Principal’s Report
Lesley McCarthy

This week has been very hectic with the preparations for the concerts being all consuming. Yesterday’s production featuring the Prep students and the Year 3-6 students in Roald Dahl’s Revolting Rhyme – Little Red Riding Hood was outstanding.

The Minibeasts were splendidly attired in colourful costumes of frogs, butterflies and caterpillars, bees and mosquitoes, worms and spiders. The narration of the storyline demonstrated the well-developed reading skills too. Congratulations to the students, teachers and pre-service teachers for their work and thanks to Vicki Car, Bruce Mooney and Julia Barnett for their extra support.

Little Red Riding Hood had a twist in the storyline with Maia, Josh and Edel showing off their singing abilities. The varied cast of Marching Pigs, Butterflies & Bees, Whistling & Waving, Down in the Woods, Overture & Welcome were delightfully costumed and prepared for the singing, dancing and acting roles. Thank you to Natalie & Leon McLaren, Karen & Ross Leopold for their efforts in costumes and props.

We are very much looking forward to today’s production – Year 1 & 2 students “One the Move” and Year 3-6 Jack & the Beanstalk.

While the concert becomes the major focus of term 3, none of this would be possible without the endeavours of Vern O’Hara, Elise Turner and the concert team. It is always a major event in the lives of the students and something they will remember for the rest of their lives. This is shown by the large number of ex students who attend the concerts each year.

Tomorrow, the eTeam will commence planting the school orchard. This is an initiative of our Environmental group and is supported by the VU pre-service teachers as their Applied Curriculum Project. The orchard will contribute to our ongoing work on environment and sustainability and in teaching students about food – growth, production and food miles. We hope next year to be eating our very own fruit!
Assistant Principal’s Report
Sandra McOrist

Dogs in the Playground
Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds. There are signs stating this around the school. We have had children come into the office of late who have had the misfortune to step into dog faeces. It would be appreciated if families waited outside the school ground with their dogs when collecting children or in their cars.

Drop off
Could all families have a discussion with their children about which way they walk after leaving the car. Over the last week I have had 2 near misses at morning drop off where parents have thought the child was walking behind and not in front and began to drive. It is vital that is decided upon before leaving the car.

Reminder – the school grounds are not supervised before 8.45am. Please do not send children to school before this time. There have been many children at school at 8.00 or 8.15 and this is too early.

Indigenous Literacy Day and The Great Book Swap

Last Wednesday we celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day, by holding The Great Book Swap and partaking in an incursion with Aboriginal author, Jane Harris.

Lily Z from 5/6F, e-mailed Jane and asked her to come to FPS to talk to the students on Indigenous Literacy Day. Surprisingly Jane agreed, as she lived right near our school! Jane spoke to the 1-6 students about being an author. She even shared two of the stories she co wrote with students from the Northern Territory.

The SRC held The Great Book Swap in the hall after school. The SRC sold pre loved books that were donated by students. They raised $240. This money will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The money will be used to purchase books for children living in remote and isolated regions of Australia.

Well done to Lily, the SRC and to the students who donated their beloved books to such a great cause!

Office News

Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Lost Property
There is still a large amount of lost property at school. If items are not claimed by end of term we send non school items to the op shops and non labelled school items are washed and resold in the used clothing stall.

School Banking
Due to end of term next week bank books are to be

School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollaramite moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the same of Dollaramite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens in on Wednesday not Thursday.

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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I felt good because I was wrapped around the cocoon and then a caterpillar untied me and I flapped my wings out. Aley

I loved the concert because we sang songs and I dressed up as a frog. Jack R

I am a bee. I felt good because my mum and dad and friends were at the concert. Jacob

I felt nervous because there were so many people that I didn’t know. Max B

It was a bit scary at the night concert because there were more people. Matthew

I felt excited. The parents were surprised. The microphone sounded loud. Caitlyn
CONCERT NEWS

Thank You:

Karen Leopold and 5/6 students for the art works and displays,
All parents who assisted with the concert: costumes, props, rehearsals, ushering, food, BBQ particularly Karen Moore, Vince Andreana, Fiona Hiscock, Catherine Falconer, Mary Koulbanis, Robbie Allen, Cheryl Smith, Craig Moore for lighting, Cheryl Aquilina, Joanne Vadnal, Erna Doria and Camille Willats for ticket organisation, sales and distribution and printing of programs, HUB for organising the food, Vicki Car, Prep costume coordinator, Bruce Mooney Julia Barnett – Prep props, Natalie McLaren 3-6 coordinator, Leon McLaren, Karen & Ross Leopold for props, Rob Grant and Phil Smith for video and photography,
All teachers, pre service teachers and aide staff for their assistance, rehearsals, supervision and costumes,
Concert Committee – Vern O’Hara, Elise Turner, Chris Mizis, Molie McMahon, Zoe Lewis, Nicola Dziadkiewicz, Christine Laught for organisation, effort, rehearsals and weekend work.

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

Trivia and 80’s pop night – Early Bird Offer Extended

A reminder to all parents, teachers, partners and friends to organise your tables for the FPS social event of the year on Saturday 19th October!

With a great combination of trivia night and band (Phil Cristofaro’s band Accoustic Soda), plus the opportunity to relax, socialise & dance, it’s shaping up to be a fun night!

We are extending the early bird offer of $20 per ticket until the end of term – so get in quick!

Please see ad in this newsletter for more information.

Friday Fun Treats

Donuts will be available at the Canteen this Friday – yum!

Enviro Challenge Casual Clothes Day

The casual clothes day was for Environmental Week.
We raised $358.90.

WHAT THE MONEY PROVIDES:
- $25 sends four cool Australian information kits to schools
- $50 provides online support to 10 schools each year
- $100 creates four student fact sheets
- $200 supports regional education tours

OVER ALL EVERY ONE WAS REALLY HAPPY AND WE HAD A GREAT DAY. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!

By Nasreen
Movie Making Holiday Programs!

Buzz Movie Makers are running their ever-popular filmmaking holiday programs in the spring school holidays. Come along for 4 days and learn everything about making movies from start to finish!

The Movie Making Masterclass course includes script creation, camera techniques, green screening, acting, sound, editing and much more. Kids form film crews and create their own short movies from scratch; taking them home on DVD after the course (complete with hilarious bloopers!)

The best films will also be screened at the annual Buzz Movie Makers film festival in December.

Dates: Mon 23rd - Thurs 26th September
Location: 6th Melbourne Scout Hall, 55 McCracken St, Kensington
Price: $350 for the 4 days, including DVD
Grades: 2-6

This course generally sells out quickly - further details can be found at www.buzzmoviemakers.com.au
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 10.15a.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
Back to The 80's Trivia Night

Acoustic Soda

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER | 7PM-12
FPS HALL

$20 EACH IF PURCHASED BEFORE 1ST SEPTEMBER
$25 AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER

TIX SELLING FAST DON'T MISS OUT

PRIZES for most 80's inspired table

Feast free to come dressed in all your 80's glory
(emergency shoulder pads and hair gel will be available on the night)

Any questions contact Gabrielle gabrielle@onethousandandone.com.au or Lara laradw@hotmail.com