

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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

*“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that all families took advantage of the extra-long weekend and did something special. Staff took advantage of the opportunity to have a professional learning day on Friday to build on our understanding of our students, the curriculum and assess our teaching approaches.

I would like to formally thank the P & C for the purchase of a defibrillator now installed on the school grounds. It is situated outside the library. The defibrillator can be used on children and adults. For those who are unaware of what a defibrillator is, it is **a device that uses electricity to re-start the heart or shock it back into its correct rhythm**. It is used when someone has a sudden cardiac arrest. This is when the heart suddenly stops pumping. The defibrillator analyses the heart rhythm and decides whether an electric shock is needed.

As part the Professional Learning Day the whole staff were instructed in how to use it. The following link is to a YouTube video made by St Johns Ambulance explaining how to use it. I highly recommend that you all view it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFvL7wTFzI0>

### **Cross Country Carnival**

Well done to all the students on the day. It is so heightening to see all of them trying their best to not only finish the event but push themselves to better their times. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer on every child, your presence really does make a real difference.

Thank you to Tara Grant for her hard work and thorough preparation ensuring the day ran so smoothly. Tara was ably supported by Alex Soutar and the enthusiasm of all the teaching staff.

The five fastest female and male runners in years 3 to 6 have been selected to represent the school at the Inter-School Cross Country Carnival next Friday. These children have been selected from times throughout the term inclusive of the Carnival.

## **Cross Country Carnival Results**

Briggs came 4<sup>th</sup> with 93 points

Kirwan came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 109 points

Crowdy came 2<sup>nd</sup> with 119 points

Sutton came 1<sup>st</sup> with 178 points.

Well done to everyone who participated.

## **Enrolments**

With the borders now open and many families returning, enrolments for 2023 are coming in fast for all year levels. We have begun planning for 2023. If you have friends and family who are intending on moving into the area, or wanting to come to our wonderful school can you encourage them to contact Bridget Robertson to enrol or arrange a tour. Further information can be found here

<https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/enrolments>

## **Call out for recipe submissions for our Freshwater Bay Primary School Cookbook**

Our cookbook is coming together very well. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm for the book and the amazing talent we have in our community. We are still looking for more recipes. 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. Deadline is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **Students not returning in 2023**

If your child is not returning to Freshwater Bay PS in 2023 (including current year 6 students), please can you complete the form and either email or drop off to the front office at your earliest.

## **Freshie Dads and Kids Quiz Night**

Don't forget to order your tickets to attend the Freshie Dads and Kids Quiz Night, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at the Claremont Bowling Club. Last year's event was such a success. Come and support it.

[www.TryBooking.com/BZTVS](http://www.TryBooking.com/BZTVS)

## **Lost property**

Please check lost property bins in Cowan Hall and Tangney Hall for lost items.

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

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

## **Food for thought**

Fascinating research has shown that the willingness and motivation to engage in activities that nurture serendipity can be driven by adaptable and trainable traits such as proactivity, humour, openness to experience and willingness to pursue untested ideas. Proactive behaviours such as taking the initiative and practising forethought help put us into situations where opportunity can happen and overcomes barriers.

There is strong empirical evidence linked to getting better jobs and incomes, to growth and success for budding entrepreneurs and to escaping poverty.

Kind regards,

*Simon*

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