Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Tuesday night we had our last P & C meeting for this year, thank you to all those who braved the storm to attend. There were a number of important issues that had to be finalised. One was our excursion and the other was our Speech or Graduation night. As you know this is usually held on the second last Thursday of the term come rain, hail or shine. This year the hall is booked for a wedding so we had to change the date. The first date we had in mind clashed with a NORCO function which affects many of our families as well as the wider community. It was decided Speech Night will be held in the last week of term. The new date is Monday 9th December commencing at 7:00pm. Please note the Student Free Day we used to have after Speech Night has become part of the additional days over the Easter Holidays so we no longer have the flexibility to select our own date. Once again, we will have hot dogs and drinks available before we start and ask everyone bring a plate to share after the presentations. We apologise for the changes but think the new date will be great from the school’s perspective as it gives us a little longer to make sure we get as much done as possible! More details will follow in the next week or so.

Another important topic was around enrolments and staffing for 2014. We have four confirmed enrolments in prep and another for Year 3. In addition we have a couple of families who have been to look at the school a few times. Given our current enrolments we have enough to secure our second teacher however if you are planning on changing schools next year please let us know. At this stage it is unlikely Miss Allen will be placed at our school in 2014. Education Qld have to accommodate permanent staff before casual contracts, however please bear in mind nothing will be finalised until after Day 8 2014. For the time being we are delighted at having more than 26 students for 2014 and will deal with other issues as they arise.

Our transition days have been going really well. I can honestly say the prospective parents have had a realistic look at what happens in a small school. On the first transition day we had to work around plumbing issues, the second day we were short staffed and had to work around preparing...
tuckshop. On Monday our third day the server failed and all the computers were down, this was a result of the weekend storm! The good news is that the students seemed to be blissfully unaware and settled down to do the activities. Many thanks to all the staff for their flexibility, especially Annette and Rob Devine, without their help it would have been far more difficult. The last of our transition days is on Monday 25th November from 9:30am until 11:00am.

We have sent home information about our excursion to Toowoomba on Friday 29th November, please ensure all forms and monies are returned as soon as possible, so we are able to confirm numbers. Please contact the school if the forms did not make it safely home from the classroom to you.

Finally, I am sending out a request for some urgent help. We need a “handyman” to come up with a plan to secure a few areas under the school buildings to stop all our tennis, soccer and footballs from disappearing. If you are able to assist please come and have a chat. The school will provide the materials and rally some helpers. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a great week

Laura Watson
Principal

~ Community News ~

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

Term 4 Activities Planned
Nov 20—Excursion to Giraween for a Bushwalk
Dec 11—Last meeting of the year for the Freestone Playgroup
Dec 14 —Is our MEGA Christmas Party at Leesa’a

Freestone Playgroup meet every Wednesday at the Freestone State School from 9 to 11 am.
Cost is only $2 per week plus
Insurance $35 family
for the full year.
If you need more information
contact Leesa on
4612739 or 0419741264

End of Year Dinner—BYO
To mark the end of the year, our annual P&C Dinner will be held on Saturday the 23 November at the Baringa Nursery at 7:30pm. Please note the change of date so that we do not clash with the Movie Night for the Hall. It would be great to see everyone there. If you can please confirm your attendance to Majella on 0400991772 by Monday 18th November so that we can confirm catering it would be appreciated. Cost per person will be $25 approx

~ P&C News ~

FREESTONE HALL
Is holding 2 fundraising functions this November.

The first the Christmas Car Boot Sale to be held at the hall on Sunday 17th Nov from 9am to 12 noon. $15 a site. For booking and more information call Jill on 0419678097.

The second will be a fun Outdoor Film Night, on Saturday Nov 30th. The night will start at 7pm and go till midnight. Food will be on sale and the bar will be open. Bring a chair or blanket to enjoy the movie. For more information call Jill on 0419678097

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.
Helena Oloman Personal Trainer
0432 699 022

~ Tuckshop ~

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