

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

The mindset of successful people is stunningly important. It's their ability to view failure not as something to avoid or feel ashamed of, but as something to welcome and leverage. If adopting a growth mindset is critical for success, then how you view failure is too.

Nigel Collin

18 August 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Open Night

A reminder that next Thursday is 'Open Night'. This is a positive night on our school calendar. As a community we have a great deal to be very proud of. This is an opportunity to see firsthand the quality education all the students receive. It is also an opportunity for the staff to see firsthand the support of parents, and for the students to see how proud their parents are of their efforts. It allows parents to see the growth of their child. I look forward to seeing our whole community next week 5pm – 6.30pm

Save the Date

One community special event on the annual calendar is the P&C fundraiser. After a hiatus for a couple of years, this fun night out is back. Keep Friday 4 November free for 'Spring Starry Night'. Details and ticket information will be coming soon.

Clubs

As part of our ongoing move toward providing greater student voice, ownership and leadership Clubs have begun this semester run by year 6 leaders and are to cater for 1-6 year level participation. There are some exciting and interesting activities going on. Although students may wish to do more than one, it is important that they maintain commitments they have made already to Running Club and Choir. They will have another opportunity next year.

Class meetings and Parent Teacher Interview Night

We have not been able to have these events this year because of COVID – 19. From the beginning of the year to May there were directives/recommendations from the Education and Health Department not to have them because of the risk of COVID – 19. Teachers were also identified as critical workers in line with frontline nurses and medical workers. Face to face teaching was a priority. The health and ongoing wellbeing of teaching staff became a priority. All through first semester we had a number of staff on COVID Leave and many families affected by COVID-19, this meant having large numbers of people on site was not possible. The teaching staff worked hard to provide a full school Semester one report when the Department of Education gave direction to only provide grades.

As soon as the school was able, teachers began making themselves available for parent teacher interviews before / during and after school. Many parents have taken up these opportunities. We have not arranged to have a Parent/Teacher night at another time because of the busy school calendar. I encourage all families if you have a need, to reach out and organise a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Junior Orchestra String Festival

Many of our students will be performing in the Festival on Saturday 10 September. It is a great opportunity for them to perform at an international standard venue (Churchlands Senior High School) and perform with other equally talented and enthusiastic students.

Aliens came to visit Freshwater Bay Primary

Our amazing Pre-primary teachers created a fun learning experience. Aliens came to visit our sand pit. The children fully embraced the idea, leading to fabulous creative ideas particularly in their writing. It was a joy to see the excitement in the children and desire to tell me all about what had happened. It is an experience that they will not soon forget.

Year 4 Excursion to Fremantle Prison

This is an annual excursion and an important part of the HASS Learning Area for year 4. The Fremantle Prison is the only remaining prison in Australia that is fully intact. This excursion is an important opportunity for our students to understand a little of what was like to be a convict, prison worker and general life of First Nations and European people when the Swan River Settlement was established.

COVID Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

There are free Rapid Antigen Tests for each school student. We have had them delivered to our school and can collect from the front office. These free RATs (20 per child) will assist our students to continue to attend school and minimise disruption to their schooling. It will allow you to test your child at home if they are feeling unwell. You can also use these RATs if your child is a close contact to enable them to test daily and continue to attend school, as long as they receive a negative result, remain asymptomatic, and wear a mask.

If your child becomes symptomatic, they should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. You need to notify the School if your child tests positive for COVID-19 via the jot form link

https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-testing/Rapid-Antigen-Test and refer to the HealthWA website for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements. Thank you for continuing to support the school in ensuring our School is COVID -19 safe.

Congratulations to;

Ellie Neervoort – Winning Gold, 2 Silvers and a Bronze in the recent Surf Lifesaving WA Pool Rescue State Championships. And the year 4 all girls Freshie floorball team *Claremont Coyotes* came runner up in the Division 3.

State Cross Country Championships

State schools Cross Country were held at McGillivray Oval last Friday. We took a team of 37 students who represented our school with a great deal of courage and determination. Most of our students did personal bests. Two notable performances were Lola Webster in year 3 came 2nd and Jackson Hill in Year 6 came 5th. Both of these students will be selected in the State Team for 2023. This will be second time that Jackson will be selected to represent the state. He has been selected to represent the state at the National Cross Country Championships in Adelaide on the 27-29 August. This is a great achievement and we are excited for him and wish him well.

Kindy Red Car Gone Missing

Over the holidays an iconic part of our Kindy went missing presumed stolen 'The Red Car'. It was a favourite for our children. If anyone knows anything, saw anything or has seen it can you please let us know.

Kindy & Pre Primary Enrolment for 2023

Students are being enrolled every day and classes are filling quickly. If you have not submitted your child's enrolment forms for 2023, please make it a priority. If you have friends or family yet to submit, please encourage them to do so now.

Students not returning 2023

If you know your child is not returning in 2023, please can you complete the attached form and forward to bridget.robertson@education.wa.edu.au or hand in to the front office.

Shenton College Orientation Day

Each year Shenton College has an Orientation Day, this year it is Friday 2 December. All year 6 parents whose children are going to Shenton College in 2023 please make a note of the date. It is an important day in supporting your child making the transition to high school. Also year 5 parents who are thinking about sending your child to Shenton College in 2024 you might want to make a note as it will be around the same time next year.

Spraying of weeds

The City of Nedlands advises that as of Monday 29 August 2022, the City's Broad Leaf Weed Program will commence treatment for the control of broadleaf weeds. Appropriate signage will be clearly displayed during the application. Treatment will be undertaken by licensed contractors TurfCare WA, under the supervision of City staff.

Kind regards

Simon

Simon Reid
Principal

