FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a wonderful festive season, with plenty of time with family and friends. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and their families. The Freshwater Bay Primary School Community is a warm and embracing one and I am sure that you and your children will have a fabulous time here.

Last Wednesday we welcomed back the staff, who all enthusiastically embraced the opportunity for professional learning and readied themselves for an exciting year ahead. The range of professional learning included, Professional Learning Teams, developing their knowledge of new approaches to their teaching and collaborative planning for the year ahead. It was a very productive two days.

The students have made a terrific start to the year. We have been very impressed with the manner in which they have come to school full of energy enthusiasm and zest for learning. Walking around the classrooms, the school grounds at recess and lunchtime I have been heartened by how the children have just stepped back into the fold, learning and having fun.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN
In 2016 the Claremont Council moved to support the school to install road crossings. Part of the motion was for the school to support the council in devising a Traffic Management Plan. If anyone in our school community has any expertise in developing Traffic plans, we would appreciate any support that you are able to give. Please contact me at school.

NEW TEACHING STAFF
We have several additions to our staff for 2017 and we would like to extend a warm welcome to:
Ms Alicia Marchesi – Cowan 1 (K/PP)
Miss Danielle Bowman – Cowan 7 (Yr 2)
Mrs Ashlea Smith – Tangney 6 (Yr 3)
Mr Scott Trenorden – Tangney 3 (Yr 5)
Ms Lisa Dopheide – Cube 2 (Yr 4)
Ms Tara Grant – Science

Welcome back to Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Cube 1 – Yr 4) who returns to us after six months leave.

NEWSLETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE
At Freshwater Bay, the main form of communication (other than in an emergency) with parents is through email and the fortnightly newsletter (Freshwater Focus). It is important for parents to read these to ensure they do not miss any important dates and reminders regarding things happening in and around the school. If you change your email address, please inform Natalie in the front office

Natalie.Hellewell@education.wa.edu.au

To subscribe to the fortnightly newsletter please go to the school website by clicking here and fill in the subscription tabs. You must confirm the subscription via an email you will receive after clicking Subscribe. If you have any problems with the subscription process, don’t hesitate to contact Natalie. The first issue of the Freshwater Focus for 2017 is due to be sent out on Thursday 9 Feb.

Simon Reid
Principal
EXTRA CURRICULAR

LUNCH TIME CHESS
Chess Instructor Jack South continues to offer popular lunch-time chess for Freshwater Bay children. Chess helps children develop a diverse range of thinking skills and is a fun way to teach problem solving. New members are welcome. Chess will commence on Wednesday 15 February. Forms are available at the front office.

Age: Year 2-6
When: Wednesday lunchtime
Where: Library
Cost: $90 per child (8 wk program)
Enrol: jacksouth@iinet.net.au

LUNCH TIME TENNIS
Come and play tennis at lunchtime with Tennis Excellence at school on the Tennis Courts.

From Week 2:
- Years 1-3 Wednesdays – 8 wks for $64
- Years 4-6 Thursdays – 8 wks for $64

All equipment provided.

To register and for more information please contact Warren Vickers at Tennis Excellence on 0411 140 395 or warren@tennisexcellence.com.au

THE TENNIS FACTORY
Matt Bull and the Tennis Factory have been recognized by both Tennis Australia and Tennis West for coaching excellence.

Age: Year PP to Year 6
When: Friday
Where: Tennis Courts
Cost: $180 for 8 wks

Register: www.tennisfactory.com.au
Phone: 9381 2213.

The Tennis Factory offers a range of programs for students of all ages.

ON THE RUN MUSIC
On the Run Music offers private vocal and instrumental tuition on site in a range of instruments including guitar and drums.

About the Program
- Days: As arranged with your tutor
- Time: As arranged with your tutor
- Where: Music Room
- Cost: Per session

Open to: PP to Year 6 students
Register: If you are interested in participating in the program, please visit http://www.ontherunmusic.com.au/

UNI-ACTIVE
UWA offers a FUN movement program at FBPS that encourages maximal participation, increased self-esteem and development of movement skills.

Details are as follows:
- Tuesdays 7:45am-8:30am
- Available for K-Year 3 students
- Focusing on the skills: Striking (teeball & cricket) & Hopping
- 8 wk program - cost is $112
- All new participants will receive a movement skill assessment


RUNNING CLUB
Running Club will be on again in Term 1.

What a great way to start the day! A commencement date has not been finalised. Parents will be advised a start date.

Age: All Year Groups
Day: Thursday 7:20am
Where: Meet on the school oval
Bring: Water Bottle

If Running Club is ever cancelled, parents will be notified via email.

FBPS CHOIR
Would you like to be a part of the Freshwater Bay Primary School Choir? Mrs Julie Brown welcomes students in Year 3-6 who have a love of singing and performing.

Age: Year 3-6
Day: Wednesday
Time: 8:00am – 8:30am
Where: Music Room
Forms are available at the front office.
Choir will begin in Week 3
UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 7 February
Parent Meeting – c3 (3:10-3:30)

Thursday 9 February
Parent Meeting – c4 (3:10-3:30)
Freshwater FOCUS

Friday 10 February
Leaders Conference – Yr 6

Friday 17 February
P&C Fluoro Disco Sundowner

Monday 20 February
P&C AGM – 6:30pm

The 2017 Term 1 Planner is available here. Please check the planner via the website regularly as it is often updated several times throughout the term.