

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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## ***Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter***

***'Humility, Gratitude and Humour.'***

***Roger Federer***

31 March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am very grateful for the support from all families as we negotiate our way through this time. The school is running well and the students are engaging each day with enthusiasm. This week The Government and the Department of Education have provided updated guidance for Term 2. Details will be posted on Sunday in our weekly COVID update.

### **COVID-19 Concerns**

There are a number of social forums that community members are using for gathering information. It is important that all families reference only reliable sources of information – published in the COVID school newsletters and by the Health Department.

### **Student Free Day Changed**

We wish to advise Parents that the planned Staff PD Day (Student Free Day) on Friday May 27 has been moved to Friday June 3 2022. Please note this change of date and enjoy an extended long weekend due to Monday 6 June being Western Australia Day public holiday.

### **Choir Concert – Change of date**

There has been some confusion as to the choir concert with dates changing due to interschool swimming carnival and teacher unavailability. As a result the Choir Concert will now be held in Term 2 on Friday May 6.

### **Year 6 Polos**

The year 6 students look terrific with their new Leavers Polos. They are wearing them with pride.

## Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow we will have our Interschool Swimming Carnival at HBF Swimming Pool. I am sure that it will be a great day. The students are all looking forward to representing our school. The day will look somewhat different but thanks to the marvellous work of Tara Grant and the support of the teaching staff, we are proceeding in what will be a memorable day for students, parents and our wider school network.

## Edu-Dance

Students from PP to Year 6 have been dancing up a storm each week and embracing the challenge of learning new steps and choreography for their Edu-Dance item. Thank you to Ms Mitchell and her marvellous organisational skills that allowed for an audience to be present to share in the joy of these amazing performances. We ask that adults in attendance wear their mask, socially distance in the available seating, and move from the undercover area quickly and quietly at the conclusion of each concert.

## Annika Chesny

We are thrilled to announce that Annika is expecting her second child and will begin maternity leave on the third week of Term 2. We wish Annika all the best for welcoming her new baby into the world and we look forward to her return next year. In her absence, I am pleased to advise that Diana Van Der Worm will take her place working with Ms Beth Chesny. You will be familiar with Mrs Van Der Worm, as she has filled many long term vacancies successfully. I am confident the students in T5 will continue to thrive for the rest of the year.

## Kiss n Drive

Thank you for your cooperation and support to all parents who drop off and pick up children. We have quick and orderly movement of students into the school in the morning and the reverse in the afternoon.

## School Fees

The 2022 School fees are awaiting prompt payment on Compass please. Thank you to those who have already paid. I encourage you to pay the amounts in full as soon as possible. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please come and discuss this, in confidence, with Ruth or myself. I would like to reiterate that due to this school's location being in a high socio-economic area, the school attracts no extra funding from the Department of Education. Therefore, the voluntary contributions you make, significantly impacts on what the school can offer in our educational programs. Thank you for your support.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

*Simon*

Simon Reid  
Principal

