30TH June, 2016
Dear Franklin Families

Last week staff attended an after school workshop to learn more about KidsMatter Primary, a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools. KidsMatter Primary provides the tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids. KidsMatter Primary is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools.

The Kidsmatter framework builds on the work already being undertaken throughout the school on supportive and respectful relationships. Through KidsMatter Primary, we will plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes:

- social and emotional learning
- working authentically with parents, carers and families
- support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

Mental health and wellbeing is vital for learning and life. Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with family members, school staff and peers.

School is the most significant developmental context, after family, for primary school-aged children. Schools play a crucial role in building children’s self-esteem and sense of competence. They can also act as a safety net and assist in protecting children from circumstances that affect their learning, development and wellbeing.

Next term we will be inviting our parent and student community to complete short online surveys. These help staff gather information to inform school planning.

Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Linda Heerey
Acting Principal

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**KEY DATES FOR 2016**

**FRIDAY 1ST JULY**  Last Day of Term 2

**SATURDAY 2ND JULY**  Cake Stall / BBQ (School Ass)

**MONDAY 18TH JULY**  Student Free Day

**TUESDAY 19TH JULY**  Term 3 Starts

Have a Safe and Restful Holiday!!
I have had fun cooking with Brodie.

CALLUM

I have had fun cooking with a friend.
Thanks Annie for helping
BRODIE

What was life like 100 years ago?

Grade 3/4 painted some pictures to tell the story.
NAIDOC Week  5, 7, 9 July 2016

Celebrate NAIDOC Week at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) with special events celebrating Tasmanian Aboriginal culture. The 2016 NAIDOC theme is Songlines: The living narrative of our nation. All programs are free and take place in the Central Gallery, no bookings required.

Central Australian Aboriginal Women’s Choir

In Tasmania for the Festival of Voices, The Central Australian Aboriginal Women’s Choir will perform. The voices of 30 singers will fill TMAG in this very special appearance.

Date: Tuesday 5 July
Time: 1:00pm – 1:30pm
(Performance)
1:30pm – 2:00pm
(Artist talk)

Live Music Performance: Kartanya Maynard

Kartanya is a Tasmanian vocalist currently attending the UTAS Conservatorium of Music. She is a noted singer in the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and is passionate about the arts being emphasised within her community.

Date: Thursday 7 July
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Live Music Performance: Dwayne Everett-Smith

Dwayne is an esteemed Tasmanian musician. An Aboriginal man descended from both the Aboriginal community of Cape Barren Island and the Gunai/Kurnai people of Victoria, his music has been influenced by his heritage, his tough early years, and love of many musical styles and genres. He tells his story through song and leaves audiences feeling he’s singing just for them.

Date: Saturday 9 July
Time: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Songlines: The living narrative of our nation
03-10 July 2016

Moonbird Songs and Stories for Early Learners

Muttonbirds, also known as moonbirds, hold a special place in Tasmanian Aboriginal culture. Come along and join Aboriginal Learning Facilitator Teeni Brown to learn more in this NAIDOC Early Years session featuring songs and stories. For children aged 3-5, their carers and siblings.

Dates: Tuesday 5 July, Thursday 7 July and Saturday 9 July
Time: 10:05 am – 11:00 am

School Holiday Program  12 – 17 July 2016

Visit the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) these school holidays and enjoy some Tempest exhibition themed activities. All programs are free, no bookings required. Drop in any time between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Salty Scenes
Create works of art inspired by images in Tempest that are wild and stormy, using salt crystals for dramatic effects.

Dates: Tuesday 12 July and Wednesday 13 July
Location: Centre for Learning and Discovery

Storm in a Bottle
What’s a cloud made of and how do waves begin? Experiment with creating your own small-scale weather phenomena.

Dates and locations: Tuesday 12 July (Central Gallery) and Sunday 17 July (Centre for Learning and Discovery)

Hats Ahoy!
Make your own fantasy hat taking inspiration from Prospero’s Library.

Dates: Wednesday 13 July and Sunday 17 July
Location: Central Gallery

The Tempestuous Artist’s Studio
Join TMAG’s art educator for a flurry of art-making. A different medium from the Tempest exhibition is explored each day.

Dates: Thursday 14 July, Friday 15 July and Saturday 16 July
Location: Centre for Learning and Discovery

Tall Tales But True
Hear three stories of tempestuous Tasmanian sea journeys. How did wombats and rum save lives? Did a famous Governor become a pirate on the Derwent River? Join in to find out more.

Dates: Thursday 14 July, Friday 15 July and Saturday 16 July
Times: 11:00 am, 11:45 am, 12:30 pm and 1:15 pm
Location: Central Gallery