

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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

*Learning emerges from discovery, not directives; reflection, not rules; possibilities, not prescriptions; diversity, not dogma; creativity and curiosity, not conformity and certainty; and meaning, not mandates. Stephanie Pace Marshall*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

### **School Reports**

Congratulation to all our students whose reports reflect their hard work this semester. I thank all my teaching staff for their professionalism and commitment to our students. The comments in the reports demonstrate this. There is a tangible quality in the learning programs being delivered and in the outcomes the students are achieving. Please take the time to read your child's report and acknowledge the hard work and effort they have put in. Words of encouragement go a long way to setting a realistic connection between effort and achievement.

Please note that Student Reports are only distributed online through the COMPASS portal. Student Reports are legal documents and as such, a student's legal name, the one on their Birth Certificate, is use. Preferred names can be used in everyday communication and interaction but not for legal documents.

### **Take a break!**

I am very mindful and grateful for the support of our whole school community. It is a fair task to be managing the daily/weekly tasks of family, work and school. I am hopeful that all the families have a chance to recharge over the next two weeks and re-boot for an exciting second semester. Please encourage your children to take a break from direct learning and technology, an opportunity to relax their mind and enjoy social and life experiences. With the uncertainty of lockdowns, keep things simple and get back to basics, enjoy exploring your own back yard.

### **COVID-19**

At this stage we are all going to be monitoring the decisions of our government. I will let you know what we will have in place at the commencement of Term 3.

### **Choir**

As a result of the Pupil Free days at the commencement of Term 3 there will be no choir rehearsals in week One. Normal rehearsals and times will start in week 2. Miss Hammond welcomes students who wish to try out in Week 2.

### **French Poem Competition**

Congratulations to the 22 FWBPS students who participated in the Alliance Française Poem Recitation Competition on Saturday 26 June, in Nedlands. Winners will be announced in the coming weeks.

### **Writing Competition**

We have many fabulous student writers in our school. Each year our local author Tim Winton, sponsors a competition to support young writers and recognise their talent and works. Award entries close 5.30pm Friday August 13 2021. Visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonaward](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonaward)

### **Commencement of Term 3**

School starts back on the **Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>** due to Staff Personal Learning Days set for the Monday and Tuesday at the beginning of Term 3.

### **Farewell Hazel Rawlings**

Hazel Rawlings has been a wonderful staff member at our school for over seven years. In that time she has made a great contribution to the school and made a real difference to the education of countless students and support to teachers of all year levels. Hazel leaves us to go back to study. to start a new direction in her life. We will miss her and wish her well.

### **Kindy and Pre-primary for 2022**

We are in full swing in planning for 2022. All parents of children who will be attending Kindy and Pre-Primary for 2022 need to submit your Enrolment Application and supporting documentation by this Friday. If you are unable to meet the deadline, please advise the Front Office of your intent and then complete and submit the documentation at the start of Term 3. Your support in attending to the enrolment of your child in those year levels is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

*Simon*

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