

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Feedback from National School Opinion Surveys

A huge thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the National School Opinion Survey last term. Additionally, staff and senior students completed the survey. The staff and school board have taken the opportunity to review the results with the intent to incorporate key components into the upcoming 2024-2026 Business Plan. A summary of the feedback received and to be acted upon is as follows;

- Ensure all students are making year on year progress through the provision of high quality curriculum and whole school processes
- Build capacity of staff in catering for varying needs of learners, including extending capable learners and providing additional support for students who may be struggling
- Improve the processes by which we communicate to parents, particularly regarding student progress and achievement
- Improve processes for seeking parent, student and staff voice to ensure all stakeholders feel their opinions are taken seriously
- Improve consistency and transparency of procedures and communication when managing student behaviour to provide a whole school approach focusing on restorative practices
- Refine student leadership selection processes to improve transparency and the perception of fairness
- Improve staff support and well-being structures to maintain a healthy and supportive workplace
- Ensure all staff receive relevant and purposeful feedback about their work

2024-2026 Business Plan and student performance update

We are in the process of writing the 2024-2026 Business Plan. Staff met across two meetings to review the aforementioned survey data, NAPLAN and PAT results as our key sets of student performance data. Analysis of this data indicates that we need to continue our focus on extending the more capable students across all years. Additionally, we require a renewed focus on supporting struggling students in the early years. To this end we will provide a targeted small group intervention program called MacqLit for students in year two or three who may be having difficulty developing their phonic skills. This program will begin this term and continue into 2024. Parents of identified students have been contacted however should you wish to learn more please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Mitchell who is coordinating the program.

School Board nominations - REMINDER

Expressions of interest for parent representatives on the School Board close tomorrow 4pm Friday November 3 2023. This entails a short paragraph outlining why you are interested in the position and what you can contribute to the school. Thanks to those who attended the meeting yesterday, it was lovely to meet you all. The School Board meets twice a term to contribute to the governance of the school so that resources are used efficiently, and community expectations and school priorities reflect the needs of the students. Parents/carers with students currently enrolled at our school are eligible to nominate. Due to personal circumstances of current Board members there will now be five positions available;

1 x one year

2 x two year

2 x three year

Please email the expression of interest to Asher.Dragun@education.wa.edu.au by the closing date. Once nominations are received, should we have more nominees than positions we will open a vote to all parents. In this event I will contact each nominee to confirm their preferred position length.

130 Year Raffle winners

Congratulations once again to all the winners and sponsors of the 130 Year Raffle and thank you to Mischa Way for organising the whole fundraiser which raised \$5445 for the school <https://www.facebook.com/freshwaterbayps/>

P&C General Meeting Monday 6 November 6pm

The P&C will be hosting their General Meeting in Tangney Hall on Monday November 6 at 6pm, you are all welcome to attend and there is a joining fee of \$1.

Remembrance Day Assembly Friday 10 November

We have our Remembrance Day Assembly next Friday starting at 8.45am, all are welcome to attend. We will be joined by special guests Dr David Honey MLA Member for Cottesloe, David and Sharon Thomas President of The Royal Agricultural Society of WA (RASWA) and Gavin Wilkinson Nedlands RSL President.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Asher

Principal

