

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome, I am really enjoying my time here at Freshwater Bay. Term one has started with so much activity and excitement and we are continuing to receive new enrolments. The students are happy and engaged and I am pleased to report that Sarah Jefferson is settling well into her new home in Tangney 3.

Edu Dance

The students commenced Edu Dance this week and the feedback has been so positive. I have seen first-hand how engaged the students are in this activity.

Running Club

Running Club commenced next Wednesday morning 15 February from years 3 to 6 only. Students are to be dropped off at 8am at the Kiss and Drop off Bay View Tce. Please ensure that you have signed up your child and given consent prior to having your child join. Please note that Running Club with run, rain, hail or shine. A special thank you to our coordinators; Alex Soutar, Jessica Markou, Ben Turner and now Sarah Jefferson for volunteering to run this fabulous initiative once again. It is held 8am – 8.30am every Wednesday. Please ensure your child has their hat and water bottle, as well as any medication they may require i.e. Ventolin & EpiPens.

Flu vaccinations

We are looking at having Redimed visit Freshwater Bay PS to offer free flu vaccinations once again to members of our community. Please keep an eye out on Compass as places will be limited.

Our first **House Assembly** will be held next Friday, week 3, we encourage all our students to wear their faction polo shirts on this day.

Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council is the voice of the student body and a method for students to communicate with the school's decision-makers. Throughout the year the council regularly will meet to discuss any issues, ideas, suggestions, and requests for changes to school practice that will make our school and community a better place. Each class from Year 2 to Year 6 will have a two representative per semester. The tenure of each member is one semester so four children in each class will have the opportunity in 2023.

Members of the Student Representative Council are voted in by their peers and seen as leaders in the school. The selection process will be communicated to all students at the first House Assembly on Friday 17th February 2023. Student nomination forms will be distributed to students by classroom teachers and need to be returned by Friday 24th February. Nominating students will present a short speech to their class and each class will place their votes.

Enrichment Program

We are excited to announce the implementation of a new mathematical enrichment program for students in years 2-6, run by Mr Trenorden. The program will be through APSMO, the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad and has been recommended to us by the coordinator of PEAC, Primary Extension and Academic Challenge. Students will be invited to join the program based on their results in PAT Numeracy testing in Week 4 this term. Students achieving in stanine 8 or 9 on the PAT Numeracy test will be considered. There will be a maximum of 15 participants per class, with a combined Year 2/3 class, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. For further information about the Olympiads please go to <https://apsmo.edu.au>

Class Meetings

Class meetings will be held next week for all classes except Year 6 who completed their meeting at the end of last year. Sessions are for parents only. Year 1 to 5 students will be supervised by staff in the Fort area (Bayview Terrace side). Kindy Lemon students will be supervised in the Kindy playground and Pre primary students in their enclosed playground. Please see the dates and times below.

	Tuesday 14 February	Wednesday 15 February	Thursday 16 February
9am		Kindy Lemon Kindy Lime Kindy Orange <i>Kindy Room Pavilion 2</i> Annette Hodder Celine Kassab	
3.15pm	Year 2 <i>Cowan Hall</i> Terry Platts Jennie Sutherland	Year 5 <i>Tangney Hall</i> Paul Butler Sarah Jefferson	Year 1 <i>Cowan Hall</i> Clare Brinsden Shannon Kendall Ashe McKinnon Alex Soutar
3.15pm	Year 3/4 <i>Cube 1</i> Kim Watson	Year 2/3 <i>Tangney 5</i> Beth Chesney Diana Van der Worm	Pre-primary <i>Hughes 1</i> Jayde Lindley Jessica Markou Deidre Clarke
3.15pm	Year 4 <i>Cube 2</i> Jarrold Dougan	Year 3 <i>Tangney 7</i> Julie Brown	

If you have a clash with sibling class meeting times please speak to your teachers as they are more than happy to meet with you to go through any important information. All teachers will also provide a written summary of the information for your perusal. Individual parent-teacher meetings regarding your child's progress and achievement will be held later this term.

P & C Sundowner Friday 24 February

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.

Pop up Second-hand uniform shop

Our lovely P&C mums will host a pop up second-hand uniform shop in front of the library from 2.45pm – 3.30pm on Wednesday 14 March.

House Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6)

Save the date Thursday 16 March, Claremont Aquatic Centre. 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 factions. Please make a note of the date and come along and support the students. Please let Kate Hewett know if you are available to volunteer on the day by emailing kate.hewett@education.wa.edu.au

Locavora new lunch provider

Freshwater Bay PS has a new lunch supplier. Please visit <https://schools.locavora.com.au/> and sign your child up. Take a look at the extensive healthy and fresh menu on offer. You won't be disappointed!

Lost property

Please be sure to check lost property bins in Tangney Hall and Cowan Hall daily if your child has misplaced an item.

Co-curricular Activities

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

Peter's Lunchtime Soccer Clinics - 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>

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

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

Choir - Year 3 & 4 on Thursday mornings and Years 5 & 6 on Tuesday mornings 8am to 8.45am.

Music - www.ontherunmusic.com.au After school

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>

Parent Reps

Thank you so much to all the parents who have stepped up to volunteer their time to be Class Reps. We have all classes represented and it is week two! Thank you all for your support.

Wishing you a wonderful rest of your week.

Kind regards

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Principal