

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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

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### **Focus 2021**

Together we are poised to implement a strategic direction that will enable our School to further evolve and enrich the lives of all community members. Our goal moving forward is to join the top 10 percent of primary schools.

Whilst academic performance prepares our learners for the future, it is important that in becoming great learners, students become great people. In 2021 we will introduce the High Impact Teaching Approach, the Innovative Individual and Group Leadership program for years 4 and 5 and the Integrated Physical Education Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### **2020 - Highlights**

- ✓ Organised NAPLAN assessment and analysis by trained markers. This ensures longitudinal data sets have not been interrupted for Yr 3 and Yr 5 students.
- ✓ Students demonstrate higher progress and achievement against like schools.
- ✓ Major investment into state of the art Science room.
- ✓ Painting of Tangney and Cowan buildings inside and out.
- ✓ 88% of students enjoy coming to school and are highly motivated.
- ✓ 90% of students say their teacher puts a lot of energy into teaching.
- ✓ 94 % of Parents say their child feels accepted by and gets along with others.
- ✓ 82% of Parents say their child achieves and has education programs that suit them.
- ✓ Successfully managed COVID-19 to ensure that families and students were not disadvantaged by the disruption. 94% of students returned to school immediately when it opened, representing a high level of trust in the school to maintain a safe learning environment.

## LOOKING TO 2021

- Innovative High Impact Teaching Strategies in every classroom.
- Leadership Program for Years 4 and 5.
- Oral Presentation program for Year 4 Students ongoing and Year 5 for 2021.
- High profile Leadership Opportunities for Year 6 students (See attached).
- Lessons learned from 2020.
- Innovative new approach to Music.
- The 2021 Music program is specifically designed to have greater integration and collaboration between the music and classroom teachers. Year 2 to 6 students will participate in a weekly music lesson in line with the Western Australian Curriculum. Students will have the songs and theory of the music lesson integrated in the daily classroom learning.
- K to Year 1 will integrate music education in line with the Early Years Learning Framework.
- Introducing the 'Whole school production' third term 2021.
- Focus on developing a musical performance in choral and musical instruments.
- Year 3/4 choir
- Year 5/6 choir
- Instrumental Band
- Edu Dance

Freshwater Bay PS community has strong values that have inspired a tradition of contribution and achievement that drives our children to excellence in all that they do. 2021 will be a year to build on this culture.

Kind regards

Simon

Simon Reid

Principal

Freshwater Bay Primary



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## Year 6 Leadership

The following are leadership options for our Year 6 students. All positions will have a job description and will have an adult within the school to provide guidance and mentorship. All the positions will be selected by the end of the first two weeks. Where there is a gender requirement it will be stated. Selection process will be similar to the process for the other positions.

### Interschool Sport Leaders

Position	Number	Gender
Interschool Sport Leaders (captains)	2	Both genders
Sport Leaders	4	Two of each gender
Technology	2	
Sustainability	2	
Arts Specialist	2	
Music	1	
Friendly Schools Community Ambassadors	4	Each Gender
School Ambassadors – School Tours for new families	2	
Publicity Ambassadors – PA announcers and Newsletter publications.	4	
Garden Rangers – Working with Manager of Maintenance and Grounds on projects	2	
Library Story Time Leaders	2	
Running Club Captain	1	