FRANKLIN LAUNCHES NEW HISTORY UNITS

This year we are implementing the new NSW History Syllabus. The staff are really excited about teaching our students about local, regional, Australian and worldwide history.

This week we are launching new names for classes that reflect significant Australian explorers and pioneers. Mrs Myers, our teacher librarian, will be working with each class in the coming weeks to inform them about the significant person that their class has been named after;

- Miss Page
- Mrs Bye
- Miss Schofield
- Mr Crane
- Miss Anderson
- Miss Rampling
- Miss Nixon
- Mrs Lynch
- Mrs Gould
- Mr Lu

We will ensure that this will add an extra dimension to developing skills in history.

INTRODUCING OUR 2016 LEADERS

Last Friday we held our important Leadership Assembly. We welcomed to the school Mayor Ms Sue Bulger who spoke to the school about the importance and significance of being a leader.

Mrs Stuckey spoke about the need for great leaders in all aspects of society. The ability to lead by example and influence others by the way you speak, work and engage with others makes a good leader.

Mr Dan Roddy representing Tumut Rugby League presented badges to our sporting captains and vice captains.

Mrs Anne Till, our Reading Recovery teacher who is passionate about reading, presented badges to our library monitors on behalf of Mrs Myers our librarian.

This assembly acknowledge these children as being students who will carry out roles of responsibility at Franklin School in 2016.

All Year 6 students of 2016 have certainly shown their leadership skills this year by being outstanding ‘buddies’ for our new kindergarten students. They have supported kindergarten by assisting them in settling into school routines, keeping them safe and being great role models.

TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2016

We will be hosting Parent Information meetings for all stages. The venues and times for the meetings are:

- **Early Stage 1**: 4:30pm Kindergarten rooms
- **Stage 1**: 5:00pm 1/2A (Miss Anderson’s) classroom
- **Stage 2**: 5:30pm 4/5G (Miss Gould’s) classroom
- **Stage 3**: 6:00pm Year 5/6 (Mrs Grivas and Mr Lu’s) classroom

SKOOLBAG APP

Have you got the Franklin Skoolbag App on your smart phone YET?

Contact the school to sponsor your business HERE
This week Bluearth begins for all Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

Bluearth is a movement and activity based program that uses the joy of movement to help children better understand themselves, peers, teachers and the important relationships that exist between them. In an inclusive and fun environment students experience a range of individual, partner and group activities to improve posture, function, self-awareness and mindfulness. This helps build lifelong habits in physical activity and movement that is so important for children’s development, health and wellbeing. With skilful guidance and reflection, amazing results have been achieved.

Bluearth provides on the job training for teachers so that the program can be sustained long term within the school. The Bluearth Coach will be working with teachers and their classes on a regular basis – please feel free to speak with them if you would like to know more about the program – or join in.

You might also like to visit the Bluearth website www.bluearth.org and look at our parents section for more information and activities for the whole family. We also encourage you to read some latest research in how mindfulness improves children’s learning: http://time.com/3682311/mindfulness-math/
**Tumut Schools As Community Centres**

**VALENTINES ACTIVITIES AT PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK!**

This week we are all about love, love hearts, glitter and craft! We will also have water play activities out so bring a spare change of clothes for the little ones if you like.

All of our playgroups are free and everyone is welcome to come along. If you can, please bring a piece of fruit to share for fruit time.

**Tuesday:** 9.30-11.30 – Baby Ccino
**Wednesday:** 9.30-11.30 – Paint and Play
12.30-2 – Gurinya (Aboriginal playgroup) Contact us if you would like the shuttle bus to pick you up.
**Thursday:** 9.30-11.30 – Paint and Play
12.30-2.15 – Batlow Playgroup

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**CANTEN ROSTER**

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**BOOKCLUB ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**

**FRANKLIN RADIO NEWS**

FM 96.3
Thursday at 10.30am with Coleby & Natalie

**BAND AND GUITAR LESSONS.**

Franklin Public students in Year 4 and 5 keen to learn a concert band instrument will have the opportunity this year to gain these skills. Mrs Argaet will be delivering the small group instrument lessons before school so there will be no cost for the lessons. There will be an instrument hire fee.

Students have already expressed their interest to Mrs Argaet. These students will receive Parent Information notes this week.

Students in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to learn guitar at school. interested students will be issued with parent information notes.

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way to get your kids loving Fruit & Veg.**

Eating plenty of fruit and veg can help keep your children healthy, but sometimes it’s hard to get them to eat enough. Children often copy their parents, so our first tip is to make sure you eat enough too!

Other tips are:

- **Put your kids in charge.** Let them choose and wash fruit and veg for their lunch box; if they’re able to, let them peel, cut or grate it.
- **Keep it interesting.** Cut fruit and veg into a variety of small shapes so it’s easier and fun to eat.
- **Make ready-to-eat snacks.** Keep cut fruit and veg in the fridge for the kids to grab and eat with hummus or yoghurt.

For more information visit [www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au) or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](http://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Wednesday**

Bank books to office before school.
FRANKLIN FIVE - Week 3
- At school every day OR providing an absence note on first day back at school
- On time for lessons – 9.10am
- In uniform – including black shoes and school hat/cap
- Home Learning and Home Reading completed
- Positive behaviour in class/playground

FRANKLIN SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Friday 12th February
All children must make their own way to the pool. All Buses will drop bus travelers to the pool and pick them up after the carnival

Cost  FranklinCover FREE; OR $3.00 without season ticket. **$1.00 for parent spectators**
Who  All 3-6 students + selected Yr 2 students who turn 8 in 2016 and can swim 50m.
Start  The carnival starts promptly at 9am.
Travel  Bus students will be dropped at the pool by their bus and collected after the carnival by their buses. **Students who walk to school** need to be dropped off at the pool by 8:45am and collected from the pool at 3pm.

Events  All levels of swimming ability will be catered for including 30m & 50m swimming races. Points are awarded for students who enter a race as well as the place getters. Ribbons are awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for 50m swimming finals. During the day novelty events will be held in the small pool for non-swimmers.

Food  the kiosk will have for sale:
- Pies $4.00,  Sausage rolls $3.50
- Hot chips $3.00  Potato cakes $1.00
- Pizza $2.50
- Can Soft Drink $2.50  Water $2.00
- Fruit Boxes $1.50  Sports Drinks $4.00

Mrs Wendy Garnham is our school counsellor. Wendy is available to work with students and families. Permission notes are required to see Wendy and appointments need to be made.

REMINDER
CANTEEN IS CLOSED ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS
NO BREAKFAST CLUB FRIDAY 12TH FEB

Contact the school
6947 1533
to become a Friend of Franklin

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