DEAR PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS

STUDENTS MAKING FRANKSTON HIGH SCHOOL A SPECIAL PLACE TO BE
During the last few weeks I have visited classrooms and caught up with many students and teachers. I have been most impressed with our students’ continued positive attitude and commitment to upholding our motto: Optima Semper – Best Always, our vision: Together we become purposeful learners, and our values.

SWIMMING SPORTS: A DAY OF HEALTHY COMPETITION AND FUN!
On Wednesday, 6 February a great day of healthy competition and fun was enjoyed by all during our House Swimming Carnival. It was great to see the high level of participation of students, regardless of whether they were champion swimmers or not. Even the ‘old Principal’ managed to finish a 50m freestyle race without having a cardiac arrest, which is an achievement in itself. Students and staff were resplendent in their costumes of House colours, with entertaining dancing throughout the day. Congratulations to all students for showing the value of true sportsmanship on the day whilst maintaining a friendly, respectful rivalry between Houses. Thanks especially to Ms Deb Anderson, Ms Gemma Hill and all staff, House Captains and student officials, who worked throughout the day to ensure it was enjoyed by everyone.

MOTIVATED VCE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS – A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS!
Year 12 Motivation Day was a huge success in getting our students off to a great start. It enabled our Year 12 students to reflect upon what they personally wish to achieve by the end of the year and to establish goals and an action plan to achieve them. I would like to thank Mrs Granger, Ms Challenger and Mrs Walsh for organising this inspirational day.

Also, we had an enthusiastic group of parents of VCE students attend our VCE Information Night on a very warm evening. These parents are to be congratulated for their efforts to learn how best to support their children studying in the senior years. As a parent of two children involved in VCE studies, I found it to be an invaluable night.

TRANSITION ACTIVITIES DAY FOR YEAR 7 BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS
I am very pleased to report that our Year 7 students are making a very smooth transition to their new school. It has been extremely gratifying to observe how quickly they have adjusted to the culture of our school. To help support their transition, we have conducted a Transition Activities Day for all Year 7s to help them to begin making friendships beyond their own class and to develop closer relationships with their classroom teachers. Games of trust, friendship and teamwork were enjoyed by all with Year 9 students from our LEAD program facilitating the activities. It is exciting to welcome another outstanding cohort of students who are doing their best and making the most of the wonderful learning opportunities provided by Frankston High School. Congratulations to all Year 7 students on a first rate start to the year.
CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following Parent and Staff Members who were successful in their nominations for School Council, for the term 20 March 2013 to 17 March 2015:

**Parent Members:** Mr Brad Bowman, Mrs Annette Wallace and Mrs Belinda Butterfield  
**DEECD Members:** Mrs Cathy Hogg and Mr Glenn Fischmann

I would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring DEECD member, **Ms Clare Challenger**, for her contribution to the ongoing success of Frankston High School as a member of School Council.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: CREATING LEADERS OF THE FUTURE!

Thank you to **Mrs Jess Bambridge** for organising a highly successful Student Leadership Conference held at the beginning of this week. It was pleasing for me to open this conference with a feeling of awe in regards to extraordinarily strong student leadership team we are most fortunate to have. I am confident these student leaders will be excellent role models for the remaining student body, playing a significant role in building upon our excellent culture of achievement. During the conference, student leaders presented their proposals for ongoing school improvement. Such wonderful presentations reflected a maturity beyond their years and a genuine commitment to putting their skills into action.

EVENINGS TO WELCOME PARENTS OF NEW STUDENTS TO OUR COMMUNITY

A few weeks ago we had an evening to welcome parents of our new students in Years 8 to 12. This allowed parents to develop a greater understanding of our school and provided them with the opportunity of sharing stories for what it is like for a student to start in a school after coming from another secondary school setting. On Tuesday of this week we had a great attendance of parents at the Year 7 Parent Wine and Cheese Evening. I was pleased to report to all parents how impressed we are with the quality of children you have entrusted to our care.

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

Recently I requested parents to write emails of support regarding Music Education at Frankston High School. I was inundated with positive responses from parents describing the many benefits their children had experienced by studying music at Frankston High School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who took the time to write a response. Your responses were included in my submission to the State Government which provided clear evidence extolling the indisputable virtues of having an exemplary Music Program at our school. Thanks also to **Mr Peter Sharp**, **Ms Sally Bredin** and their teams of music teachers for contributing to submissions. The outcome of this inquiry will occur in September: let’s hope it is positive. I will keep you posted.

SUMMIT ROAD SCHOOL CROSSING UNDER THREAT

Unfortunately it appears that the Summit Road School crossing may not be manned in the future due to cutbacks in funding. This is a very busy crossing with in excess of 100 students from Overport Primary School and Frankston High School using this crossing as a safe means to access and depart their schools. I am in the process of writing a letter on behalf of School Council to appeal for this crossing to remain as a supervised crossing, since the safety of our children may be placed further at risk in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for ensuring that our students are attending school in correct uniform. The conscientious wearing of correct uniform, together with the students’ positive approach to learning, certainly continues to promote our reputation as a highly regarded school throughout the wider community.

John Albiston  
Principal

SOWETO HOST FAMILY PROGRAM

**Anne Thomson**  
Community Liaison Coordinator

Each year, Frankston High School sponsors one student from Letsibogo Girls’ High School in Soweto. We provide her with the opportunity of experiencing life and learning in a privileged environment that offers opportunities she may otherwise never experience. These girls utilise this experience with success when they return to South Africa. The student is selected according to her potential to graduate from school and progress with further tertiary learning and a fulfilling career.

We are asking that Frankston High School families consider hosting our 2013 Letsibogo student, Josie Matsau. Josie is completing Year 11 at Frankston High School and we are relying on the generosity of host families to provide accommodation and food for a 3-4 week stay.

Please contact Anne Thomson on 0409 835 541 or email athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au for further enquiries.

STUDENT BELONGINGS

Students are advised not to bring expensive belongings to school other than equipment required for learning. Frankston High School Council does not have the authority to reimburse parents or replace students’ personal belongings that are lost or stolen. For security purposes, parents please remind your children to always ensure personal belongings are placed in their lockers and then locked with their padlock.
YEAR 12 MOTIVATION DAY
A very successful Motivation Day was held at Monash University, Peninsula Campus on Friday, 8 February. The guest speaker was Tony Wilson. Tony is a radio and television personality, successful writer and prominent speaker. He was the winner of the ABC television show Race Around the World, and was drafted as a forward by the Hawthorn Football Club.

Tony won the Sydney Morning Herald ‘Best Young Australian Novelist 2006’ for his first novel – The Players. He has also written seven children’s picture books. Tony discussed about successful strategies they used during Year 12 to maximize learning outcomes. I was incredibly proud of the Year 12 students from 2012 and their tips for succeeding in Year 12 - they all made mention of the fantastic teachers and opportunities at this school, and they were genuine and sincere as they relayed their experiences with their teachers over their time at Frankston High School.

Thank you to the main speakers who provided invaluable advice to our students: Mr John Albiston for his motivational speech to commence the day and Mrs Carolyn Walsh for her presentation on careers.

I would like to thank Mrs Maree Granger and Ms Clare Challenger for organizing this day and Mrs Annette Wallace and her team of parent volunteers who provided a delicious, healthy morning tea of fruit and fruit juice.

The organisation of the day and the presentations made by staff required a huge amount of time and effort and I would like to thank all the staff involved. I am sure the students found the day to be beneficial; a wealth of information was provided to assist students to reach their goals and maximise their learning opportunities.

SENIOR SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Thank you to all parents who attended the Information Night on Monday, 18 February. The feedback we received was very positive. There is no doubt Years 11 and 12 are critical years and family support is vital.

Thank you to Mrs Granger, Mrs D’Ambra and Mr Keane for their presentations and assistance on the night.
Senior School Report continued

THE SENIOR SCHOOL CROSSING - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
It is important that parents do not drop off or pick up students near the crossing. This poses a very dangerous situation for both students and motorists.

It is essential that all students use the designated school crossings when travelling between campuses.

USE OF STUDY PERIODS
It is pleasing to see so many of our students using their time to advantage in study periods. However, some students need to manage their time more effectively. Our past students have spoken of the importance of utilising study periods to discuss work with friends, meet with teachers, complete homework and revise for assessment tasks. All students are required to be in a designated study area during their study periods and to use this time productively.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
The school photographs of students in Year 11 and Year 12 will take place on Monday, 4 March during Periods 1 and 2. Information on the photograph packages were distributed to students last week. Any student who does not have this information should contact the Senior School office.

MUSIC NOTES
Mr Peter Sharp
Director of Instrumental Music

Our bands for 2013 are now up and running. For those who are not yet sure of rehearsal times they are:

- Senior Concert Band - Monday 3:30-5:30;
- Intermediate Concert Band - Tuesday 3:30-5pm;
- Junior Concert Band - 3:30-4:45pm;
- Senior Stage Band - Thursday 3:30-5:30pm;
- Intermediate Stage Band - 3:30-5pm

Year 7 Training Band Recruitment Night
All Year 7 students interested in playing in our beginner band are invited to come along to our Recruitment Night which will be held in the Music Centre on Tuesday, 5 March, commencing at 7:30pm. Don't forget that you must be accompanied by an adult representative.

Secondhand Instruments
If you have an instrument that you wish to offer for sale at the Recruitment Night please send your details to Mr Sharp as soon as possible.

Upcoming Performances
The Junior Band will be required to perform for the Year 7 Recruitment Night on Tuesday, 5 March. Band students will need to be at the Music Centre by 7:15pm and will be finished by 8pm.

FESTIVALS
Mrs Bibi Grenade—LOTE Coordinator

We would like to recognise any member of our school community celebrating any of these festivals. If we have missed any festival, please email us at bgrenad@fhs.vic.edu.au

March 2013
Fri 1
St David's Day (Christian)
Sat 2
Nineteen Day Fast (start) (Bahai)
Sun 3
Hina-matsuri - Festival of Dolls (Shinto)
Tue 5
St Piran's Day (Christian)
Sun 10
Mothering Sunday (Christian)
Sun 17
St Patrick's Day (Christian)
Mon 18
Clean Monday - Beginning of Lent (Orthodox) (Christian)
Tue 19
St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christian)
Wed 20
Spring Equinox - Easter (Pagan)
Thu 21
Naw-Ruz (Bahai)
Jamshedi Noruz (Fasli) (Zoroastrian)
Shubun-sai - Equinox Day (Shinto )
Sun 24
Palm Sunday (Christian)
Mon 25
Annunciation (Christian)
Fast of the Firstborn (Jewish)
Tue 26
Passover (1st day) (Jewish)
Khordad Sal (Fasli) (Zoroastrian)
Thu 28
Maundy Thursday (Christian )
Hola Mohalla (Lunar Calendar) (Sikh)
Fri 29
Good Friday (Christian)
Sat 30
Holy Saturday (Western) (Christian)
Sun 31
Easter Sunday (Western) (Christian)

Happy Celebration
Due to industrial action, Interim Reports will not be provided to parents. However we encourage all parents to participate in Parent Teacher/Student interviews, where you will be provided with feedback on your child’s progress. In order to accommodate the anticipated increase in parent/student participation, we have extended the number of booking times available. Consequently, **Year 7-11** students will not be required to attend formal classes but will be expected to attend interviews. **Year 12 classes** will run as normal with all students studying a Year 12 subject expected to attend as required.

Interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, 27 March: 9:00am – 4:30pm and 5:15pm – 7:30pm. In the near future, each family will receive a letter providing an online booking code to be used via the website. Those families without website access can ring the school to arrange interview times after receiving this letter.

### MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
**Mrs Christine Dawe—First Aid Attendant**

Parents and guardians are advised that any students who require any medication must leave it at Sick Bay.

The school is prohibited from administering any over the counter medication, including Panadol and antihistamines. If you would like your student to have access to these, or any other medications, you must have provided it, with your child’s name and form, to the First Aid Attendant.

### STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

Students who need to leave school early must provide a note from parents to the Year Level Coordinator who will issue an Early Leavers Pass. On leaving school, the student must report to the General Office so that the departure can be recorded in the ‘Early Leavers Book’.

### FRANKSTON HOCKEY CLUB

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**ALL PLAYERS WELCOME**

**JUNIORS MENS WOMENS**

Monash Uni, Off Bloom St, Frankston

Date: Sunday 3rd March

Time: 11am – 4pm

Enquiries to:

Chris - cwall89@live.com

Joe Hill - 0409 166105

joehill@iinet.net.au

### Fit Tip!

**Never Skip Breakfast!**

- It speeds up your metabolism
- Increases your performance throughout the day
- Helps control your weight

**Breakfast should be a fun social experience**

**ENJOY IT**

Ask at the Finance Office about our special Frankston High School membership

1 month for just $15.00

for students, teachers, family and friends

**Conditions apply for the use of the weight room**

**Ph: 1300 Core Health**

1300 2 673 43
**Clean Up Australia Day**

**When:** Sunday 3 March, 11am to Noon

**Where:** Frankston Waterfront BBQ area

Children and families – come join us on Clean Up Australia Day!

Frankston City Council will host our local clean up event, meeting at the Frankston Waterfront barbecue area from 11:00am. An hour’s clean up will be followed by a free barbecue lunch for participants.

Please register at Clean Up Australia Day website or contact Environment on environment@frankston.vic.gov.au or 9768 1628 (for catering). All participants are advised to wear sun protection, sturdy footwear and gloves.

Every person makes a difference to the health of our environment. So come and join like-minded locals to keep our award winning beach clean and beautiful!

**Clean Beach - For Shore!**

**When:** Sunday 3 March, 1.00pm to 3.30pm

**Where:** Frankston Waterfront

Stay with us after the morning’s Clean Up Australia Day event…. for an afternoon of fun activities learning about our beautiful beach environment, with games, relay races, quizzes, prizes, roaming performers and giveaways.

Even if you are not taking part in the Clean Up, come along in the afternoon and join in fun for the whole family!

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

School photos will be taken on 4 March for students on the 7—10 Campus and the Senior Campus.

Students will have received an information package. **Please read all the information carefully.** Students will receive a timetable of when their class photo will be taken.

On this date, all students are required to be in full summer uniform and have neat hair.

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Frankston City Council invites you to register for the

**Frankston Community Conversation**

A forum to refresh the priorities for Frankston’s future.

Saturday, 2 March

10am—4pm

To register your interest or to find out more, please contact Eleanor at Capire Consulting Group on 9285 9012 or Eleanor@capire.com.au
Sustainability FESTIVAL
SUNDAY 17th
MARCH 2013, 10 - 4 PM
At The Briars 450 Nepean Hwy, Mount Martha

Free Fun for the whole family!

Great fun for the kids
• Meet ABC TV's dirtgirl
• High energy fun with Splash Entertainment
• Face painting
• Meet Australian native animals
• Generate your own electricity

Buy green & gorgeous goodies
• Shop for local food, handmade crafts & green products
• Enjoy a tasty lunch
• Swap your backyard veggies at the Home Harvest Exchange from 10 – 11

Get into the groove with music from
• Cousin Leonard
• The Stiletto Sisters
• Round House and more...

Plus stalls, talks and demonstrations Rain, hail or shine!

For more info visit our website www.mornpen.vic.gov.au
or call Customer Service on ph. 1300 850 600 or 5950 1000
PARENTS DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

The start and end of the school day is a very busy time and it is essential parents and friends consider student safety when picking up or dropping off students.

Please do not drop off students in the No Standing and Bus Zones. There are designated Drop Off / Pick Up lanes for your use. There are also many side streets where there are safe areas to drop off students. Could you also please be mindful of not blocking driveways of our neighbouring homes.

FRANKSTON HIGH SCHOOL ROWING TEAM
Mary Hunter - Rowing Coach

The Year 10 girls competed at the Junior State Champions at the Barwon on the weekend.

They won the B Grade Final; however, as one of the girls had her seat malfunction, this affected their race result.

In the second race they managed to beat the Hawthorn team. Well done to the girls. We have the State Champions and the Head of School girls.

Saskia Dekker, Louise Kelly, Beth Mainland and Liz Simpson

URGENTLY SEEKING HOST FAMILIES
Mrs Anne Thomson
Community Liaison Coordinator

We have our annual visit from Osaka Seikei Girls High School, from 18 - 28 March (10 days) this year and I am urgently seeking 31 host families (we need another 18). The Japanese girls are 16 years old, they can share a room and they will be here to experience our food, our school and our culture. Your child does not have to speak Japanese to host a Japanese student. A payment of approximately $20 per day is provided to assist with guest expenses.

It is always a challenge to find enough host families, so please consider this rewarding experience. You will find the Host Family Profile at the back of the newsletter.

Further enquiries: Anne Thomson 0409 835 541 or athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au
WORKING BEE!
Ms Lee Anne Smith – Assistant Principal

Sunday, 17 March 8am—12pm

Your help is needed please!

On Sunday, 17 March, the Grounds Committee is holding a Working Bee from 8am until 12 noon. We are aiming to plant and mulch the gardens on both campuses.

Working Bees at Frankston High School are very friendly and welcoming. The tasks are suitable for all ages and the work makes such a difference to the appearance of the school.

The school has some gardening tools but it is always helpful if Working Bee members can bring their own as well. We will be mulching, planting as well as doing a general tidy up of the grounds. Wheelbarrows, shovels, secateurs and clippers would be particularly useful.

At the end of the Working Bee there will be a light Thank You lunch provided for everyone who has donated their time to assist in this activity.

Please register online at www.fhs.vic.edu.au if you are able to attend the Working Bee. Alternatively, telephone the General Office or email generaloffice@fhs.vic.edu.au by Thursday, 14 March 2013.

SECONDHAND BOOKS
STILL AVAILABLE
Anne Thomson
Community Liaison Coordinator

There are still a number of Second Hand Books available for sale: Please text Anne Thomson on 0409 835 541 or email athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au with enquiries.

Year 7:
Alex Jackson Grommet, Touche 1, Touche 2, Hai 2 and 4Ed - 5Ed Dictionaries.

Year 8:
Falling from Grace, The Outsiders, Touche 3, Touche 4, Hai 3, Hai 4.

Year 9:

Year 10:
Hai Ima, Outdoor & Environmental Studies, Psychology 1&2, Girl with the Pearl Earring.

Year 11:

Year 12:
Food Solutions 3&4: 3Ed, Acting Smart: Version 6, IT Applications 3&4: 3Ed, Maths Quest 12 Further Mathematics, Health & Human Development 3&4, Cosi, Dressmaker, Two Brothers, Using Language to Persuade.

WORKING BEES 2013
Ms Lee Anne Smith

Term 1
Sunday, 17 March 8am—12pm

Term 2
Sunday, 2 June 8am—12pm

Term 3
Sunday, 8 September 8am—12pm

Term 4
Sunday, 24 November 8am—12pm

UNIFORM SHOP
Mrs Karen Talbot-Walsh [Manager]

TELEPHONE 9770 0084 (SHOP)

PLEASE NOTE:
Saturday 10 March
Uniform Shop will be closed for Labour Day long weekend.

TRADING HOURS
Thursday
12:30pm – 1:30pm
3pm - 4pm
7:30pm – 8:30pm

Saturday
10am - 12noon
Full Name of Host Buddy: _____________________________     Year Level: eg 8E ______

Japanese Student Name (office use only):_____________________________________

Osaka Seikei High School (all girls): Monday 18 March - Thursday 28 March 2013 (10 nights)

Family Member Details: (please include details of all people residing at your home)

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Address:                                                                                           Postcode:  
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Home Phone: _______________ Mobile: ____________________________ Name ________________________________

Mobile: ____________________________ Name ________________________________

Preferred student email address: ____________________________________________

Student (buddy) mobile number: ____________________________________________

Can we give your contact number to other host families? YES ______ NO ______

Email Address:________________________________________________________________________________

ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:
Pets/animals:  
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Sport/Leisure Activities/Hobbies/Interests:  
_____________________________________________________________________________________

A fee of approximately $20 per day will be paid towards guest expenses for hosting.

Please Note: A Working with Children Check is required by law for every family member over the age of 18 residing at home.

If you already have a WWC Check, please complete the details below:

Name: ___________________________ WWC No. ____________________________
Name: ___________________________ WWC No. ____________________________

Please email forms to Anne Thomson
OR return hardcopy forms to the General Office Immediately.
Any queries, please contact Anne Thomson 0409 835 541 or email athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au