

Welcome to Freshwater Focus Issue 31

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FRESHWATER BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.



Dear Parents

There is always great deal going on at Freshwater Bay and we are very proud of our students and our teachers for what is being achieved. One of the main underlying beliefs the school has in every classroom is engagement. When we are engaged we are focused and looking at tasks to learn and strengthen our capacities. We seek to understand children, for we know that their learning is dynamic, complex and holistic. Our learning programs demonstrate that children learn in different ways. Our starting point is working with what is present not what's absent—and plan for what works for the child.

The outdoor classroom in the kindy area is now finished, on time and ready for the students to use next week. We are

very thankful to the P&C and all who helped to get this wonderful addition to our school. It will definitely engage our student and is just what we need to raise our early childhood program to the next level. Very exciting!

Bullying and Racism

One of the main messages in all the 'Focus' editions this year has been the importance of communicating effectively with children about bullying. We want our children to be positive citizens to know their responsibilities and to be skilled in how to manage situations when they feel bullied. This week I am focussing on racism. There has been a number of well-publicised events across Australia, where racism has resulted in significant bullying of an individual. What was considered in the past as good-hearted banter/behaviour is now; with greater knowledge and understanding; acknowledged as hurtful and disrespectful. The end game here is respect. We have had some incidents of racism in our school this year. The students directly involved and those who were bystanders had no idea that their comments around another person's skin colour were hurtful and because they were consistent, the child on the receiving end of the comments felt bullied. In these instances, there was no intent to offend or bully however they did. These situations were well managed and I am pleased to say well received by the students. When faced with situations like this as adults they can be tricky. What we have learnt, is to not sweep it away with grand statements, lectures or being dismissive, such as 'That's not a nice thing to say' or 'we don't say things like that'. Talking about race can be difficult due to concerns of saying the wrong thing and then sounding racist.

Here are some pointers in what to do and say.

- Don't be afraid to bring it up.
- Look for teaching moments, where you can talk about being different on the outside but we are all the same on the inside.
- Make the message age-appropriate, early childhood use things like apples or eggs, different on the outside same on the inside. Older children talk about fairness and empathy.
- Most importantly, be a role model, it is not what we say to them that matters it is what they see that makes the difference.

We have a great school full over many cultures All of our children need to have an opportunity to thrive and believe in who they are and what they do matters regardless of skin colour and or race.

Focus Groups

Points from the Parent Focus Group Meeting.

In terms 2 and 3 I have a focus group meeting with parents. Parents are randomly selected by simply selecting 2 numbers and matching them to class lists. The aim is to have an open-ended discussion about the school, tapping into people's thoughts and beliefs about our school. Below is a summary of the points raised by the parents in the focus group.

Communication

It is clear that we have some work to do in this area. We will be working to streamline our processes and find some consistency in our delivery of information. Main issues are, being timely, being easy to find and a reduction in the amount of information.

Lunchtime sport and sporting equipment

All agreed equipment must be accessible to children. More equipment has now been released from the sports shed into each of the halls. Students are free to use any of this equipment or to request other equipment.

Assemblies –

The strong consensus was that they are too long. Please see below the new format for our assembly which will begin this week.

Begin assembly at **8:55**

Welcome to country

National Anthem

School creed:

Values award – Presented by Mr Peter Clements

9:00 – 9:10 Merit certificates – Mrs Lyon

9:10 – 9:20 Class item

9:20 – 9:25 Principal's Address

9:25 – 9:30 School Leaders report (Presented by the Head Girl and Boy)

Golden Bag (Presented by Prefects)

Sustainability, Community and Art Leaders

9:30 Assembly concludes – Community song led by Art Leaders

Fundraising

It was agreed that the P and C do a wonderful job with the fundraising events. Discussion around the Colour Run. It was an amazing day and enjoyed by all, however, there was some learning around how we would do it again in the future in a way that fits the values and ethos of our school and our community.

Reports

- There were a number of suggestions which are below. We will look at each one and see how we might be able to integrate them into our reporting to parents processes.
- Parents liked getting both positive and constructive feedback. ie What their child is working towards.....
- Parent interview night, 10 minutes was not long enough. Improve access to specialist teachers for feedback (parents night etc).
- Parent – Teacher Meetings after reports

- Specialist teachers to focus on one year level at a time to give written feedback

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are having our Athletics Carnival at Claremont Park this year and making some changes to the day. This new venue will allow us to focus on the high participation of students and for it to be a family fun day.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

We have 3 positions up for election this term. We will be sending out more information about these positions next week. If you are interested in being a member of the board both Chris Harding (Board Chair) and myself would be happy to answer questions about the Board and the role of Members.

The board AGM meeting will be held Tuesday 7th August 2018.

SCHOOL SURVEYS

Every two years we conduct surveys of parents, students and Staff as a way of gathering information about how well we are going as a school. The survey in 2016 was very helpful in providing direction for our present business plan. When you receive the survey I encourage you to complete it as your input is greatly appreciated.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held on Monday 6 August 2018 at 3.30pm in the music room.

Principal Simon Reid

Calendar of Events



3 August

House Assembly

6 August

Australian Girls Chiro Auditions

7 August

School Board Meeting AGM all are welcome.

10 August

Cowan 4 Assembly

17 August

Cowan 5 Assembly

17August

School Choir Performing at 'One Big Voice' Book Week.

21-24 August

School Open Night. 5pm – 7pm

23 August

School Jumps and Throws

28 August

P and C General Meeting

29 August

School Athletics

30 August

4 September**7 September****12 September**

Interschool Jumps and Throws

Cube 1 Assembly

Interschool Athletics

2018 Term 3 Planner**2018 Term 4 Planner****STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2019****School News****Art Room News**

Welcome back from mid-semester break. It has been great to see everyone so excited to be returning to art classes, and remembering to make great 'Green Choices'.

We are looking forward to Open Night and sharing some of the magic of our art room with you all. In preparation for our audience, students will be busy in coming weeks, adding final touches and reflecting on projects to date, ready to walk the room with family and friends. Be sure to mark the date in your calendar-Thursday 23 August.

We have a collection box for small jars ready to be re-invented as a part of our 'Re-use - Reduce - Recycle' program. We have been very diligent in the art room by reducing water use at the basin, and recycling scraps as a part of our 'If you're Green you're Growing!' program.

In the coming term we will be looking at re-using items collected from our school and community and re-purposing them. If you are about to pop a small jar into your recycling, please think of us. Give it a wash, remove the label and send it in to be re-used. You might even find a reward more beautiful than the 'Earth Hug' you've just gave yourself!

Mrs Calvert





Treasure Hunters Club

Very enthusiastic groups of Year 1s and Year 2/3s have continued to meet on Wednesday (Year 1) and Thursday (Year 2/3) lunchtimes for music, stories from the Bible and lots of active games. Juggling locations on wet days have kept us very flexible! We hope to squeeze in more craft activities this term with the serial story of Joseph from the Old Testament. The Years 4 to 6 group plans two changes. Firstly, we're moving to the music room which we hope will enhance the fun and learning, and secondly, we're welcoming the Year 3's to our group! All Year 3's are invited to join us on Tuesday lunchtimes for games, activities, live songs stories and all the other good stuff Treasure Hunters offers. This term we're looking at some stories told by Dr Luke, a first-century doctor-turned-historian who passed on stories about Jesus interactions with others and about the exciting travels of the Apostle Paul. New children are welcome to join any of the groups and parent permission forms are available at the office or from the club leaders. Any queries to Allison Chapple for year 1 and 2 (allisonchapple@gmail.com 93819036) and Caleb Simmons for Year 3-6 (caleb.simmons93@gmail.com)

Freshwater Bay Primary School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

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Tennis Factory

There are limited spaces available for children, in years pre-primary to year 6, wishing to participate in tennis coaching before school on the school tennis courts on a Monday or a Friday morning from 7.45-8.30am. Cost- \$180 for 8 weeks. Tennis Factory's coaching programme is also available at Onslow Park TC on Onslow Road, Shenton Park. Please contact Tennis Factory on 9381 2213 or info@tennisfactory.com.au or visit www.tennisfactory.com.au to enrol or for more details about our programmes.

Excursion Notes

All current excursion and permission notes are available on the school website by clicking on the link below.



Chess Term 3 Form

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P & C News



Tuesday Treats

The P&C is pleased to invite all students and community members to Tuesday Treats. Held after school on Tuesdays, the afternoon provides families with an opportunity to catch up and chat. The Tuesday Treats Coordinators have decided that for Term 1 and 4, they will only be selling Ice Creams and parents will not be required to cook. In

Terms 2 and 3, Tuesday Treats will run as normal. The dates and classes have been added to the term planner. The next Tuesday Treats is:

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Thanks to all the parents for there donation. We will be updating you next term on the next secondhand uniform shop day.

Donations can be made to the front office.

The Next Seconday Hand Uniform Shop is: Friday 29 June



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Community News



Community Noticeboard

Please remember to check our Community Noticeboard outside Tangney Hall for information about sporting club registrations and community events.

Uniforms

Matrix Uniforms are our sole school endorsed uniform suppliers. They are located at 1 Hasler Road, Osborne Park, Western Australia 6017. Parents can go directly to the store or order online. For further enquiries please call the store on (08) 6148 5000

[Matrix Uniforms](#)

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