

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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## Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

*“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”*  
— Henry Stanley Haskins

26 May 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a very busy and engaged two weeks, on all fronts. I want to thank my staff and parents who have been actively involved in making the school a better place for our children. Parent involvement helps extend teaching outside the classroom, creates a more positive experience for children and helps children perform better when they are in school. We have always enjoyed fabulous support. This, with committed and dedicated staff, results in a vibrant place for children to thrive.

Thank you to all the parents who contributed and volunteered on Saturday there was an amazing amount of energy and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank Cindy Carboni and Ben Turner for engaging the year 6 cohort in a learning program that overlapped the classroom and a real life retail experience.

I would like to sincerely thank all who have been involved in the Freshie Farmers Market from its inception, as an idea 4 years ago, to its actuality over two years ago. There have been many people who have contributed and volunteered considerable amounts of their time and effort. Although it is presently in hiatus the school is immensely grateful for what the Freshie Markets has provided both in significant funds and in kind, over its existence.

Thank you

#FRESHIEFARMERSMARKET

To all the vendors, supporters & visitors



Stay safe shopping in  
the open air

Freshie  
Farmers  
Market

### **Walk to school with Dads**

Even with the inclement weather we had a strong turnout of dads and children for our annual walk to school day. There were lots of cheery faces all enjoying the experience along with an egg and bacon roll and a coffee. Thank you to all the organisers and everyone who participated. Events such as this have now become a regular and important part of our calendar.

### **School House Cross Country**

Next week on Thursday June 2 we have our House Cross Country Carnival. The students always engage with great spirit and enthusiasm. I appreciate the work of Ms Tara Grant, and the parents who are helping organise the event to ensure it runs smoothly and the children enjoy themselves. All event information can be found on Compass under Events 2022 Year 1-6 House Cross Country Carnival.

### **Pupil Free Day**

Friday 3 June is a Pupil Free Day for the staff to undertake Professional Learning. It is also a long weekend and as a result school will start on Tuesday 7 June. Please make a note of these dates.

### **The recent pop up second-hand stall**

Recently Claire Webster and Marika Dyer held a pop up second-hand uniform stall and made over \$500 for the school. Such a wonderful effort, thank you ladies.

### **Defibrillator installed**

A special thanks to our P&C for the recently purchased and installed Defibrillator which is located outside the Library. It is a fantastic addition to our school.

### **Smart watches and mobile phones**

If your child brings a mobile device or wears a smart watch to school, they are to hand it in at Reception at the beginning of the day and collect at the end of school. They are not to be worn in class (even on aeroplane mode). We appreciate your assistance with this.

### **Call for recipe submission for our Freshie Food Cookbook**

To contribute, please fill in the recipe form attached and drop it into the front office, alternatively write to [recipes.fwb@gmail.com](mailto:recipes.fwb@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you. Forms are also available at the front office.

### **School Fees and Charges are now due**

Please can you view and pay your outstanding accounts via Compass Course confirmation and payments.

### **Kindy and Pre Primary enrolments are now due**

Please complete the Enrolment Forms and submit supporting documentation. Further information can be found here <https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/enrolments>

### **Flu Vax Vaccinations - Friday 10 June 3pm to 4.30pm.**

As numbers are limited I encourage you to get in quickly and make a booking [Freshwater Bay Primary School Flu Vac Booking Link 2022](#)



## Goals for our supportive school culture

Miss Tara Grant has been working hard to implement our Friendly Schools culture throughout Freshwater Bay PS.

Schools are increasingly recognising the need to address bullying, resilience, and social skills. Social and emotional learning begins at birth and is first experienced in the family home. Our school has taken further steps this year to create a friendly and supportive culture. The Friendly Schools program is being delivered across the school to students K-6. The resource materials aim to foster and encourage positive social behaviour and reduce bullying behaviour.

As parents you are the first teachers of your child's social skills and first providers of emotional support. We are dedicated to the development of the whole child and have an unwavering focus on student social and emotional learning (including self-awareness skills, relationship skills, self-management skills, social decision-making skills, and social awareness skills).

We are:

- Providing all students with opportunities to develop and practise getting along with other children through classroom learning activities
- Creating a positive social environment within our school which actively discourages bullying including cyber bullying
- Implementing a clear and consistent approach to managing reported bullying incidents
- Introducing the provision of information and strategies to help you, Parents and Carers, communicate with your children about bullying. We will do this through the school newsletter.

Kind regards,

*Simon*

Simon Reid  
Principal



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*Schools*