Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

Yesterday Grade 3/4T met Geoff Short, their new teacher, who has been on Defence Service in the Solomon Islands this year. Geoff was appointed to the position in December last year and was then posted to the Solomon’s late in January. He has now returned and will take up the role of teacher in 3/4T beginning next Monday.

Our sincere thanks to Nicole McMillan who stepped into the gap left when James Thomas took up another position at the end of Term 2.

The Prep Fathers Day PMP session this week was very well supported and so much fun. Thanks to all the fathers, grandfathers and uncles who participated.

Our thanks again to the HUB parents for their outstanding work in organising the Fathers Day stall again this year. The excitement on the childrens’ faces this morning was a joy, as was the seriousness with which they chose their gifts. This is one of those events which are done for the pleasure they bring to the students each year. Thank you!

IT IS NOT OK TO BE LATE!
We continue to remind parents of the importance of children being at school on time to start learning for the day.
All children have their learning disrupted when students arrive to school after 8.59am. Children must be at school and in their classrooms when the 9.00am bell rings.

Since the start of this term, we have issued 291 Late Passes in 31 school days (not including educational or medical appointments).
### Care Member of the Week
**Week beginning 29 August 2013**

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<td>Alex Nura A.</td>
<td>For confidently contributing to our session on “Cool, Weak, Aggro”. Well done!</td>
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<td>Nicola Marcus D.</td>
<td>For thinking creatively when explaining “Cool, Weak, Aggro” responses.</td>
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<td>Mangalore 3</td>
<td>Jessica Khalide A.</td>
<td>For being a kind, caring and positive team member. Well done!</td>
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<td>Mooltan 4</td>
<td>Brendan Ned T.</td>
<td>For being an active and engaging team member.</td>
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<td>Leonie Danah A.</td>
<td>For being a positive team member and sharing her ideas.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 4</td>
<td>Yvette Omar M.</td>
<td>For identifying his role in solving a team work problem.</td>
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<td>Cashmere 5</td>
<td>Christine Luke T.</td>
<td>For being a responsible and honest care member. Well done!</td>
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<td>Cashmere 6</td>
<td>Bruce Aymane A.S.</td>
<td>For always being a positive influence in our care group.</td>
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<td>Delhi 4</td>
<td>Chloe Mia A.</td>
<td>For listening and participating with enthusiasm.</td>
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<td>Delhi 5</td>
<td>Grace Tim V.D.</td>
<td>For his excellent role play in standing up for himself in a friendly way.</td>
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### Office News
**Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday**

**IT’S NOT OK TO BE LATE**
The first school bell goes at 8:55, we expect all children to be lining up at this time ready to go to class and begin their work for the day.

At a certain level, these details must be reported to the relevant authorities, and I urge all parents to reschedule their alarm clocks and set a target to be at school by 8.45am.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year. [http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/naplan-scores-suffer-as-too-many-students-skip-classes/story-fni5s3y-1226698770050](http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/naplan-scores-suffer-as-too-many-students-skip-classes/story-fni5s3y-1226698770050)

### Hub News (FPS Parent’s Association)
**Rochelle Carland (HUB President)**
carlandr@bigpond.net.au - 0416 177 219

**Father’s Day Stall**
We held a very successful Father’s Day Stall this morning thanks to a dedicated group of HUB parents. Students have lovingly chosen a fabulous gift for the special person in their lives on Father’s Day! We hope you love your gift!

Thanks to Lara Widdop for coordinating the stall. And thanks to the team of parents who helped bring it all together by making items for the stall and helping with selling on the day.

### Trivia and 80's pop night-Saturday 19th October 2013
Tickets for the social event of the FPS year are now on sale at the Office.
Don’t miss out on the chance to get a table of friends & family together to test your trivia knowledge and rock on to Acoustic Soda - Phil Cristofaro’s (grade 5/6 teacher) band! It’s sure to be a great night!

### At the Canteen this Friday...
We will be selling popcorn for $1.

### OSHC News
Camp Australia manages the Before & After School Care program. All bookings, absences and payments need to be made through the Camp Australia website.

Do not leave messages on the school answering machine.

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On a final note, the HUB would like to wish all the Fathers at FPS a relaxing and enjoyable Father’s Day.
REMINDER
Prep parents, please remember to complete your school nurse forms and return them as soon as you can. The final date is September 12th but if we can get them all in beforehand that would be great. If any parent are not sure how to complete the forms don’t hesitate to ask the teachers or office staff.

Morning Laneway Drop Off
Zone changes

Just this morning I have had a number of parents who were unaware of the changes we have made to the drop off zone hence the reminder today.

We have made minor changes to the morning drop off zone in the lane way. Instead of parents driving all the way up to the chain at the school boundary we would like parents to stop at the yellow bollard (between the two disabled car parks) and drop your children off there, staying in the lane.

There is enough room for about 3 cars to let the children out safely. From that position the children can walk straight to the footpath and around the hall to their classes.

Adding to this I know how busy all families are in the morning and feel that it would assist parents if they encourage their older children to assist their siblings in getting out of the car instead of parents having to do it. Giving children the responsibility to do even the smallest job is always a bonus to their self-esteem and confidence.

This change ensures that no parents are dropping children off in the wrong place, children are not walking between cars and no cars are double parking behind staff cars.

Afternoon Pickups in the laneway
If you collect your child from the lane way at 3:30 PLEASE ensure that they are waiting on the school side of the chain, we do not want children in the car park at any time.

Great iPad Apps
MathLands – Kids Logic Game & Brain Builder for Math and Critical Thinking (iPhone/iPad, FREE)
MathLands integrates puzzles, problem solving and an environment of trial and error to develop mathematical intuition. Activities challenge adult users, but are supportive to helping kids get to the correct answer while understanding how they did it

Bluster (iPhone/iPad, FREE)
Bluster challenges kids to use reading to make connection in word patterns. Content focuses on rhyming, prefixes and suffixes, synonyms, homophones, adjectives and more. Gameplay encourages kids to work together with options for playing against others or working by themselves.
CONCERT NEWS

COUNTDOWN 13 days to go!
Ticket sales are well under way with seating now back to the middle of the hall. Get in fast or you will miss out!

Wednesday 11th September - Preps performing ‘Minibeasts ‘ on with the 3-6 students in the musical ‘Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf”

Thursday 12th September - Year 1/2 students performing ‘Are We There Yet?’ with the 3-6 students in the musical ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’.

Ticket Pricing

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All students will need to be at school by 6.15pm to get ready for our performance.

YEAR 1/2 ON THE MOVE PROP REQUESTS:

All year 1/2 students need to bring in a black long sleeve top and pants (or short sleeve if long sleeve is not available). These should be given to your child’s teacher in a labelled bag as soon as possible. KMART, Target and Best n’ Less may be the cheapest and easiest stores to source such items (items have been spotted for under $5). Students will be provided with props at school.

*The students cast as the characters listed below need to liaise with their teacher about their costumes, they will not need black attire.

- 2 Narrators
- Students
- 7 family members

We are also seeking some assistance with these items for the 1/2 play:

- 4 pairs of high heels (stilettos that can be walked in!)
- 2 toy mobile phones
- 1 walking stick
- 8 kiddie shopping trollies or shopping baskets (we have one trolley at the moment and some toy food items)
- 6 balance bikes (2 wheeled small bikes without peddles).

If you can assist with any of these items, please pass them on to your child’s teacher, ideally by early next week. 1L & 2I students will need to bring their own bike helmets from home. Let your child’s teacher know if you do not have one.

Contact Mary Koulbanis (0414 247 244) if you have any other queries.
Vanessa Griffin

Book Fair Results
Thank you to teachers, students and families who supported the Book Fair last week. The great news is that the commission we received has allowed us to purchase 100 new books for the Library! Wow, that is very exciting. The following series have been ordered - they are expected to all be on our shelves in a few weeks time:

- Andy Roid
- Ivy & Bean
- Hands On Science
- Cars Reading Adventures
- Beast Quest Series 4
- Goosebumps Hall of Horrors
- Dear Dumb Diary
- Freak Street
- Puppies by Holly Webb
- Another set of the very popular Dork Diaries
- Thea Stilton
- Hot Wheels Mega Pack
- Ripley’s Believe it or Not!

Happy reading everyone.

Indigenous Literacy Day
Wednesday 4th September

On Wednesday 4th September we are celebrating Indigenous Literacy Day by holding a Big Book Swap.

The money raised will be sent to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to help buy much needed books for students in the Northern Territory.

As a way to kick start our Big Book Swap, Jane Harrison, Author of the Young Adult novel 'Stolen' will be coming along to talk to students about writing Aboriginal plays and stories, and being an Aboriginal person who lives in a city.

She will also be reading an excerpt from one of her stories for the grade 5/6 students.

The Big Book Swap begins straight after at 3.30pm in the Hall Foyer. Books donated by students from FPS will be sold for a gold coin donation.

See You There!

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE AND BE A PART OF THE BIG BOOK SWAP!

Bring in an old favorite book and donate it to the Big Book Swap TODAY!

The Big Book Swap will be held by the SRC after school on Wednesday 4th September.

Get your donations in!
ST BRENDAN’S PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM
2013
FOR CATHOLIC CHILDREN WHO ATTEND GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM is for children in grade 3 upward. It is an eight weeks program beginning at 10.15 a.m in St Brendan’s School on 8th September 2013 to 10th November 2013.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7P.M

If you wish to enrol your child in the program or if you require more information, please contact: Carol Harris, Pastoral Associate, at St Brendan’s Presbytery on 03 9376 7378 (Tuesday to Friday); Or mobile 0438 576 743 or email to carolharris@iprimus.com.au

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Hi everyone,

I collect old/disused/discarded reading, prescription and sun glasses to be recycled/repaired and sent to villagers in the Pacific and Southern Africa. If you have any such items laying around in your homes, would you kindly forward then to me. I have a shipment ready to go to Brisbane for repair and then shipment to PNG. Thanks for your support with this.

Kind regards,

Alan Davis
Principal

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