FRESHWATER BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

23 March 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you to all of our families in our community for your ongoing support. Our Premier Mr. Mark McGowan has confirmed that parents are able to make the choice on their children's safety to keep their children at home and he stressed that the other rules put in place to prevent the spread of coronavirus, namely social distancing and self-isolation requirements, would still be heavily enforced.

Our school community has been in strong support of the recommendation from the Federal Government Chief Medical Officer of social distancing to limit the spread of the virus. We have presently a third of our students at home. A number of our teachers are having to take leave this week because they or a family member are in the high risk category. I am very grateful to them for staying as long as they have. Because of the concerted effort of our staff we are well positioned to continue to support all of our families.

By the end of this week at the latest, we will have the Connect Learning Management System in place for all families to use. Staff will be working hard this week to have it populated with some work and resources for use. Please have a look at the following link. It is a parent webinar to guide you in how to use Connect.

What is Connect?
By now you have probably heard others in our school community talking about the introduction of the online environment called Connect.

Connect is developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents. It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning about, submit assignments and discuss issues together online anywhere, anytime. For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as assessments, teacher feedback and attendance data.

Freshwater Bay PS aims to introduce Connect as soon as we are able to. At this stage Connect will be switched on as a teaching and learning platform for students *in the event of a school closure.*
Moving forward we hope to streamline much of our communication (ie; excursion notices; absences) into Connect. We can use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone.

The Connect Now app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
You will soon receive your login details via the email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address, please let us know at freshwaterbay.ps@education.wa.edu.au

- Check out the short video clip on Connect at https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome

Stay safe and stay separated.

Kind regards

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