DEAR PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS & FRIENDS

Upon receiving this newsletter and your child’s report in the mail, I hope that you have some time to read the newsletter and reflect upon the terrific first semester our students have enjoyed at Frankston High School. Also I hope that you will spend some time in the holidays discussing reports with students, celebrating successes and also reflecting upon and planning as a family for future improvement. Parents of Years 11 and 12 students please book online now for parent/teacher/student interviews to be held on Wednesday 20 July. These interviews provide families with an important opportunity to plan with teachers how students can best be supported as they proceed with Unit 2, Unit 4 and VCAL studies.

FOOTLOOSE TAKES FRANKSTON BY STORM

Our cast of extremely talented students wowed the audiences throughout the season of our 2011 musical production: FOOTLOOSE. Performers devoted countless hours after school, on weekends and during school holidays to develop their performance skills to an exceptional level. They were well supported by a very dedicated production team, Ms Brie Gibson, Ms Kath Tagg, Ms Laura Pitt, Ms Sally Bredin and Ms Kristie Vidotto, who gave generously of their time, talents and energy to ensure our students had extraordinary learning experiences. In particular the support provided by a highly talented production band once again showcased the musical talents of our students and staff. The George Jenkins Theatre provided very comfy seats for the audience and a most professional experience for our students. Our award winning hip hop/contemporary dance troupe were a phenomenal support act thanks to the outstanding choreography of Jessica Shorten (Year 12).

Certainly, all participants in this musical now have wonderful memories that they will cherish for a lifetime. They have also learned that by doing their best always you can experience great success.

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Editor: Mr John Albiston

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THE HON MARTIN DIXON: MINISTER OF EDUCATION VISITS FRANKSTON HIGH SCHOOL
On Tuesday we were most fortunate to have a visit from The Hon Martin Dixon: Minister of Education and Mr Geoff Shaw, MLA, Member of Frankston. We took our visitors on a tour of the new Science Centre (to be opened soon) and the Senior Campus. During morning tea we had the opportunity to discuss issues pertinent to our school. Our visitors congratulated our community on their efforts to maintain Frankston High School as a leading high performing school.

A BUSY TIME AS SENIOR STUDENTS SIT EXAMS
Last week our Years 11 and 12 students have been sitting exams. Congratulations to the majority of our students who have used their time wisely to regularly study throughout the semester in preparation for these exams. In particular, I wish to acknowledge our extraordinary teachers who have been holding revision lectures at lunch-time, afterschool and over weekends to assist our Senior Students in preparation for their June exams. Thank you also to teachers for the extra support and assistance they have given, in terms of one on one help and tuition and marking practice exams to ensure students were fully prepared for these exams.

SEMPER SQUAD: TRAINING WITH ENTHUSIASM
A few weeks ago with Ms Deb Anderson’s great energetic leadership and passion for Athletics we launched Frankston High School’s Semper Squad. This is our Athletics Squad which is working with a team of coaches and will also be involved with Physiotherapists and Dieticians to learn how they can become supremely fit for athletics competitions and also for any sporting teams they may play for. Any student at the school can join this squad; it is not about ability but provides an opportunity to encourage everyone to lead a fit and healthy lifestyle and to be the best they can be. Over 100 students are currently attending breakfast and after school training sessions. I encourage students to join, even if they are unable to attend all training sessions. This is a fun group way of staying fit and helps our students to feel a special sense of belonging to our great school. Last weekend I greatly enjoyed cheering for members of our squad as they competed in the Road Relays. Thanks to our staff who share their coaching expertise and give way beyond what is expected to provide our students with such special experiences.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS CELEBRATE END OF EXAM WEEK AT FORMAL
Last Thursday week the Year 12 students were able to celebrate the completion of their Unit 3 subjects, SACs and exams by attending the formal. I am sure all parents were most impressed, as were staff, with how stylish and impressive our students appeared in their formal attire. A great evening was had by all with catering staff full of praise for the behaviour and manners of our young people. Thanks especially to Ms Clare Challenger and Mrs Maree Granger who were responsible for overseeing this event, ensuring everyone had an enjoyable evening.

A VISIT TO OUR SISTER SCHOOL IN SOUTH AFRICA
During the holidays I will visit South Africa to meet the newly appointed Principal (Ms Ellen Mathopo) of our sister school: Letisbogo Girls High School. I will also attend a reunion to meet up with as many girls who have attended Frankston High School since the inception of our sponsorship program in 1999. After this reunion I will attend a conference with Ms Mathopo to learn about the educational trends and issues in South Africa and Botswana. If you would like to contribute to this program and make a difference in the life of a student from Letisbogo Girls High School you can do so now by hosting our current student: Pertunia for a few weeks. Please contact Mrs Anne Thompson at school to register your interest.

I wish everyone a relaxing first semester break and I am sure Semester 2 will give us great cause for celebration as has Semester 1, thanks to the calibre of students, staff and parents that make up our exceptional community.

John Albiston
Principal

HOST FAMILIES FOR FRENCH STUDENTS URGENTLY NEEDED
Mrs Anne Thomson
Community Liaison Coordinator
I am urgently looking for host families who can host some of our French students for 1 or 2 weeks during the following periods:

Male: 17 July - 20 August
Male: 1 July - 17 July (school holidays) and 7 August - 20 August
Female: 7 August - 20 August

If you are interested please contact Anne Thomson on 0409 835 541 for further information or email Anne at athomso@fhs.vic.edu.au
Thank you to Ms Clare Challenger and Mrs Maree Granger for their excellent organisation of the evening, and to Mrs Jan Barbour for her assistance.

Thank you also to the staff who attended:
Mr John Albiston, Mrs Maree Granger, Mrs Carolyn Walsh, Mr Con Neratzoglou, Mr Matt Parker, Mrs Carolyn McIver, Ms Leanne Cox, Mr Travis de Valle, Ms Clare Challenger, Mr Graham Bryans and Mrs Jan Barbour.

THANK YOU TO SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS
As first semester draws to a close, I would like to thank the senior school teachers for their excellent work and commitment to the students over the semester. Their tireless hours of work, both in and out of the classroom is outstanding to ensure students maximise their learning outcomes and performance.
Finally, I would like to wish all students and parents a pleasant and relaxing holiday. It is an excellent opportunity to “recharge the batteries” ready for what will be a very important Term 3.

MONASH UNIVERSITY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 26 July 6.30 pm
Monash University Peninsula Campus

The evening aims to provide information and advice to parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students about university study opportunities and Monash courses. Areas to be covered will include:
- The Monash environment including campuses, faculties and courses applying
- Learning environment, expectations and transition
- Fees and Costs
- Alternative entry opportunities including the Diploma of Tertiary Studies scholarships
- Tips for parents

The evening will be held in F building, opposite the George Jenkins Theatre. This is a free event but registrations are essential at: http://www.monash.edu.au/campuses/peninsula/booking/parent-evening-booking-form.html
YEAR 10 TRANSITION PROGRAM 2012
Year 10 students are now in the midst of learning about how to select the most appropriate course for them when they transition into the Senior Campus in 2012. This is a sometimes daunting task for students and it would be wonderful if families could work together with their children to support them in the selection of an appropriate program.

The Year 10 students have all been given a Job Guide and an information pack regarding the selection of a course. The options available to students are below....

VCE
This gives a student an ATAR score which is used for further learning selection. Students intending to go on from Year 12 into further education need to be very clever and watch for the prerequisite subjects that they may need to study in Years 11 and 12. The VICTER 2014 is a publication that can be found on the VTAC website (www.vtac.edu.au), select ‘publications’ from the left hand side and then select ‘Current Year 10 and Year 11 students’.

All Year 11 students undertaking VCE are to take six subjects and they may include in their subject list a Unit 3 and 4 subject (generally a Year 12 study) or a VET subject (taken at another institution, usually Chisholm TAFE) or both, in their selection.

VCAL
This program does not give a student an ATAR score. It is based upon ‘Applied Learning’ principles and is beneficial for students who are sure they do not need an ATAR but value continued education. The VCAL program is limited in size and students will have to input a VCE course and then apply for the VCAL program so that they have a back up option should their application to VCAL not be successful.

How Do I Apply For My Year 11 Course?
All Year 10 students will select their Senior Program via the ‘Online Selection Program’ used by students to select their Middle School course previously. Instructions as to how this is achieved will be mailed to students in the last week of this term.

Will There Be Extra Assistance?
Each Year 10 student will also be posted a letter which indicates the time of the Individual Course Counselling Appointment. This appointment will be with a counsellor who has been trained specifically for this process and students will be asked to attend with a parent/guardian to check that the course they have input onto our online system is appropriate and fully complete. At this appointment students will also submit extra forms that they must supply. Such forms include the VET Application Form, the VCAL Application Form and the Units 3 and 4 Application Form.

What Is The Timeline?
19 July – on this day there will be a tertiary expo on the Senior Campus which begins for students at 2.30 pm and continues until 4.30 pm to allow parents to attend. At 5.00 pm there will be a subject expo for students and parents to speak to current teachers of the VCE subjects so that they can get a full and complete picture of the subject they are selecting. At 6.00 pm there will be a presentation to go over the finer points of ATAR calculation and subject selection and students and parents are strongly advised to attend.

21 July, 26 July and 27 July
On these days we will be confirming with students and their parents/guardians the course that has been selected. Appointments shall be mailed to families in the last week of this term.

THE EXTRA BITS....
On the Frankston High School Portal students have been shown how to find the course description books for Units 1 and 2 subjects. You will need to consult this as decisions are being made regarding subject selection. Most Tertiary Institutions have a section of their website catering to information for Year 10 students to help them with course selection. Often you need to select ‘Future Students’ on the homepage and there you will be directed to Year 10 information.

WORK EXPERIENCE
After a very long process of organisation Frankston High School Year 10 students are heading off on the 27 June until 1 July to experience life in the workforce. Students are to remember that they are to behave in a manner that reflects the values of our school and they should have contacted their employer to remind them of their arrival on Monday morning.

Students are to contact Frankston High School should they have any concerns whilst on Work Experience. You should feel confident in what is required of you and you should in no way perform any task that you feel you are not prepared/trained/suited for.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Dana Lamb and Mr Thomas Whipp who have worked extremely hard to ensure that all Work Experience placements meet the correct guidelines and have been persistent in ensuring the best practice in Work Experience management.
HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Ms Donna Harding - International Student Coordinator

Caring host families are needed for International Students enrolled at Frankston High School.

If you would like to participate in paid hosting please contact Donna Harding on 9783 7955

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
Jordan Hay - Year 9 and Laura MacNeil - Year 10

On 8 June we attended an Environmental Morning Tea at Frankston Life Saving Club to celebrate World Environment Day. In attendance we had Donna Bauer (State Member for Carrum), Geoff Shaw, (State Member for Frankston), Kris Bolam (Mayor of Frankston) and Sandra Mayer (Deputy Mayor of Frankston). Also in attendance were a range of volunteer groups such as the Indigenous Nursery Group, AWARE animal group and other various friends groups.

We made a short presentation stating what we have achieved with our Environmental Focus Group including primary school workshops, our recent sustainability conference and attending the Melbourne Water Conference along with much more. We highlighted several of our goals for this year such as continuing to use energy awareness products, to focus on waste in our school and to attend our second year at the Melbourne Water Conference!

We were thrilled to be given very positive feedback on our presentation and how well Frankston High School is achieving with our environmental focus. All in all it was a great morning!

7E and 7G were privileged to have Dr Tony Papenfuss speak to them recently about the research he is conducting into the Tasmanian Devil.

The students gained an insight into the work of a research scientist and were fascinated by his knowledge of the deadly Tasmanian devil facial tumour. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students and fitted directly with their current studies of endangered species.

We would like to thank Tony for giving up his time to speak with our students.

ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION

Where: (Melway Ref: 99 F9)
Operations Centre (Depot)
3 Buna Avenue
Seaford

Electronic equipment collected over the weekend of 25 and 26 June will be recycled, keeping valuable resources and toxic materials out of landfill.

If you missed the FREE electronic waste drop-off weekend visit www.recyclingnearyou.com.au or www.businessrecycling.com.au to find other recycling services in Victoria.

For more information about the electronic waste collection weekend please contact 1300 322 322
Trivia Night

Friday 29th July

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start @
Frankston High School Music Centre

Who can displace the champions????

$15 per person
Book a table early - 10 per table
don’t miss out!

Bring extra $$$ for mystery auction and games !!!!!!!

Bring your own drinks and nibbles for your table.
Tea and coffee provided.
Make up a table or we can make up one for you.

Enquires and bookings: Barbara Bradey  0409 522 427
Congratulations to Callum Gosh (left) and Jim Nevill of Year 11, who represented Frankston High School at the recent Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).

MUNA is part of an international Rotary Project to educate senior high school students on the United Nations Organisation and its vital commitment to world peace along with health, education and living standards around the world. MUNA helps students to develop public speaking and debating skills along with the study of the customs, culture and problems of the world's nations. Delegates attend MUNA wearing the national dress of the country they represent.

Callum and Jim (right) attended the weekend to debate and vote on resolutions representing their nominated country of Singapore. These two students represented the school community with great pride.
Fit Tip!

Benefits of Strength Training

Strength training will increase your metabolism 24 hours per day.

Cardiovascular training will only increase it for the duration of the exercise session and for only ½ - 1 hour after the exercise session.

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 4 3

UNIFORM SHOP
Mrs Deb Hester [Manager]
TELEPHONE 9770 0084 (SHOP)

- Thursday 30 June was our last day for uniform sales in Term 2
- The Uniform Shop will re-open for normal Thursday trading hours on Thursday 21 July

PLEASE NOTE:
The Uniform Shop will be closed on a Thursday evening for Term 3.
Thursday evening trading will resume 13 October (first week of Term 4)

TRADING HOURS
Thursday 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
3.00 pm - 4.00 pm
7.30 pm - 8.30 pm
Saturday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon