

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



Issue # 61

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

*It's almost impossible to ask a question about something you know nothing about.*

***John Hattie***

### **House Cross Country Carnival**

The Year 1 to 6 students competed in a very enjoyable event today. The students engaged with great spirit and enthusiasm, it was an impressive afternoon. Thank you to all the teachers for their preparation and support of the students. Thank you also to the parents who were able to come and cheer on the children. I appreciate the work of Ms Tara Grant, and the parents who helped organise the event to ensure it ran smoothly and the children enjoyed themselves.

### **Pupil Free Day**

Friday 4 June is a Pupil Free for the staff to undertake Professional Learning. It is also a long weekend for Western Australia Day, as a result the school will start on Tuesday June 8. Please make a note of these dates.

### **Professional Learning**

We have a strong professional learning culture here at Freshwater Bay. The staff are continually reading and participating in professional learning in weekly meetings. Our constant aim is to improve our skills and knowledge. Our focus for 2021 has been on improving our delivery of High Impact Teaching Strategies.

On Tuesday afternoon staff turned out in abundance to hear our resident school psychologist Graham discuss separation anxiety and resilience. He defined these terms and discussed strategies to support young people based on his vast knowledge and Triple P Fearless suggestions. Graham highlighted that anxiety can be linked to repeated avoidance of a situation that is perceived to be dangerous whereas resilient kids have had many experiences of moving through situations and 'surviving'. We look forward to our next opportunity to learning more from him and in turn better support our students' social and emotional growth.

To further support our learning, many of the staff last week visited Ellen Stirling Primary School and another group will visit Dawson Park. The staff gained a lot from the experience.

## Enrolment for Kindy for 2021

Students are being enrolled every day and we are filling up quickly. Many first time parents are not aware of the enrolment timeline and some in the past have missed out on getting a place even when they are in boundary. If you know any first time parents, please remind them to enrol now.

## Enrolment for Pre-primary for 2022

Pre-primary is the first compulsory year of schooling. We need to establish numbers for 2022 to begin developing classes. Your support in enrolling early is important. Also if you are aware of families who intend on coming to Freshwater Bay in 2022 it is appreciated if you would let them know to enrol now.

## Kiss 'n' Drive

I urge all parents who are using the CUBE Kiss 'n' Drive to not use the car park to park your car during before and after school pick up. We need to have traffic flowing and we need to manage the area so that all children are kept safe. We have had some near misses recently and if it wasn't for some quick thinking by some people, we may have seen children injured.

## Communication

Thank you everyone for working and getting to know Compass, if you have any issue using the platform please email or pop in and see Bridget. Be assured that we are listening to feedback and will continue to refine our processes.

## Important Dates

- Upcoming Pupil Free Day Friday June 4
- Public Holiday June 7
- Interschool Cross Country Wednesday June 9
- Interschool Lightning Carnival June 23
- Moorditj Students Visit with Yr 3 Students June 25
- Semester One Reports July 2
- School Holidays commence July 2 until Wednesday July 21
- **Please note July 19 and 20 are Pupil Free Days – Staff PD Days**

Kind regards

*Simon*



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