

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more
and become more, you are a leader.”

-John Quincy Adams

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school and Term 4. I hope that you managed to enjoy some quality time with your precious children over the school holidays. Term 4 is always a busy time on the calendar with planning for 2020 and we have an exciting 10 weeks planned.

AN INSPIRING TERM

A great deal was achieved in Term 3. As a community we engaged and approached all that came our way with enthusiasm. The collegiate and collaborative spirit that is evident is laying the foundations for our vibrant and dynamic school, now and going forward. We are very grateful and thankful for the efforts of everyone.

Confidence and developing a strong ‘I Can’ internal message in our children.

The confidence each child has comes from many areas however the following is a short list of points that are known to make a big impact;

- Giving children opportunities to do concrete activities here there is a result they can see. Cooking is an obvious one because they can see and taste the outcome of their efforts.
- Being around them and acknowledging the things they do, particularly where they are doing things that are generous or giving.
- Be generous with praise and genuine feedback. Over use of superlatives i.e. wonderful, good, great and others are overdone and don't give any real feedback. Give specific feedback about what is wonderful, Wonderful effort, I can see by the way you have.... has made a real difference. As a general rule research says 5 real positives to every corrective.
- We all like to be acknowledged for our efforts, children especially.
- In the argument over quality verses quantity time with children, research says quantity wins. Just being there, speaks volumes to the child, it tells them they are valued and a very important part of your life. This gives the child more confidence than anything else; it forms the basis of being confident in going out into the world as the child knows you will be there to fall back on. You are the rock they will build their house (lives) on.

We have a school full of children with a very strong ‘I can’ message, which is a clear reflection of the supportive and caring family life they have.

2019 Interschool Carnival

Swanbourne PS was the venue for our Interschool Carnival. FBPS took a team of enthusiastic and talented athletes, all of whom competed hard and represented their school with distinction. Our students showed a willingness to compete across all events and embraced the sense of team spirit we encourage at FBPS. More pleasing still were the acts of sportsmanship displayed by all students across our division and they are to be congratulated for their efforts especially being in A Division for the first time.

Board Elections

I want to congratulate Rosemary Rees for being elected on to the Board. Rosemary has a wealth of experience in a range of areas and will be a positive addition to the Board. I want to thank all the candidates who stood for elections to the Board. They are all outstanding people who would make a great contribution to the school and would be valuable members when future vacancies arise and I thank them again for nominating.

Year 6 Camp

I was fortunate enough to attend the Year 6 Camp at Forrest Edge Waroona earlier this week. We shared some wonderful moments with students and enjoyed hearing all their stories and seeing them tackle all the challenges which were put before them throughout the three days. The wonderful comradery and support they showed each other was commendable and a pleasure to be part of. The team building activities helped build trust, encouragement and gave opportunities for friendships to flourish. This Year 6 cohort are showing they are ready to take on the challenges that come with entering high school in the new year. I want to express my deep gratitude and thanks to Hilaire Lyon for ensuring everything ran smoothly in our absence.

Kindy interviews

We are looking forward to hosting interviews for our youngest members who will be joining the Freshwater Bay Community in Kindy next year. These will be held in week 3. We are very pleased to advise that we will have 4 Kindy classes for 2020 and still have a few places available, so if you know someone who is thinking about enrolling their child, please urge them to do so as soon as possible. Our Kindy & Pre Primary Information Night is being held on Thursday November 7th at 6pm.

Student Leadership

The Freshwater Bay Primary School community encourages student leadership in all its forms. It provides students with the opportunity to develop skills and to be responsible and innovative decision makers. Leadership enables students to develop their skills in managing their own personal and academic wellbeing as well as others around them.

I will be running a workshop with the year 5 students focusing on what it really means to be a leader. We will start the process of selecting our student leadership team for 2020 in the coming weeks. Formal membership of the Student Leadership Team is reserved for students who have displayed the leadership and appropriate values and virtues over their time at Freshwater Bay. Students holding leadership roles in the School will receive leadership training to enable them to be able to fulfill the requirements of the role.

2019 Principal's Writing Competition

The Principal's Writing Award has received many impressive submissions. Thank you to those of you who share my passion for literacy. I look forward to announcing the winners at the Assembly on October 25.

Class Socio-Gram

Each year we conduct a Class Socio-Gram. The intent of the socio-gram is to allow students to advise us of their peer circle and to provide us with valuable information to support our class placements for 2020. It will be completed at school during week 4.

Time Capsule Assembly

November 20 is the date for the insertion of the new Time Capsule. The students have been working in class on a themed written piece which will be stored in the Capsule to be opened in 25 years. More information about the event will be circulated in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping co ordinate the event please email Bridget Robertson bridget.robertson@education.wa.edu.au

Wishing everyone a fantastic Term 4.

REMINDERS

Family vacation prior to departure please advise the school in writing to freshwaterbay.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Skoolbag please ensure you are signed up to receive notifications and all school communication.

Facebook Visit our Facebook page regularly to keep abreast of what we are up to.

Absentees must be lodged via the SkoolBag app before 9am to ensure all parties (teachers and admin staff) are notified and an electronic record is kept on file.

QKR for all school payments. Please download the app.

School uniform is to be worn at all times. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled. If your child has lost an item, please check the Tangney and Cowan Lost property bins. Second hand items can be purchased from the uniform shop in the last week of term. Alternately new items can be purchased from Matrix Uniforms Osborne Park www.matrixuniforms.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES

World Teachers Day 25 October
Kindy Interviews 28 & 29 October
Kindy & Pre Primary Information night 6pm 7 November
Staff Appreciation Lunch 13 November
Time Capsule Assembly 20 November
Kindy & Pre Primary Orientation morning 4 December
Book Awards Assembly 13 December
Years 1-6 Transition Day 13 December
P&C Xmas Sundowner December 13
Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.45pm 17 December
Graduation Assembly 18 December
Last day of school 19 December