

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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

### ***Seeding serendipity***

*"Let your hook be always cast; in the pool where you least expect it, there will be a fish."*

June 30 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a busy and exciting term we have had, arriving at week 10 of Term Two. I am looking forward to Term 3 and seeing many of the activities which had been postponed earlier in the year, due to the impacts of COVID-19, to now be possible.

### **Ruth Dennis**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ruth for all the work she has done for this school and many other governments schools for the last 40 years. Ruth is an extra-ordinary person who works very hard and has made a wonderful contribution. Ruth is retiring to spend more time with family. We wish her all the very best.

Debbie Humphry will be commencing in the school at the beginning of Term 3. Debbie has worked previously in our school in 2015 and 2016. She is highly experienced and is excited to be working with us once again.

### **Lightening Carnival**

Last week the Year 5 and 6 students all participated in the Winter Sports Carnival. I was so impressed with the way all of our students conducted themselves. They were all excited and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. I thank all the teachers for their planning and participation on the day.

I would also like to mention it was great to see so many parents coming down to cheer on the students.

### **Science and Engineering excursion**

Thank you to Mr Scott Trenorden for organising for the Year 6 students to attend an excursion on Science and Engineering. These two learning areas are the way of the present and the future and this opportunity for our students was informative, challenging and hands on. Our teams received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 8 schools participating.

## **Year 6 Disco**

Thank you to all the parents who helped set up the venue, it looked fabulous. The students all had a fun night. The disco has become a part of the school calendar now and something that all the students look forward to.

## **Inter-School Cross Country**

Well done to all the students who represented the school at the Inter-school Cross Country Carnival. Our students were competing against the other A Grade schools in our area and acquitted themselves very well. They represented the school with great courage, determination and respect.

Thank to Tara Grant for her organisation and the support of Alex Soutar, Jessica Markou and Ben Turner for their ongoing training of all the students. Their enthusiasm and dedication makes a real difference.

## **French Alliance Française Poem Competition**

On Saturday 25 June, 14 Freshwater Bay Primary students participated in the Alliance Française Poem Competition Final. Congratulations to all students for their achievement.

## **School Photos**

School photos are going home this week so keep an eye out for them in your child's bag. They are an important part of a child's narrative and memories as they grow up.

## **Calling All Claremont Cooks – we want your recipe**

Our very own cookbook is coming together very well. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm for the book and the amazing chefs we have in our community. We are still looking for more recipes. If you have not got a recipe in for the school cookbook please make time to do so if will be such a gorgeous book and keepsake. See attached for further information, extended to July 7.

## **School Reports**

Reports will be available tomorrow Friday 1 July on Compass. If you are leaving the school at the end of Term 2 you will need to download and save your child's report before Sunday 17 July, as your access to Compass will cease after this date.

## **Planning for 2023**

We have started planning for 2023. We are getting new enrolments weekly from people. If your child is not returning please complete the Students not returning in 2023 attached and return to [Bridget.Robertson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Bridget.Robertson@education.wa.edu.au) Thank you for your support on this matter.

## **School Community News**

### **Lunch orders**

We are very excited to advise that we will be trailing a new lunch supplier *Locavora* for Term 3 visit [Locavora Schools – Lunch Orders for Schools](#) and sign up before Term 3 commences. Locavora recently provided a spectacular lunch for our Staff PD Day. They have a huge variety and all is made fresh daily.

### **Pop up Second Hand Uniform Stall**

Our next pop up second hand uniform stall will be on Wednesday 27 July 2022 2.30pm – 3.30pm to allow you to stock up on winter items.

### **Lost property**

Please check lost property before this Friday as all will be donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop beginning of next Term.

## **TERM 3**

### **Pupil Free Days**

We have a full and exciting Term 3 planned. **Don't forget the first two days for Term 3 (July 18 and 19) are student free days**, set aside for Staff Personal Development, planning and learning opportunities. The school term starts on Wednesday 20 July.

### **Sustainability Incursion**

The first two days back for students in Term 3 (20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July) will see them enjoying a whole school sustainability incursion focusing on Waste Education. Thank you to Mrs Watson for orchestrating this exciting event.

### **Year 6 Camp**

Our Year 6 students will finally be able to go on camp, week two of Term 3. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work which has gone into making this possible. Dates have been confirmed now being Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 July.

### **Save the date**

Please save the date for Triple P Fear-less seminar facilitated by our school psych Graham Goodall-Smith on 3 August. More information to come Term 3.

### **First Nations Relationship**

The wonderful work of Annika and Beth Chesny in building a flourishing relationship with the Morrditj Community School continues with the Year 3s off to visit them on Friday 29 July. The students will take part in a combined cultural activities program engaging in a variety of cultural activities as part of NAIDOC. I have had a look at the planned events and I can see that our students are really in for an amazing learning experience.

### **NAIDOC Week**

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), and celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

As a school we have been celebrating NAIDOC week this week, with all classes doing something that highlights, teaches and celebrates our fabulous First Nations culture. As mentioned before, our area is Whudjuck Nyungar Land and Freshwater Bay was known as a place of plenty, a good camping ground and a place where they would come for ceremonial and social purposes. It was an important teaching and learning place where the children were taught about the land, river and sea. It was, for thousands of years, a place of ceremonial importance.

### **Claremont Council holiday activities**

The Claremont Council will be running some fabulous activities all through the first week of the school holidays, I urge you to go onto the following website and have a look. I am sure that your children will love to be involved. <https://www.claremont.wa.gov.au/Community-and-Living/What-s-Happening/NAIDOC-Week-2022>

## P & G Lunchtime Soccer

Peter's Lunchtime Soccer Clinics will be back in Term 3 commencing week 2.

To confirm a place for your child, email your child's name, age and preferred day(s) to [gretanjoku@gmail.com](mailto:gretanjoku@gmail.com) or call 0405 931 591. Payment can be made to: P&G SPORTS ACADEMY BSB 923100 Acc 30099106

## Rollerblading

ROLLERBLADING 4 KIDS Program will recommence Week 3 of Term 3 on Wednesday 3rd August and run for 8 weeks. Contact Sarah Andros on 0416 234 884 if you wish to book your child in.

## End of Semester

Thank you for your ongoing support for the school, our teachers and our students. We have met some significant challenges and come through with the most important thing still at the forefront - students being happy, enjoying coming to school and their love for learning. I am thankful for the hard work and dedication of all our teachers.

Term 2 saw six new families join Freshwater Bay and Term 3 will see a few more new families joining our community, I know you will make them all feel very welcome. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday, enjoy quality family time and some relaxing moments.

Kind regards

*Simon*

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Principal

