

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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

3 August 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here we are at the end of week 3, with just over 7 weeks to go. We have a lot of activities and events which our students have been involved with recently or have coming up such as the recent reciprocal Moorditj visits, thank you to Annika Chesney for championing this again. We have a beautiful indigenous herb garden to remind us daily of the collaboration.

### **Connect and Respect**

The Department of Education has recently released Connect and Respect, a suite of resources to assist school communities in setting shared and respectful expectations to enable us to continue to work together in the best interests of our children. This includes when and how to contact the school, what you can expect from us and the behaviours that interfere with teaching and learning. These resources and guidelines will assist us to continue to build upon our culture of connection and engagement, and we will implement them to support our staff to deliver quality education at our school. Please see the attached information.

### **MLC's The Little Mermaid**

Our year 5 and 6 students enjoyed MLC's Disney's The Little Mermaid production earlier in the week and were grateful for the opportunity to see such a wonderful production.

### **State Cross Country Yr 3-6**

Today was a very exciting day for some of our star runners at Freshwater Bay! We had the State Cross Country event, which was held at the beautiful UWA Sports Park. Roughly 100 schools took place, and each race had upwards of 300 runners! We had many runners finishing high in the rankings today, with 5 students in the top 20! A special shout out to Lola W who came first in year 4 girls' event! All students ran incredibly well, the sun was shining, and spirits were high all-round. It was a magnificent day. Well done to Mr Plummer for another great sporting event.

### **130th Year Celebration Week 4/9/23 - 10/9/23**

This year, we are celebrating 130 years of Freshwater Bay Primary that started out as the Claremont School in 1893, in this very building. From September 4-10 we will be holding a week of celebration for the children with historically themed events and activities, culminating in school Open Night on Thursday September 7 and the 130th celebration assembly on September 8. We will be recognising the important role the school has played and continues to play in the community and let students know that that we are all part of this extraordinary local history! Look out for more information through Compass and your class reps in the weeks to come.

### **130 Year drone image**

We are looking forward to the whole school coming together to create a wonderful memory. Tomorrow, Friday August 4, we will be having a drone shot taken of all the students and teachers on the COWAN courtyard lawn, to commemorate our 130 year anniversary. **Please can you ensure that your child is wearing their white polo shirts NOT their house shirts please.** Mum and professional photographer, Claire Pelliccia, will be capturing this amazing image for us from 2pm – 2.45pm.

### **Students not returning**

If your child is not returning in 2024 please can you completing a SNR slip at the front office. This greatly assist us in our planning for student numbers and class sizes for next year.

### **Save the date**

Friday 11 August, Cowan 6 will be hosting the Assembly and we will have the Choir perform as well.

Monday 14 August there is a P&C general meeting and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. 6pm Tangney Hall.

Thursday 24 August Kindy – Yr2 House Athletics Carnival & Yr3-6 Jumps & Throws

Friday 25 August Tangney 3 Assembly and Book Week Parade

Wednesday 30 August Yr 6 Karrakatta Excursion

Thursday 31 August Yr 3-6 House Athletics Carnival

Thursday 7 September 130 Year Open Night 5-7pm

Friday 8 September 130 Year Assembly, hosted by Cowan 7

### **P&C short survey**

The P&C would like to hold parent information sessions and would love your suggestions on subject matter and guest speakers. If you have not already completed the survey, please take 5 minutes to fill out our survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R6WDZDX>

### **Tennis Court membership for 2023/24**

Just \$50 gets you 12 months of access to the FPBS tennis courts. Hours of school holidays and weekend entertainment for the whole family. Simply complete the attached form and then return it to [tennis.fwb@gmail.com](mailto:tennis.fwb@gmail.com) alternatively you can pop into the Front Office and get a hard copy, complete the form and pay cash of \$50.

### **House Caps for sale**

Thank you to our amazing P&C fundraising team for these fabulous colourful additions, just in time for the House Athletics Carnival. Show your House spirit at school sporting events. Caps are for kids and adults. Please place your order between August 2-16. <https://events.humanitix.com/house-caps-sale> Please note students may not wear the caps to school on regular school days as they are not in line with the SunSmart Policy.

### **Freshie Dads bike ride this Sunday morning**

WHEN: Sunday 6th August 2023, 9:00-11:30am

Sign-up here: <http://bit.ly/Freshiebike>

WHERE: FORM Cafe in Claremont at 9am and then cycle down to Leighton beach and back through the cycling path.

WHO: Dads/Father figures and the KIDS! We'll be taking it slow and enjoying the scenery along the way.

You'll be able to grab some coffee and snacks at Leighton Beach at the Orange Box and hang out for a bit and let the kids have a play.

### **Road safety**

We have been advised that some of our students have been crossing Stirling Highway at the lights on a red light, in front of oncoming traffic. Our students are well identified by their uniform. If your child walks to and from school independently, please can you talk to them about road safety and traffic signal rules and if you are with your children please model the correct traffic behaviours.

Thank you for a great start to the term and wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

*Asher*

Principal