DEAR PARENTS, STAFF, STUDENTS AND FRIENDS

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing break over the holidays. However, certainly not everything came to a standstill at Frankston High School which allows me to share some great news with you.

FRANKSTON HIGH SCHOOL BECOMING MORE SUSTAINABLE
During the holidays, the process to de lamp the Year 7-10 Campus and replace all fluorescent tubes with LED tubes began. Sensors are also being installed in all rooms to ensure lights turn off automatically when rooms are not in use. This will significantly reduce our school’s carbon footprint, to preserve our precious environment, and we are expecting significant savings from reduced electricity costs. Such savings will be utilised to further improve the quality of educational resources we are able to provide to our students.

A NEW ROOF FOR BOTH CAMPUSES
Finally after years of lobbying the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, we were informed during the holidays that we would receive a significant grant to construct new roofs on both campuses. This will be a great bonus in preserving the quality of our facilities with no more leaks expected.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE SENIOR CAMPUS
After many years of saving locally raised funds we are pleased to announce that we are commencing a refurbishment of the Senior Campus. Since we have a new Science Centre we will begin this renovation where the old Science rooms are located in Block G. Over the next week we will be finalising the appointment of an Architect to oversee this project. I will keep you posted as we proceed with this venture.

HADYN BARR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS PREMIER’S AWARD: RANKED IN THE STATE’S TOP 5
Last year Hadyn Barr received a perfect subject score of 50 for his performance in Year 12 Further Mathematics. Recently Hadyn attended a ceremony to receive a Premier’s award from the Premier. Not all students who achieve a perfect score receive such a prestigious award. It is only students ranked in the top 5 in the State that are considered. On behalf of our community we congratulate Hadyn and would like to say how proud we are of his achievements. Also this is a testimony to the superb teaching skills and dedication of his Year 12 teacher, Mrs Pelzer who supported Hadyn to achieve such an outstanding result.

IMPORTANT DATES ON PAGE 3:
PLEASE DETACH AND PLACE ON YOUR NOTICE BOARD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
SEMPER SQUAD PRODUCING GREAT RESULTS: STATE CHAMPIONS!
Thanks to Ms Edwards, Mr Burt and Ms Anderson who devote so much time to coaching our Semper Squad members. Last year we had two cross country teams qualify for the State Championships and this year we had an incredible five teams through plus a number of individual qualifiers. Congratulations in particular to the 15 girls team that became State Champions. Lauren Groves, Kayla Ripari, Clare Musara, Chloe Nelson, and Tarryn Elvish. Special mention also to Caitlin Little, who assisted in qualifying the team for the State Final.

PLANNING FUTURE LEARNING PATHWAYS
At the moment there is a huge focus across the school in providing support to parents and students as they prepare to select courses for 2013. I hope Year 10 students and parents found the wonderful Subject Expo and Information Evening very helpful in planning for VCE. Parents and students are required to be involved in the important course counselling process that will occur over the first half of this term. This is a critical process to ensure that all students are embarking on a learning pathway that best caters for their strengths and aspirations for the future. I look forward to catching up with many of you as you arrive for your course counselling appointments.

John Albiston
Principal

FRENCH TRIP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
A reminder to parents that there is a Parent Information Night for both parents and students involved in the trip to France in September. Important documentation will be distributed at this meeting.

The Information Night is Monday 30 July at 7.00 pm in the Junior School Staff Room.

CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY 24 AUGUST
Further details coming in the next newsletter
Keep this date free
Looking forward to seeing you there

SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS
Ms Helen Wilson
Senior Campus Principal

WELCOME BACK
Welcome back to all students and staff, I hope you had a pleasant, relaxing and productive holiday and had a chance to 'recharge the batteries' ready for what will be a very important term.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSH FARRELL
Josh Farrell (Year 12) has recently been awarded a Queens’ Scout for his excellent work in community involvement, leadership development and outdoor recreation. This award is in recognition of Josh’s outstanding work and commitment to the Venturers Scouting group. Congratulations Josh.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEUNGHWAN LEE
Seunghwan Lee (Year 12) has been selected to represent Victoria in the 2012 Ice Hockey Nationals in Adelaide. This occurred on Wednesday 25 July 2012. Seunghwan has also been selected to represent Victoria in Inline Hockey, which will be held in Adelaide on 28 September.

We wish Seunghwan all the best with this competition.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS
End of semester reports were mailed home to parents of Senior School students on Friday 29 June. It is important for parents to read through and discuss the report with their child, and devise and implement strategies together to further improve student learning outcomes.

A Parent Teacher Night for Years 7-12 will be held on Thursday 16 August.

SENIOR SCHOOL MINI EXPO AND PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
A comprehensive program was held on Wednesday 25 July to assist students and parents in course selections and mapping a future learning pathway. A mini expo was held where Faculty heads and representatives showcased their Senior School classes and answered student and parent enquiries. The night concluded with a Parent Information forum where Mrs Maree Granger, Mrs Carolyn Walsh and the Senior School Coordination team presented a summary of VCE and VET studies.

I would like to thank the parents and students who attended this program. In addition I would like to thank the Faculty heads and the Senior School Coordination team headed by Mrs Maree Granger for providing invaluable information and assistance on the night. I would also like to thank Mrs Carolyn Walsh for her planning and organising of the night, and overseeing all activities, to ensure its success.

YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 COURSE SELECTION 2013
Year 10 and Year 11 students have been provided with information concerning 2013 course selections. This can be a daunting yet exciting process where students begin to make decisions that will help steer their future pathway.

Year 10 students have attended preliminary information sessions and group counselling sessions over the past few weeks. Parents and students will meet with a course counsellor to finalise their Year 11 courses. These interview times will be held over three days: 1 August, 2 August and 8 August 2012.
Year 11 students participated in the course counselling process on 23 July and 26 July 2012. If students or parents have any enquiries, you are most welcome to contact the Year 11 Coordinators (Mrs D’Ambra and Mr Neratzoglou), the Year 12 Coordinators (Mrs Granger and Ms Toovey) or the Careers Co-ordinator (Mrs Walsh).

VTAC SELECTIONS 2013
This term Year 12 students begin the important process of preparing their Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) selections for next year. Information, guidance and assistance will be available in iSupport sessions over the next few weeks and from the Careers Coordinator, Mrs Carolyn Walsh.

YEAR 12 VCAA JUNE EXAM AND STUDIO ARTS SAT 1 RESULTS
Results for the Year 12 VCAA June exams and Studio Arts SAT 1 will arrive in the school on Monday 6 August and will be distributed to students on this day. I wish students all the best with these results and I would like to remind any students who are concerned about their results to please see the Year 12 Coordinators, the Chaplain (Mr Matt Parker) or myself for assistance.

YEAR 12 PRACTICE EXAMS – SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS
As outlined in a previous letter to parents of students undertaking a Unit 3 and 4 study, Frankston High School is conducting Year 12 practice exams during the September holidays. The exams will commence on Friday 28 September and will conclude on Friday 5 October.

The advantages of this practice are clear, including: ensuring students utilised their September holidays for revision, opportunities for our students to maximise their success/results, maximising class revision time in Term 4 where teachers can address areas of concern in student performance and exam technique, and it provides opportunities for students to hone exam techniques and practices.

It is our expectation that Year 12 students would devote the third term holiday period to revision and study in preparation for the practice examinations and the final VCAA examinations. These practice examinations will be conducted under VCAA and Frankston High School guidelines. Final examination timetables will be distributed in the next few weeks.

I hope this initiative of practice examinations and the provision of teacher feedback will significantly enhance your child’s performance in the exams, allowing them to achieve their best.

STUDENTS DRIVING TO SCHOOL
Students who drive to school are reminded that they must complete a consent form (which is available from the Senior School Office) and attach a photocopy of their driver’s licence.

Students are not permitted to park in the school grounds and hence, must ensure that they follow local parking restrictions on nearby roads. Students should also be aware that they must not park too close to the pedestrian crossings or driveways, particularly the entrance and exit to the Senior Campus.
**SUSTAINABILITY NEWS**  
**Mr Brendan McKinnon**  
**Sustainability Coordinator**

**A SENSE OF THINGS TO COME...**  
Thanks to a grant from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Frankston High School is currently in the beginnings of an energy saving retrofit of the Junior Campus. Most traditional fluorescent light fittings are being replaced with LED tubes. Each LED will replace two fluorescents. Taking into consideration a LED tube uses 20 watts compared with 36 watts for a traditional fluorescent, this means a saving of 46 watts per fitting. On a school scale this represents a massive decrease in energy use.

The globes also have some other significant benefits. They are shatter proof and last for around 50,000 hours, compared with 30,000 for a fluorescent. Fittings and diffusers (light covers) should also last longer because LEDs do not produce as much heat.

In addition sensors are being installed in high energy use areas that will switch lights off (and ceiling fans in some cases) if no use of the room is detected.

**"TEAM GETS READY TO PRESENT!"**  
**Sue Robinson—Think.Act.Green Coordinator**

A hard working team of five Year Nine students has been polishing their final proposal which they will present to a panel of Industry and Education representatives at a Showcase on Saturday 4 August.

The group has been involved in an exciting initiative from The University of Melbourne called Think. Act. Green. It’s a fantastic program where tertiary students mentor secondary students in order to help them develop a sustainability proposal that can be implemented in their own school.

Our group has decided to focus on the issue of WASTE, and has attended several workshops at the University, as well as putting numerous hours into constructing their proposal and shaping the final presentation. Good luck to the team as they head towards the finish line!

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**AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION**  
**Andrew Watson—Maths Coordinator**

The Australian Maths Competition is on again this term, with students across the school competing in this annual event on Thursday 2 August. All Year 7 and 8 students will be involved on the day, with the majority sitting the formal competition paper, while some have elected to attempt a slightly easier problem solving activity developed in-house at Frankston High School.

The Year 9 and 10 students from the Accelerated Maths classes will also all compete in the Intermediate division, and we are asking for nominations from any other students in Year 9 -12 to contact their Maths teacher if they wish to be involved on the day.

Other students who wish to be involved need to complete an entry form provided by your Maths teacher and should return this form to Mr Watson along with the competition entry fee of $5.00 by Monday 30 July.

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**VCE STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON CONCESSION**

Passengers can travel on concession tickets if they are aged 16 years and under, or carry an approved Victorian Concession Card.

Children aged 16 years and under do not need a concession card to travel on a concession fare.

If you are a student aged 17 and over, you must carry a valid concession card.

A school identification card does not entitle students aged 17 years and over to buy concession fares.

A VPT (Victorian Public Transport) concession card is a valid concession card for students aged 17 years and over.

If you register a Student Myki at the time of applying for your VPT Concession Card you will receive both for $9.00. Both forms are available at the Senior Office or Online at [http://ptv.vic.gov.au/fores-tickets/concessions/students/#1](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/fores-tickets/concessions/students/#1) and must be applied for at the train station.


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PFA MEETING
Mrs Annette Wallace — President
Our next PFA meeting is on Tuesday 14 August at 7.30 pm in the Conference Room 7-10 Campus.
Our guest speaker will be Mrs Carolyn Walsh, Careers Coordinator, who will do a presentation for us: ‘Vet in Schools — changing the landscape’.
This is a great opportunity to help our children with their school pathways.
All are welcome.

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HOMEWORK CLUB
Ms Viv Bond
Homework Club Coordinator
Homework Club is happening again in Term 3.
It is held every Monday and Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Junior Resource Centre.
All welcome.
Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) until 22 July to place on your child’s sticker card. There’ll be one sticker for every $10.00 spent, excluding purchases of liquor, smoking/tobacco products and gift cards. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box, located at the General Office on the 7-10 Junior Campus at Frankston High School or at your local Woolworths.

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