Dear Families,

We have had an exciting few weeks here since our last newsletter! Science Week, Book Week and Fathers/Special Persons Day kept us very busy! It has been lovely to see our school community come together for these events. Make sure you check out our social media for the photos!

Farewell

Sadly we are farewelling one of our beautiful Frances families next week. The Hoctors have been a very special part of our school community for many years. We have had the pleasure of educating four of their children and have many fond memories of each one of them. Zoe and Chris have supported our school in many ways and are always there to help when needed. They will be missed greatly but we are excited for their new chapter as they head out on a new adventure.

Science Week

We had many fabulous experiments and experiences during Science Week. Each class teacher came up with a hands-on experiment for the whole school to be involved in. We grew crystals, learned about molecules and mixed liquids. What fun! Thanks to the teachers for going above and beyond to make our students learning so engaging and fun!

Book Week

From all accounts our Book Week breakfast and parade was an amazing morning. I loved looking at all of the costumes and thank all the parents for their support with this. It is one of my favourite days of the year! Reading is such a crucial part of children’s lives and Book Week is the opportunity to celebrate this! Congratulations to Milo, Frank, Samuel and Cam, who were awarded best costumes for each class.

It was lovely to have so many parents there to share the morning, and very special to have Playcentre there too.

Colouring In Winner

Congratulations to Isabelle Hindson who was awarded first place in the Mitre 10 Fathers’ Day colouring in competition. Izzy was given a present and a gift card for her Dad, Rob. Well done Izzy!

Sleepover

Please have a read through of the letter attached re our school sleepover. The teachers and I are very excited to be offering this opportunity for our students!
Fathers Day
Many Dads and special visitors came to celebrate with us on Friday afternoon. I don’t think there was a
dry eye in the school as one of our students received a special surprise visit from his Dad! We had a
lovely afternoon tea (thanks to Caz and Chef Flynn for their help) and had a great time playing sports,
colouring in and playing board games. The day culminated with a game of Dodgeball - special visitors
versus students. Lots of laughter could be heard and no hammies were pulled thankfully!

Assembly
Our Senior Class hosted our Week 5 assembly with some great work being shared. We gave out awards
and farewelled Holly and Frank. Thanks to all family members who came along for the second time that
day!

SSO Week
Week 5 was Support Staff Appreciation Week. The students made some lovely cards for Caz, Ali, Keryn,
Lavinia, Tania, Kara, Keith, Richard, Jacinta and Sile. We are so fortunate to have such a high calibre of
staff working with your children to support them in so many ways. To thank them, we surprised them with
a trip to Mundulla Mud for a fun clay workshop with a few treats to eat on the way. Our students sent
them out with a guard of honour to signify exactly how important they are in our school. For those
unable to come along we gave beautiful handmade cards.

Our Local Education Team also celebrated SSO Week by putting on a dinner at the Barn Palais. They
invited along a guest speaker, Robyn Moore who spoke passionately and was very well received.
Support staff are the backbone of schools and it is lovely that they were acknowledged for all of the
hard work they do!

Premiers Reading Challenge
We have almost reached the end of the Premiers Reading Challenge with most students having
already completed the required reading. If you are unsure if your child has met the requirements,
please contact the class teachers to check. It is lovely to celebrate such an important part of school
(and home!) life!
Small Schools Conference

Last Monday I attended the Small Schools Conference in Adelaide. It was an excellent opportunity to network with other Principals who are in like schools to us. We heard from The Hon Blair Boyer - MP, the Minister for Education and Professor Martin Westwell, the Chief Executive of the Department for Education. Both were excellent speakers who spoke to us through the lens of small schools. They were very passionate about small schools, both having a background attending smalls schools themselves. Throughout the day we learned from experts about how to successfully design learning so that all children can enter the world and be successful. This is more complex in a small school with many year levels to cater for, and I walked away with some excellent tools and knowledge to move us forward.

Headspace Workshops

On Wednesday 13th September, Lisa and I will be taking the year 6/7 students into Naracoorte to attend a presentation from Headspace about transitioning to High School. There is a parent workshop that evening being held at Naracoorte Primary School if you are interested in attending.

Save the Dates

We have some important dates coming up next term that we would like you to pop into your calendars. Our school concert has been booked in for Wednesday 29th November. We will be sending home information about this later, but want to ensure everyone keeps that date free.

Our camp this year is to Adelaide, including a sleepover at Monarto Zoo! The Seniors will be attending camp from 3rd - 6th December, with the rest of the school joining us from 4th - 6th December. The Seniors will have an extra day in Adelaide, then all students will meet at Monarto on Monday 4th December. It is going to be an amazing camp - we cannot wait to share all the details with you. I love school camps - they are such a wonderful opportunity for all students to participate in.

Playcentre

We are so fortunate to have our Playcentre on site here at Frances. It is an amazing resource that benefits the young people in our community along with their families. On Wednesdays the independent students come along from 9 - 12 and work with Keryn. On Fridays Letitia supports the independent children, and families are invited to join in with their younger children. It is a wonderful opportunity for families to connect, and the children to be supported with their learning in a fun, safe environment. We are very proud of our Playcentre and the benefits to the children who attend are enormous. The independent children work alongside our Junior Class students and undertake a year-long transition program. By the time they become a “red shirt”, they are well and truly school-ready!

Warm Regards,
Kym 😊
In Middle Class, we have been practising improving our sentences by using the 'because, but, so' exercise. The students use the same sentence stem to create three different sentences by using their understanding of three different connectives. Check out our awesome writing!

My friend baked a cake but she accidentally put in salt instead of sugar.
My friend baked a cake because she was hungry.
My friend baked a cake so she ate it.
- Samuel

My friend baked a cake but it melted.
My friend baked a cake so I helped him.
- Hugo

I went to the park but it was too hot.
I went to the park so I played on the playground.
I went to the park because my sisters were going on a walk to the park and I wanted to come along.
- Holly

The frog hopped so it was happy.
The frog hopped but slowly in the pines.
The frog hopped because it was a good boy.
- Sonny

The frog hopped because it was a good day.
The frog hopped but I said stop.
The frog hopped so he could find some flies.
- Isabelle

The frog hopped but it was fat.
The frog hopped so I can take a picture.
The frog hopped because I was chasing it.
- Billy

The frog hopped because it is excited.
The frog hopped but he could not find his family.
The frog hopped so he could see everything.
- Evie
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Primary and high school students are encouraged to grab their trusty camera or mobile phones/tablets to capture images that promote Healthy Life - Healthy You for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes that support healthy careers programs.

Competition closes 8 October 2023

Competition Partners
**Cricket Blast** is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

**Naracoorte Cricket Club**
**Starting**: 18 October
**4:00-5:00pm**
**Wortley Oval**
**VISIT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU**

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**COONAWARRA RUNNING FESTIVAL**
**RUNNING FOR MENTAL HEALTH**
**Saturday 11th November 2023**

21.1km, 12km, 6km, 1km,
Toddler Race, 5km Wobbly Winery Walk
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