

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

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Abraham Lincoln

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been such a busy term, filled with so much activity. I commend the PP-Y4 students last week, who were so well behaved and displayed the school values whilst attending in term swimming.

Board Representation

We are very excited to welcome Yasmin Jebb onto our School Board. Yasmin has two children attending Freshwater Bay and brings a wealth of experience and will make a wonderful addition to our Board. Thank you for taking up the role.

Cross Walk Attendant

We are without our two Cross Walk Attendants from tomorrow onwards. Michael has been off from his work and his attendant duties because of a severe back issue and David on Princess Road crossing has just resigned to take up another job opportunity. We have been in contact for some time with the authority that manages all the cross walk attendants in Western Australia and they have no one on their books at the moment. We are seeking in our community anyone who would like to take up the role. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please see the front office. It is a paid job of \$25 an hour with 10 hours a week and a one day training induction. This would really help keep our students and community safe.

Before and after school drop off of children.

Thank you to everyone for your support in ensuring that the continuous flow of traffic both in the morning and afternoon at both Kiss and Drop zones.

I must stress that children are not to enter the school grounds before 8.30am. Children are only supervised at the Bayview Terrace Kiss and Drop. There are to be no children left at the Cube Car Park before 8.30am. I encourage all parents to support the school with maintaining the before school routines. The CUBE car park is for staff only. This car park is for a Kiss 'n Drive for parents. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping safety a priority.

Gate School Applications

Western Australian Government High Schools have high performance programs for student who are Gifted and Talented. These are Selective Entry schools and have an application process. If you would like your child to go to one of these schools, applications are now open and will close Sunday 12 February 2023. For further information visit www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

Students not returning in 2023 – very important we know as early as possible

We are still having a number of tours each week and our numbers are growing. To support us for our planning for 2023 would you please let us know if you are moving schools for 2023. If you have friends or family wishing to enrol please encourage them to get their applications in before 12 December as the school will be closed until 23 January.

Class Organisation for 2023

We will not be informing the students which class or teacher they will be having in 2023. With numbers changing we do not want to be in a situation in February saying to student that their class has changed. I thank you for your understanding and patience.

COVID-19

Unfortunately, we are told that Covid-19 infection numbers are on the rise again. I urge all people to make sure that you are up to date with your vaccinations.

Personal Hygiene School staff will continue to encourage students to wash their hands before and after breaks, and before and after using any shared equipment. **If your child is unwell**, please ensure they remain at home until any symptoms have ceased.

Points of note for your diaries;

- Tuesday Treats each Tuesday afternoon 3pm Herbert Hall
- Second hand pop up uniform stall Tuesday 29 November
- Booklist to be ordered online by Tuesday 29 November
- Year 6 T2 French Breakfast 8-8.30am Wednesday 30 November
- Kindy 2023 Orientation Wednesday 30 November
- P&C General Meeting Wednesday 30 November 7.15pm Tangney Hall **ALL WELCOME**
- Year 6 T1 French Breakfast 8-8.30am Thursday 1 December
- Cowan 1 and Choir Concert – Friday 25 November 8.45am Herbert Hall
- Year 5 sleepover Thursday 1 December
- Shenton College Year 7 Transition Day Friday 2 December
- Freshie Dads & kids beach tennis and BBQ Friday 2 December
- Staff Appreciation Lunch Tuesday 6 December (one we all really look forward to!)
- Kindy Christmas Concerts 6 & 9 December
- Book Awards Assembly Friday 9 December
- Choir and String student performance at Claremont Quarter Friday 9 December from 2pm
- P&C end of year Sundowner Friday 9 December 5-7.30pm
- Graduation Assembly Wednesday 14 December
- Last day for all students 15 December

All the best for week 8 and I would like to thank all of our community for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Simon

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