knew it the tide was coming in. Zoe found a shrimp, I found a giant purple crab and heaps of people including me found a common crab! When we arrived at camp, the first thing we did was find out who we were in a cabin with. I was with Brooke and Zoe. After putting our bags in our cabins we went to Point Leo beach. At the beach we played some games. One of the games we played was a game where two people would fill two buckets and the rest of the group would stop the water from coming out of the holes in the old rubbish bin. My favourite game was when Holly, Zoe, Taylah and I made a sea star with sand and seaweed. After that some of us went into the freezing cold water! Taylah and Ella went right into the water, while Brooke and I hardly even got our bodies wet. When we got back we had to make our bed and the duty group had to get ready for dinner. For dinner we had vegetable soup, fish and chips with salad and lastly for dessert we had vanilla ice-cream with fruit salad. Then once we had all finished our dinner the year fours were told to put their coats on because we were going for a night walk. The night walk was alright but I have been on better. When we got back the year threes went on their night walk while the year fours played some games, I played Uno with some of my friends. When eventually the year threes came back we all got into our pyjamas and watched Mr Bean for about 15 minutes. We then brushed our teeth and got ready for bed. We then went to bed.

Day2

When I woke up on Thursday Zoe, Brooke, Mason, Jacob, Paige, Lucy, Wouter, Patrick and I were duty monitors. For breakfast we had the choice of cereals, cornflakes, rice bubbles, Weetbix or muesli. You could also have hash browns, spaghetti on toast or toast with vegemite jam or honey. After we had our breakfast we were told our games group. The groups were the Pelicans, Seagulls and Penguins. I was in the Seagulls. The first activity I did was canoeing. Canoeing was in a lake called Lake Lazarus. It was called Lake Lazarus because the manager of the camp swam the whole lake without taking one BREATH!! Before we could go into the canoes we had to learn how to canoe. I was in a canoe with Crystal P. My favourite bit about canoeing was playing rafts. Rafts is a games where you hold onto two other people’s boats and swap boats. I swapped with Taylah and I ended up with MJ. After that we had oatmeal slice and orange juice for morning tea. Next I was in games and we played lots of games such as octopus, evolution and fruit salad. Once we had finished all the games it was time for lunch. I had a salad sandwich. In the afternoon I was in orienteering. My partner was Holly and we chose the hardest map which was blue. Blue was sea animals. Before we knew it, it was time for afternoon tea. Because it was Chloe’s birthday, we had chocolate cake with a smarties and water. The duty monitors cleaned up while the rest of the kids played games on the oval. On a while of playing games a kite making lady came to teach us how to make kites! Mine was a Pikachu with streamers coming off the side. For dinner we had chicken noodle soup, a roast with potatoes, peas, carrots and broccoli. For dessert we had jelly with vanilla ice-cream. After dinner we had Red Faces. Holly, Zoe, Taylah, Brooke and I did an act that was called the very silly Sienna. The winner was Beau with his funny news report. After that we did the yummiest part of camp which was toasting marshmallows! I did not realise how good it was going to be!

Day3

When we got up we had cereal and bacon and eggs. We had to pack our things all up then take them to the bus. Before we came home we went to Coolart. At Coolart we went to the mansion, the bird hide and a room with real life animals that had been stuffed. My favourite bit at Coolart was the mansion. It took about 30 minutes to get back to school.

Merricks Lodge was so much fun, my favourite part was canoeing. I wish I was still at camp as I got to do so many new activities and be with my friends!

By Sienna
Next week the new after school activities program begins. The Active After Schools program that you will have been familiar with has now been replaced by the Sporting Schools program. This is a free program for children in schools and a great opportunity for children to try out sports with the possibility of joining a local sporting club afterwards.

There are two activities, one on a Wednesday and one on a Thursday, in term 2. As the places are limited, a speedy reply will give your child a better chance of doing the activity for their year level.

Activity 1. On Wednesday’s beginning 13th May there will be AFL skills for the grade 3 to 6 students for six weeks.

Activity 2. On Thursday’s beginning 14th May there will be Basketball for the grades Prep to 2 students for six weeks also.

Forms will be going out this week to the children interested or they can be picked up from Erica in the office.