The Freestone Flyer

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Weekly Newsletter of FREESTONE STATE SCHOOL

From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was lovely to see you at our Presentation Night last night. I was very proud of the students and think they did an excellent job with all their performances and speeches. As Ms Allen said, “we have a great bunch of kids”.

I realised after I had finished my speech, that I had omitted to mention the wonderful team of workers that helped make last night happen. (That’s what happens when you don’t read the speech you prepared and try to go by memory!) To Nicole, the glitter paint for the shirts was spectacular! To my mom and everyone who helped repaint the hand prints, cooked sausages, put up artwork and displays and took them down again, washed plates and cups, stacked chairs and benches. Thank you, we could not have done it without you.

To all our students, it has been a fantastic year. Some of you were fortunate enough to be recognised last night for consistent effort, improvement in academic results as well as overall behaviour and attitude. To those who were not recognised, don’t give up! Each of you have made progress and achieved goals that you did not think were possible. Next year there will be more opportunities to work hard and improve.

I thought I would close this last newsletter for the year with what I was supposed to say at the end of my speech last night:

“This is a school where teachers, staff, students and families all make a contribution in one way or another. You are all part of the team that makes a difference. We do not know what the future holds. There will be triumphs and challenges but with the great team we have in place and a sense of humour we will navigate our way through another successful year.”

Finally, all of us at Freestone State School would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Laura Watson
Principal

Calendar of Events:

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<td>P&amp;C Meeting-7:30pm 2nd Tuesday month</td>
<td>Stay tuned</td>
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<td>P&amp;C Mango Fundraising Drive</td>
<td>Mangoes have arrived... collect ASAP</td>
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<td>Please return voluntary Resource Scheme forms. Payment of invoice 2014</td>
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<td>Summer Vacation Break—</td>
<td>Sat 14 Dec to Sun 26 Jan 2014</td>
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<td>Those who will be part of the Resource Scheme may collect their books</td>
<td>from January 23</td>
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<td>Australia Day 2014 Holiday</td>
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Principal: Mrs Laura Watson  P&C President: Mrs Helena Oloman  Teachers: Mrs Laura Watson (P-3)  Miss Jacinta Allen (4-7)  Ms Jennifer Lane (General)  Mrs Heidi Thompson (LOTE)  Mr Roy Nott (HPE)  Ms Jayne Shelley (Music)  Teacher Aides: Mrs Annette Sinden  Mrs Lynn-Marie Cremasco  Mrs Marguerite Walsh  Mrs Marie Gould  Cleaner: Mrs Karen Mauch
Administration & Finance Officer: Mrs Judith O’Shea  Grounds care: Mr John Watson
The P&C Association are catering a function on January 24th 2014. Helpers are needed, please contact Helena Oloman on 0432699022.

Missing Bird
On Wednesday 4th Dec we lost our Cockatoo, an accident frightened him out of his cage and he flew away in the direction of the feedlot. If you see a white Cockatoo acting strangely or hear one talking (his name is Elvis) please phone us on 46614983 or 0417703701. A reward is offered.
Thanks Joe & Bev Browne

Freestone Playgroup
The Freestone Playgroup have some exciting things coming up in the following months:-

Adult Fitness Classes
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.

P&C will supply Tuckshop on Friday

~ P&C News ~

MANGO NEWS
They have arrived! Please collect your orders asap

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Book List & Resource Scheme
If you are going to participate in the Student Resource Scheme please return your signed form as soon as possible. Do not send in any payment as yet. We will send home invoices at the beginning of the year. Books can be collected from January 23.

Parents will need to purchase a few personal items for their children:-
- set of headphones (not bud ones)
- Library bag
- Recorder if your child is in year 4-7

Congratulations
Reading Awards
Amy Ryan, Rory Mauch and Georgia Sollars

Encouragement Awards
Kayleigh Waugh, Clare Ramsey and James Walker

Staff Junior Achiever
Lilly Oloman

Student of the Year
Daniel McVeigh

LOWES
Have Freestone School Jumpers reduced from $30 to only $17.99 at the Warwick Store in Rose City Shoppingworld

FREESTONE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE
The Freestone Community Christmas Tree is on again.

Thursday 12th December
The night starts at 7pm with SANTA arriving just after dark.

Contact Helena or Denise for details about Santa.

All Children eat and drink for free. Burgers and sausages on bread available.
BYO drinks.