From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a great week we had last week!

Every one of our visitors last Friday had the loveliest afternoon – our Mothers’ Day Hooha was one of the best. We had a fabulous warm up with the mums, aunties, grandmas and big sisters showing our students a thing or two about how to play ballgames! What a hoot. No grudges though – we are good sports at Freestone, aren’t we??

We ambled back to the shade, had a quick cuppa and a bite to eat before heading off in groups for 5 sessions of relaxation and pampering. The children did a mighty job of massaging, applying makeup, improving hair styles, painting nails and generally making their mums (and others) feel at one with the universe – I think the cucumber eyepads and gentle temple stroking were a big favourite all round.

The afternoon was finished off with a beautiful afternoon tea, provided by all our visitors, and an impressive multi-draw raffle, provided mainly by our Student Council. Well done to all involved – we can be proud of putting on such a successful and enjoyable afternoon.

We took lots of photos – too many to display in one newsletter – so if you would like a copy of any, bring along a USB and we will copy them for you. We have included a few in this newsletter for your enjoyment.

Following a few incidences lately, we have reminded all students about appropriate behavior, use of the internet and language in the playground. This is especially important when there is a range in age groups who all play together. All students have a right to feel included and safe at school. We will continue to monitor the situation and appreciate your support in notifying us when there is an issue.

Regards
Laura Watson
Principal

Our school community working together to ensure that every student is learning and achieving every day.
Week | Date | What’s Cooking | Who’s Helping
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4 | 15/5 | Pizza | Karen Mauch
5 | 22/5 | Pies/ Sausage rolls Salad Rolls | Natalii Beh
6 | 29/5 | To be confirmed | Jenny Ryan
7 | 05/6 | Carbonnara | Alica Mauch
8 | 12/6 | Chicken Chips | Anita
9 | 19/6 | Pizza | To be confirmed
10 | 26/6 | To be confirmed | To be confirmed

Thank you to this term’s Tuckshop Volunteers
I have families able to help with desserts. Please let the school know if you would like another person to make the dessert on the day you are rostered for tuckshop.

Yellow—Sick / Absence / Late Note
Please pop a note in the diary if you need more absentee notes sent home. All absences have to be explained or they affect our attendance data which is displayed on My School. Education Qld sets a target of 98% explained. At present we sit at 96%-97%.

Cross Country – Allora
Four of our senior students represented Freestone at last week’s Cross Country races in Allora. They put in a mighty effort and were pretty tired afterwards – understandably so.

School Dental Van
The dental van will be at Freestone SS in 2 weeks. Parents will be notified of appointment times. This information is not passed onto the school due to privacy issues. Please let us know what day and time your child’s appointment is so we can plan our groups accordingly.

Mobile Women’s Health Service—Killarney 18th June—more next week.

P&C Meeting
Our P&C met on Wednesday night (the 13th) and a small but determined group gathered and discussed important things! Some of the important things were:

Senior Shirts:
While the shirts were ordered some time ago, they have not been delivered. We are awaiting their arrival and we will then hold our Leadership ceremony. We will keep you posted!

School Review:
Our school review went very well. The final report has not been received however the reviewers strongly recommend we market our school as a “school of choice”. We have discussed this as a staff and have planned to hold an Open Morning this term as well as doing a mail drop for Freestone and Warwick.

Excursion/ Upcoming Events:
We are hoping to travel to SOTE early in June to watch Japanese Taiko Drums with the older students. This will be a great cultural event for our LOTE students. We are also considering attending the WSHS dress rehearsal for their musical next Tuesday the 19th.

Facilities:
We are using the remaining money in the contingency fund to repair the tennis court fence.

Kitchen update:
We need to have a meeting with Building Asset Services before we go any further. In the lead up to that we will clear out the kitchen area and dispose of surplus furniture and equipment.

Book Fair:
We would love to hold a Book Fair later in the year. If you would be interested in organizing the Book Fair this year please contact the school.

Date claimer:
Mrs Watson will be attending an Anita Archer conference on Explicit Teaching, as a representative of the Small Schools Principals in our areas, in Toowoomba from the 9th – 12th of June.

Trivia Night:
This was a big success – socially and financially. The night raised over $4 400 which is a great effort for a small school. Many thanks again to all the people who helped make the night such a success.
As promised, after three weeks of homework being completed on time and to the standard expected, the students, with only a couple of exceptions, have earned themselves a Homework Free Week!!!! Yeh! The same reward will await after the next three weeks of homework is completed without any glitches. Well done kids – we all deserve a break now and then.

Here are some of our children’s thoughts about our Mothers’ Day Hoo-ha.

(Lauren) We played ball games and I really liked it. We did Mandalas with our mums. We did Mum’s hair and we sprayed her hair and did makeup.

(Isabella) I loved doing Nanny’s hair. I sprayed it purple. I put clips in her hair.

(Milla) I loved doing Mum’s hair. I painted Mum’s nails. Mums played ball games. Mum looked funny.

(Dominic) I liked the ball games and my favourite ball game was tunnel ball.

(Amy) First we did the mandalas – it was fun and colourful. Next we did the hair salon. I sprayed Mum’s hair with white and purple spray colour. I put the lipstick on Mum. I painted my Aunt’s nails pink. In the ball games I was leader in Leader Ball and our team came second. For afternoon tea I had some slice. In the raffle draw Mum won two prizes.

(Calum) At Mother’s Day I liked the raffle draw because I won Mum the thing she wanted most of all. I also liked the mandalas because that was the second favourite thing. My first favourite thing was the raffle tickets because that was fun. We also played Leader Ball, Captain Ball and Tunnel Ball.

(Will) At Mother’s Day it was really good. At the raffle draw I held a box of chocolates and I won something. It was a box of chocolates. I have eaten all of the chocolates!

(Joe) We went to the hair salon and I put things in Mum’s hair. We put things of paper in the raffle box.

(Lincoln) Our mums played well with the ball games. My mum laughed when I painted her fingernails.
Comments from our years 4-6

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(Bianca) I really liked playing ballgames against the adults.

(Lilly O) It was fun putting coloured spay in Mum’s hair.

(Alex) It was good to colour in with Mum as I didn’t like any of the other things.

(Maddy) Mum really enjoyed the foot and hand soak with the coconut oil and brown sugar scrub.

(Thomas Ryan) I think mum liked the hand soak best because her hands felt soft.

(Georgia) Me and mum liked colouring because she said it was relaxing and quiet.

(Joseph) I think mum liked the hand soak as it was relaxing.

(Dean) It was really fun. Mum loved it. I think it makes you have a better relationship with your mum as you shared fun.