From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents

Not a lot to tell this week – we are in a Sports Day frenzy! The students and parent volunteers have been working hard and we are ready to do our very best on Friday, next Tuesday and next Friday!!! Thank you again to our intrepid trainers – the children are really coming together as a team and are ready to do their best, which is all we can ask of them of course.

It is great to see and hear everyone encouraging each other during training. That’s what a team is all about. I have not heard one negative comment from any of our students – they just keep on cheering each other on and helping our little ones to learn new skills. Well done Freestonians!

I hope you have all been practising your War Cries- F-R- double E- S-T-O-N-E….Gooooooo Freestone!!!!!!

Just a gentle reminder, particularly for our older students - we are still expecting homework, sight words and home reading to be done each week, as before. Apparently some of the students have let their sight word work, in particular, lapse. I know children get tired and they have other things in their lives aside from school, but if there is a problem with completing homework tasks, please jot a note in their diary so we know when to be lenient. Homework will continue as normal throughout the term, apart from the week of swimming, week 7, when it will be suspended.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday!

Regards

Janine Baldwin  Acting Principal
School Photos
Brian Dittman will be coming to Freestone on Wednesday the 10th of September to take our School photos. Brian will arrive at the start of the day while we are looking our very best! Hopefully, the weather will be warmer by then and the children will be able to wear their summer uniform. More details will be sent home as the time draws closer.

Behaviour Support
I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last couple of weeks with regards to behaviour. Without fail, you have responded quickly and positively to all the notes in diaries and letters home – this makes such a difference to harmony at school. When the children know we all want the same thing – a safe and happy school – it is more easily achieved. Thank you.

School Playgroup—Freestone State School
Freestone Playgroup meets from 9 to 11 am with the session involving free play, an organized craft activity and a music session. Please bring a healthy morning tea to share with others. We welcome all our new school families with little ones to come and meet some local mums.

Cost is only $2 per week plus Insurance $35 family for the full year.
If you need more information contact Leesa on 46612739 or 0419741264

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this. We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2
For more information please contact Rebecca Seward on (08) 64884652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

Term 3 Week 3
Random Acts of Kindness
Calum Oloman for showing great team spirit and encouraging everyone to do their best.

Heidi Thompson for giving up her place in her team so others could have a turn.

Congratulations to both these students for making Freestone School a nicer place to be and setting a great example for others to follow.

~Tuckshop~

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What's the best way to avoid or deal with “cyber-bullies”? There are things you can do to reduce the chances you'll receive abusive or other bullying messages, and to handle them if you are subjected to them:

- Only give your number to friends, and make it clear they’re not to give your number to others without your permission.
- Use caller ID blocking to hide your phone number if you call someone other than a friend or family member.
- Only use your phone when necessary.
- Don’t respond to nasty or inappropriate messages.
- If you do want to respond, wait until you’ve had time to calm down, so you are careful about what you say.
- Keep the message as evidence.
- Tell your parents, teacher or another trusted person that you’re being bullied.
- Don’t give out personal information about yourself to people you don’t know.
- Don’t leave your name on your voicemail. Leave a message like “thanks for calling—leave a message and I’ll call you back.”
- If you are being bullied, get your parents to talk to your phone company—they may be able to block calls from certain numbers, or give you a new number.
- Turn your phone off, and when you turn it on, only access messages from the numbers you know belong to friends.

A word about the Hermitage Research Facility Competition

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of our students. Last term was a very busy time for them preparing for the Hermitage Research Facility’s Science Competition. Firstly they drew a draft of their bug and discussed ideas on why their bugs looked the way they did, as well as what their habitats were, food sources and who their enemies were.

Next was the huge task of putting those ideas into a concrete sculpture that showcased those ideas. I know Ms Lane joins me when I say “Thank you guys for all your hard work”. It has certainly paid off. We received overall 3rd prize in the science section for years Prep to Three, with Lilly Oloman and Thomas Ryan receiving a Highly Commended each.

For our art we received the Most Outstanding Art in Agriculture Award! Will Sollars was the winner for Prep, Kayleigh Waugh won First prize for Year 5 and Abbi Mauch received a Highly Commended for her artwork.

By Mrs Cremasco
Sports Day Reminders

Only 1 sleep to go……….goooooooo Freestone!!!
See you all bright and early at Yangan for the March Past on Friday.
Good luck to all our students—remember, “It’s not whether you win or lose, it’s how you play the game.”
Never the less, it will be great if we win a few events, won’t it, especially after all our hard work? I hope all your houses are ringing to the sounds of your children practicing our War Cries, we have had great fun practicing them at school.
Please make sure your children have a hearty breakfast on Sports Day—it is a long and physically taxing day—lollies and softdrink, while great for a quick energy boost, won’t do the trick by themselves. Hats and water bottles too, please.
The Yangan tuckshop menu is attached to this newsletter.

Looking forward to a great day of friendship and competition.

Warwick Archery Association

Is hosting another get up and go archery day at 212 Ford Road, Warwick on Sunday the 10th August.
Ages 5 –12, 10am to 12am with Billy Tea, cordial and damper.
Ages 13+, 12am to 2pm with Billy Tea and sausage sizzle.
Remember closed in shoes and sun protection is a must!!
Hope to see you there.
For further information visit www.warwickarchers.com.au or call 46618706 or


What should be done if a phone is lost or stolen?

If your phone is stolen or "permanently" lost, remember that you can block it so that it can’t be used.
Contact your service provider as soon as possible so charges don’t start piling up and so access to your addresses is reduced.
If someone tries to steal your phone from you, don’t fight it - it’s a physical possession that can be replaced easily, and your safety is worth much more.

Jumpers & Jazz—Boot Sale—Freestone Hall

A Big Thank you to Abbi Mauch, Daniel McVeigh, Isaac Beh and Jesse Dudman for stepping up and helping to paint the Gum Boots for the recent Car Boot Sale at Freestone Hall.

With only 3 hours to complete six pairs we couldn’t have done it without you. Thank you to Beth Mauch who helped to decorate the large pair of boots that were auctioned off at the sale. Beth, you were fabulous. The job couldn’t have been done without you.

Joseph Bey’s bug, Lilly’s bug and Thomas Ryan’s mean bug.

More Bugs