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Freshwater Bay Primary School has a high level of academic achievement, a vibrant co-curricular program and an emphasis on community involvement. Formed in 2011, the Freshwater Bay values are defined in our school motto: wisdom, respect and courage.

Parent Thank you



The staff of Freshwater Bay Primary School work tirelessly to support each and every student across the school. They certainly do go above and beyond. Last Wednesday the school community came together to show their gratitude by hosting their annual Staff Appreciation Lunch. On behalf of all the staff I want to thank everyone who contributed in some way to the wonderful lunch. The generosity, effort and delicious food on offer was overwhelming. It could only be described as a banquet and one that everyone on staff was in awe of and gratefully received and enjoyed. Thank you!

You can judge a person's character by the way he treats people who can't help or hurt him.

This was a powerful quote from a book I am reading at the moment and resonated with me as I feel it relates to the culture of this school and how we want to raise our children. There are many lessons that come from this very statement. The very belief of giving, not taking, is so important for our children to understand. This concept forms the very basis of building strong and lasting relationships with people. I strongly believe that one of the founding principles that we want our children to understand and embrace is the importance of positive relationships and knowing how to form and nurture them.

We are very social by nature and we define much of our happiness by the relationships we have, with our family, our friends and our work colleagues. Our children need to have role models

around them that guide them and teach them how this happens. One of my fondest memories as a child was visiting my Godfather, he was one of my Dad's best friends, all they did together was laugh and share stories. The experiences left an indelible mark on me and on my relationships I have as an adult. One of the fabulous aspects of working here at Freshwater Bay is the staff enjoy working with each other and the students see them laughing, sharing and positively interacting with each other. So it comes as no surprise that we observe the same behaviours in our students. Our children mirror what they see.

Giving comes in many forms, be it thought, word and deed. Our children see wonderful role models day in, day out, at home and at school. We see our children opening doors to let people through, saying please and thank you are the norm and looking after others is common place.

I believe it is the fore mentioned and being gracious and grateful are the intangibles that really make this a wonderful school and community to be part of. From an educational perspective it is a powerful ingredient to ensure that quality teaching and learning occurs. When respect and trust are always present, it means that the students are able to engage in learning without fear of favour. Children take risks with learning, knowing that they are well supported by the children and teachers around them. This is why we see our students making good progress and being proud of their achievements.

Outdoor Classroom Day 2018



On Friday 23 November, Freshwater Bay Primary celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day. I must acknowledge the hard work of Tara Grant our STEM teacher, she really is extraordinary. Wow! Is reserved for the rest of the staff for getting right behind the initiative and being so involved. It was clear, throughout the day that all I have said in this article, was on display. There was engagement, learning, team work and every child felt very much part of it. It was something different, but the children embraced it with such enthusiasm. It was not hard for us adults to see that the whole experience had an extremely positive impact and it was something we know we want to repeat.

This whole day event was part of a global campaign to inspire and celebrate outdoor learning and play. On this day, students participated in a range of outdoor activities with their teachers which were designed to support the curriculum and enhance children's learning experiences, whilst fostering a fascination with the world that we live in.

We had four fantastic incursions spread out across the school. In the Pre Primary area, students were introduced to mini beasts through a meet and great, as well as the opportunity to make their own creature. The Year 1s and 2s got up close and personal with worms, whilst covering topics such as sustainability and waste management. Our Year 3s and 4s were able to explore Western

Australian wildlife, looking at the animal care and ecosystems of a koala, dingo, and various species of reptiles. Over in the Year 5 and 6 area, students were given the opportunity to 'play' with an eclectic collection of natural and manufactured recyclable materials. We had a fantastic day celebrating outdoor education and our teachers have been inspired to seize more opportunities that will take student learning outdoors.

Shenton Primary STEM CHALLENGE 2018



Last Week, 6 of our Year Four students were invited to take part in a STEM challenge hosted by Shenton College. Students were asked to help design a vessel to ensure the 'rocket crew' on Mars One land safely on Mars. Using Science, Mathematics and Engineering, they designed and built a small-scale prototype to ensure the astronauts made it safely to the surface without injury or fatality. Students tested their designs using a raw egg and many were successful. What a fabulous morning they had!

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Hilaire Lyon and Shane Ariti on winning the Deputy Principal positions. Both have moved into the roles impressively this year, in the absence of Mari Dart. The appointment of Hilaire and Shane is exciting for the school as both are exceptional educators and

leaders. The school will only benefit from having them in the roles permanently. We were very happy that Mari Dart was successful in winning a promotion to Principal of City Beach Primary School which I know that she will do great job there and we wish her well.

Class Organisation for 2019

The following is the class organisation for 2019. We will be having our transition day on Friday December 7. Students will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and class mates. You will receive a letter from us letting you know who your child's teacher will be. Please do not ask for who the other students are in the class as we do not want to cause offense by saying no. There are a number of safety and privacy protocols that prevent us from publicly providing this information. We appreciate your support and understanding on this matter.

Pavilion 1	Kindy	Cowan 7	Year 2
Pavilion 2	Kindy	Tangney 5	Year 3
Pavilion2	Kindy	Tangney 6	Year 3
Hughes 1	Pre-Primary	Tangney 7	Year 3
Hughes 2	Pre-Primary	Cube 1	Year 4
Cowan 1	Pre-Primary	Cube 2	Year 4
Cowan 2	Year 1	Tangney 3	Year 4/5
Cowan 3	Year 1	Tangney 4	Year 5/6
Cowan 4	Year 1	Tangney 2	Year 5/6
Cowan 5	Year 2	Tangney 1	Year 5/6
Cowan 6	Year 2		

Simon Reid
Principal

2018 Term 4 Planner

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2019

We have begun planning for 2019. If your child will not be attending Freshwater Bay next year please fill out the Students Not Returning Form and email to freshwaterbay.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Community News



Community Noticeboard

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