

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

Clearness and persistence of aim reduces the amount of effort it takes to be effective. Wes Roberts PHD

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is great to have had such a smooth start to the year and see so many of the familiar faces I missed seeing last term.

My family and I are very grateful for the cards, messages, flowers and support from everyone in the community. It is hard to put into words exactly my gratitude, but all of your gestures made a real difference to my recovery and we felt your genuine concern, care and support.

My cardiologist said that I am both lucky and unlucky. Lucky because medically I was fit, strong and healthy with no indications of concern enabling a good recovery, unlucky because the incident was the result of an unfortunate genetic disposition.

By way of brief explanation, I suffered a heart attack and lost consciousness while driving when I was returning home from coaching my local football team. When the car came to a stop I was kindly assisted by a bystander and two members of the cricket club who provided CPR. I was transferred to hospital and woke with several injuries.

I have worked really hard each day and am recovering well. I am very happy to be back with you all and thank you for being such a supportive community.

Kind regards

Simon

Simon Reid
Principal
Freshwater Bay Primary

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Matt Pinkard

Matt has been offered an Acting Principal position at Glengarry PS this term. This is a great opportunity for Matt and I know Glengarry PS will enjoy having his enthusiasm and professional expertise. His duties will be absorbed by members of staff. We wish him well and look forward to his return in term 2.

COMING UP

Friday February 4	<u>Student Leadership Assembly</u> The 2022 Student Leadership team will get their badges and officially commence their duties.
Wednesday February 2	<u>Beach Swimming – Years 5 & 6 only</u> One of the strengths of our school is the diversity of the learning programs we provide. Not all schools provide beach swimming lessons. With going to the beach an integral part of Australian Culture it really is imperative that our children are given instruction on how to swim safely in this environment. Held February 2-11.
Thursday February 10	<u>Freshie Dad's Group Information Evening</u> All Dads and father figures are invited to come and learn about The Fathering Project at Freshwater Bay Primary School. Hear what Freshie Dads is all about, what's planned in 2022 and enjoy getting to meet other dads at the school. Beer and Pizza provided! RSVP at http://freshiedads.rsvpify.com by Monday February 7.
Wednesday February 23	<u>Pop up Second-hand uniform shop</u> Our lovely P&C mums will host another pop up second-hand uniform shop in front of the library from 2.45pm – 3.30pm.
Friday 25 February 25	<u>P & C Sundowner</u> The P & C Sundowner is a wonderful annual event. The aim of the night is for all families to reconnect after the summer and welcome new families to the school community. There will be more details available closer to the date.
Friday March 4	<u>House Swimming Carnival</u> The House Swimming Carnival is always a great day for students and their families. We are a strong school in swimming and the whole day is a tight contest between the four houses. Please make a note of the date and come along and support the students and cheer for their House. Please let Tara Grant know if you are available to volunteer on the day by emailing Tara.Grant@education.wa.edu.au .

Co-curricular Activities

We have a range of wonderful co-curricular activities such as:

Tennis – www.tennisfactory.com.au Before school tennis.

Rollerblading - sarahspace88@gmail.com Wednesdays afterschool in Herbert Hall

Music - www.ontherunmusic.com.au After school

Choir – for Year 3/4 and 5/6 students. Before School Monday and Tuesday morning (TBC)

Running Club - held every Wednesday morning for Years 3-6 (meet at the Kiss and Drive off Bay View Tce at 8am starting February 16 – week 3 onwards rain, hail or shine)

Chess Club - returns next Monday morning 7.30am – 8.30am in the library. Spaces are limited so if your child is interested in signing up please visit the Try booking link and sign them up

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWWWP>

Peter's Lunchtime Soccer Clinics

We are very fortunate to have Peter N in our school. He is our Head Cleaner and is meticulous in doing that role. In a previous life Peter was an exceptional professional footballer and he now offers his time to coach and umpire games at lunchtime on Mondays and Tuesdays for Years 1 & 2 and Wednesday from Yrs 3-6 you're your child is interested email your child's name, age and preferred days to P&G Sports Academy gretanjoku@gmail.com or call Greta on 0405 931 591. Peter also does kids parties and holiday clinics. Further information can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/freshwaterbayps>

Treasure Hunters Club

Treasure Hunters, in partnership with YouthCARE offer a weekly lunchtime activity for years 1-4. Permission slips are available at the front office and have been circulated via Compass. Treasure Hunters will commence on Wednesday March 2 at lunchtime (so get your kids to bring their lunch) in Cowan Hall. For further information contact Allison Chapple P: 9381 9036 allisonchapple@gmail.com. Treasure Hunters supports WA school communities through programs that develop life skills in students. Trained volunteers teach values and beliefs through Bible stories, games, activities, drama and music.

Parent Reps

If you are thinking about taking on the role of Parent Representative for your child's class, please can I encourage you to let the teacher know you would like to fill the position and also email Bridget.Robertson@education.wa.edu.au advising which class you will be Parent Representative for.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Term 1.

