Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week seemed to run away on us and many students are feeling a little tired. One of our preppies used all his powers of persuasion to try and get a staff member to drive him home at 2pm and said it was quite simple; he knew all the directions and would give them as he they went! That is great problem solving!

The students need to be commended on the effort they have made this week to get through all the tasks that have been set and for showing persistence when completing challenging tasks. Students have been taught how they need to set out their work, especially maths operations, to make it easier for them to follow as well as easier for the teacher to read and check. We would like every student to take pride in their work and complete it to the best of their ability. They are all making an effort to keep our classroom areas neat and tidy and looking after their belongings. We have “enrolled: Persistence Pete, Oscar Organisation and Gabby-Get-Along” into our classes to help us remember the skills we need to deal with all the things we are faced with each day. These characters are part of a program to support and develop essential skills of organisation, persistence, confidence, getting along and resilience. The students were delighted when Mrs. Watson’s organisational skills were somewhat lacking as I misplaced a new recorder that had been handed to me for safe keeping! (It just goes to show we are never too old to learn!)

A friendly reminder to please return completed paperwork to the school and to the families that have returned book schemes, permission notes etc. thank you. This week we only have one attachment, a Tuckshop Roster to be completed and returned as soon as possible so we can organise a roster and pop it in the newsletter.

The audit of the P & C books is still underway and as soon as they are back we will organise a date for the first meeting. In the interim nominations for positions may be sent out by the current committee.

We have had two new families enrol and they are expected to be here in a couple of weeks. This should secure our staffing ratio however we are working with the Department to finalise staffing arrangements and will keep you informed of any developments.

To anyone wanting to get fit, please consider the fitness group at school on Monday’s at 4pm. I can vouch you will discover muscles that have been happily dormant for years!

Finally, a thank you to Jenny Ramsey for her outstanding commitment to keep Book Club operating, the points we earn bring new books and resources into the school and make a huge difference.
Reminders for Parents and Students
- Tuckshop this Friday, orders and payment to be returned by Thursday.
- Remember to bring fruit for Fruit Break, Afternoon Tea, Water Bottle and a snack for students on the late bus.
- Library is on Friday’s. All students to have a library bag.
- A Fridge is available for student lunches.
- Jewellery, Nail Polish and Anklets are not part of the school dress code and are not allowed at school.

Book Club
Thank you to Jenny Ramsey for being our Book Club co-ordinator. A total of $513 for Freestone SS to purchase books for our school Library from sales. This is a huge commitment, and we are incredibly lucky to have new resources coming into the school “for free”.

Our first Book Club is due back to school on Monday 18th February 2013.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Thank you to school families and to Freestone community for the points gained to purchase new equipment for our School.

Enjoy the rest of the week. Have a fantastic week,

Laura Watson
Principal

Community News ~

In The Zone Physical Training
Adult Fitness Class
Come and join the new Adult Fitness Class on Monday 4.00pm at Freestone School. Have fun and get fit. $10 per person, one hour class.
Good cardio workout through boxing and running exercises, strength training using your own body weight plus free weights, finishing with stretching. This is a great full body workout.

Helena Oloman
Personal Trainer
0432 699 022

Freestone Playgroup
Where the kids come first
Come and have a cuppa and some fun.
Shared morning tea.

When: Wednesday’s
Time: 9am – 11 am (9.30am in winter)
Where: Freestone State School
Organised Activities for 0 – 5 year olds
Cost: $2 per week
Plus insurance $35/family or $25/family concession per full year
Enquiries: Leesa 4661 2739 or 0419 741 264
Carlee 4667 3227

2013 Junior Netball Fixtures
Sign-On Day Information
When: Saturday 16 February
Where: Bottom of the escalator in RC Shoppingworld
Time: 10am to 1pm
Promotion: Pay registration fees at sign-on & go in the draw to win back your fees
Fees: Fun net $60
Midgets & Juniors $135 (discounts for multiple players)
These fees are a once only payment, there is no weekly fees
Age Groups: Fun Net 5, 6 & 7 years
Midgets 8 7 ( years
Junior A & B 10—14 years
Fixtures: Commence Saturday 23 February

If you are unable to attend sign-on day, you are most welcome to sign-on prior. To sign-on prior or for more information please email or ring Linda Bunch 0407 734 380.

Warwick Gymnastics Club
The Warwick Gymnastics Club provides classes for people from the ages of 2 years up until adulthood. We are very excited about being able to offer parents the ability to utilise the government grant of a $150 voucher for current health care card holders toward their childrens sporting fees.

The classes we offer are:
Tiny Tumbler 2-5yo Tuesday and Fridays from 9.15am till 10am
Gym fun 5-17yo, these classes are run most weekday afternoons from 3.30pm. Participants learn their gymnastic skills with a play based program.
WAG (women’s artistic gymnastics) for 5-17yo with age and skill appropriate levels. Participants learn their skills through progressions aimed toward competitions however there is no requirement to compete.

Adult gymnastics offers adults of all ages, sizes and abilities to gain flexibility and strength in a fun, safe and private environment (you don’t have to be able to do a handstand we will teach you!)

We have a few vacancies available however they are running out quickly! For more details please contact Petra on 0411 111 406 or the club after 3.30pm on 4661 9826.