

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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## Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter



It isn't enough to think outside the box. Thinking is passive.  
Get used to *acting* outside the box.

*Tim Ferriss.*

Dear Parents & Guardians,

### **An inspiring term**

Thank you to everyone for an outstanding third term. There was certainly a great deal achieved. As a community we engaged and approached all that came our way with enthusiasm. The collegiate and collaborative spirit is a reflection of our vibrant and dynamic school. We are very grateful and thankful for the efforts of everyone.

### **Confidence and developing a strong 'I Can' internal message in our children.**

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

In the argument over quality over 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 belief and be 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 lives on.



Confidence our children have 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 things where there is a result they can see. Cooking is an obvious one because they can see and eat the outcome of their efforts.
- ✚ Being around them and acknowledging the things they do, particularly where they are doing things that a generous or giving.
- ✚ Be generous with praise and genuine feedback. The use of superlatives i.e. wonderful, good, great and others are overdone and don't give any real feedback. Give feedback about determination, commitment, care, consistency and resilience to keep going.
- ✚ Acknowledged their efforts not the outcome. Outcome will change commitment to effort is about character.

As a general rule research says five real positives to every corrective.

### **2022 Interschool Carnival**

Swanbourne PS was the venue for our Interschool Carnival. Freshwater Bay PS 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. The determination and effort was there for all to see. As a whole school we came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Championship Shield:

1st – Swanbourne, 632pts

2nd – Freshwater Bay, 452pts

3rd – North Cottesloe, 399pts

4th – Rosalie, 370pts

5th – Nedlands, 253pts

Below are some outstanding individual results which deserve to be recognised:

Individual Champions:

Year 3 – Champion Girl – Lola W

Year 4 – R/U Champion Girl – Lily B

Year 5 – Champion Girl – Leisha C

Year 6 – Champion Boy – Jackson H

I would especially like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Tara Grant for all her hard work and efforts in rolling out a very busy carnival program this term.

### **Class Placements for 2023**

We have begun the planning process for 2023 in earnest. As part of that process we organise class groups which take into account academic, social, attitude and behaviour. A great deal of thought by teachers goes into creating class groupings.

Early Term 4 teachers will be sitting with students on a one on one basis and asking students to identify 3 students they work well with.



## Board Elections

Coming up early next term there will be Board Elections. If you are interested in forwarding your name to be on the Board I encourage you to reach out to present members and discuss the role with them. The next meeting on Wednesday 26 October people interested can come along for the first 30mins and sitting members are available for open questions.

**CCTV Installation-** Over the holiday period CCTV cameras will be installed around the school. This is a project that many people have been working on for a long period of time. We are very grateful for their hard work. The whole school is very thankful to the P&C and all the contributions of the Freshwater families. The CCTV camera will provide another level of security and safety.

## Spring Starry Night – Save the date Friday November 4

This will be an event not to be missed. A very special parent social evening. Tickets are now on sale visit <https://events.humanitix.com/spring-starry-night-cocktail...>

## Claremont Bowls Club Sundowner – Save the date Sunday 16 October

The Claremont Bowls Club (next door to the school) is holding a Sundowner on Sunday, 16 October from 4- 6:30pm. It wishes to extend an invitation to all our families. This is the second sundowner in a few months and will again have a strong family orientation and focus, with plenty of activities for kids. Tickets will be available through Humantix. Further details to come.

I hope everyone has a wonderful break and enjoys a great deal of quality family time. I am very grateful for the ongoing support of the community and the hard working dedicated staff here at Freshwater Bay PS. We have had an amazing term with many notable highlights. Term 4 looks to be equally exciting, full of events.

Kind regards

*Simon*

Simon Reid

Principal

Freshwater Bay Primary

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