

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

"A great person shows their greatness by the way they treat little people."— Thomas Carlyle

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In my role as principal of Freshwater Bay PS there are times when I am challenged by people both outside and inside our community, as the person responsible for all behaviours of members of our community, parents and children.

Recently I have had a number of incidents where parents in our community have not demonstrated a calm and measured response when dealing with children from our school in outside of school situations. It is unfortunate that these situations have reflected on the reputation of our school community.

What I have learnt in my career as a leader in schools and community organisations, is that criticism is futile. It charges the situation and puts the person on the defensive with the need to justify themselves. Criticism is dangerous, because it wounds the person's pride, hurts their sense of importance and usually creates resentment, not change. A quote by Dale Carnegie sums it up 'Any fool can criticize, condemn or complain- and most fools do. But it takes character and self-control to be understanding and forgiving'.

I understand there are moments where there is an overriding drive to right a perceived wrong. When dealing with children they are impressionable and vulnerable. They learn from what they witness and experience more than what they hear. I urge everyone when faced with a complex situation with children that challenges your sensibilities, to show them how to handle it with kindness, respect and empathy.

Kind regards

Simon

Simon Reid
Principal

Running Club

We have need to provide the following reminder to parents of Running Club students because some students have been dropped off at school only to not partake in club activities. These students have been managed according to our school policy. For the safety of all our students we need your support with the following;

If your child attends running club on Wednesday morning, one of the supervising teachers will sign your child in at 8:00am. Please ensure that you are dropping your child/ren off at **only** the Bayview Kiss and Drop so the teachers are able to account for all students. If your child is arriving at 8:00am on Wednesdays, it is an assumption that they are at school for Running Club and it will be an expectation that they participate (whether walking or running). Please remind students that they are not able to remain on the school site at this time without teacher supervision.

I reiterate school hours are 8.30am to 3pm.

House Athletics Carnival tomorrow at McGillivray Oval years 3-6.

There is a buzz around the school with all the students looking forward to tomorrows House Athletics Carnival. Parents if you have the opportunity please put time aside to go and support your child/ren. It is always such a wonderful community atmosphere.

Freshwater Bay PS Student Council

Earlier this week our Student Council met for the first time. I was extremely impressed at how all the students conducted themselves and the discussions which took place. I invited two of the council members to volunteer to write something for the newsletter, which will be an ongoing opportunity for other members, Eilidh Frette and Dylan Rawsthorne were both eager to step up. I am very proud to share with you their articles;

Eilidh Frette

The first meeting of the Student Representative Council (SRC) commenced on Monday the 29th of August. The SRC discussed examples of good and bad behaviours of student representatives and what the council is for.

Here are a few points that we discussed:

- Working together to improve the community
- To look for solutions to issues
- To look to improve the school
- The council is an opportunity for students to have a voice

We read and discussed a story called "Jack and the Beans talk".

In the story Jack saw a problem and he told the council, but the chairperson ignored Jack.

From the story we learned the importance of:

- having notes about the last meeting
- listening to other members of the council
- being persistent

We are all looking forward to putting this knowledge into action in our next few meetings and around the school.

Dylan Rawsthorne

On Monday, the new Freshie Student Representative Council was shown a video about leadership and starting a movement by being the first follower and putting yourself out there and maybe looking slightly ridiculous. Once you have done this other people follow your example and start joining in and once they have joined in, the people who are doing it stop standing out and the group starts to grow. Then everyone has joined in and people who don't do it start to stand out. So if you want to start a movement, go for it and soon enough others will join you. The council is excited for the opportunity to represent the interests of all the children in the school and can't wait to get started!

Save the date

Freshie Dads and Kids Movie Night – Friday 16 September 6pm.

Tickets are free (P&C gold coin donation at the door) but please register all kids and dads here:

<https://bit.ly/FreshieMovieNight>

Kindy and Pre Primary 2023 Early Learning Information Night – Tuesday October 18 2022 5pm – 6pm.

An invitation to attend will be sent out shortly. If you have not enrolled your Kindy or Pre Primary aged child for 2023 please visit <https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/enrolments>

Spring Starry Night Parent event – Friday November 4. Details to come

Planning for 2023

We are planning for 2023. If your child is not returning to Freshwater Bay PS please complete the student not returning in 2023 form attached and return to Bridget.Robertson@education.wa.edu.au before the end of Term 3. Thank you for assistance on this matter.

New lunch supplier

Thank you for the positive feedback on the new lunch supplier Locavora. We are seeing a high demand for the lunches with a large increase in the number of daily orders. They have a huge variety and all is made fresh daily. Visit [Locavora Schools – Lunch Orders for Schools](#) and sign your child up.

P & G Lunchtime Soccer

Peter's Lunchtime Soccer Clinics still spaces available.

Email your child's name, age and preferred day(s) to gretanjoku@gmail.com or call 0405 931 591.

Payment can be made to: P&G SPORTS ACADEMY BSB 923100 Acc 30099106

Rollerblading

Rollerblading for kids Program has places available on Wednesdays after school. Contact Sarah Andros on 0416 234 884 if you wish to book your child in.



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