

# FOCUS NEWSLETTER

*Wisdom, Respect, Courage*



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



Dear Freshwater Bay Community,

Today has been filled with so much excitement with the year 3-6 House swimming carnival at Claremont Aquatic Centre.

### **House swimming carnival**

It was very well attended and supported, and I was moved by the incredible community support and spirit from our parent body. I would like to thank you all so much for making it so special for the students. Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to all the staff for their hard work, in particular Mrs Kate Hewett.

Records were broken today congratulations to Henry Smart 50 mts breaststroke and 50 mts freestyle and Sam Etheridge 50 mts backstroke.

In fourth place was Kirwan with a total of 551 points

In third place was Sutton with 592 points

In second place was Crowdy with 693 points

**In first place was Briggs with 827 points**

2023 Freshwater Bay PS Champions are;

Yr 3	Boy	Samuel Etheridge
Yr 3	Girl	Coralie de Beukelaar
Yr 4	Boy	Sean O'Halloran
Yr 4	Girl	Eve Sikirich
Yr 5	Boy	Henry Smart
Yr 5	Girl	Ava Chin
Yr 6	Boy	Hugo Mace
Yr 6	Girl	Isabella Hill

Runners Up are;

Patrick Styles & Arthur Lindsay
Ivy Patterson & Grace Noble
Spencer Hinkley
Luella Mace
Hunter Fulton
Edie Burgon
Mathis Martinick
Gabriella Depisch.

### **2023 GRIP Leadership Conference – Wednesday March 22**

Our student leadership team will be attending Perth Convention Centre for the Annual GRIP Leadership conference. The conference is designed to enhance the potential of our school leaders through connection with specialist presenters and leaders from other schools.

### **National Ride2school Day and our Harmony Assembly and Peace Pole ceremony**

I am really looking forward to next Friday March 24 where we will celebrate National Ride2school Day and our Harmony Assembly and Peace Pole ceremony. I am looking forward to seeing all of the traditional outfits being worn by the students. Please get behind these events by spending time over the weekend to organise your child's outfits with them and encouraging your child to ride to school on Friday, which will also address the congestion in and around the school. I do ask parents to please accompany your children, especially with us not having a traffic warden in attendance on either Princess Road or Bay View Tce.

### **EduDance Concerts**

Edu Dance costumes and concert times – If your child does EduDance on a Wednesday, their concert will be on Wednesday April 5 at 2.15pm in Herbert Hall (the undercover area).

If your child attends EduDance on a Thursday, then their concert will be held on Monday April 3 at 2.15pm in Herbert Hall. Attached to this correspondence you will find the outfits required for each year group.

### **Freshie Colour Dash**

The Freshie Colour Dash is set for Friday 31 March. It is our biggest fundraiser, and all money will go to upgrading our fort playground as well as new readers for the students. It is such a wonderful opportunity to have fun while raising much needed funds for Freshie. Information was sent out last Thursday about what to wear and how to register.

Please do these 2 things;

REGISTRATION 1. Register and pay your child(ren)'s \$10.00 registration fee at: <https://events.humanitix.com/freshie-colour-dash-registration> Registration must be completed by Sunday 26th March 2023.

DONATIONS 2. Obtain sponsorship for participation in the Colour Dash by forwarding this link to family and friends. Support from family and friends is key to our fundraising success. <https://events.humanitix.com/freshie-colour-dash-donations> Donations must be in by Wednesday 29th March 2023. \*Make sure each Sponsor selects the students HOUSE from the drop down menu. If the house is not selected the points will not be allocated!

### **Hero Hunters Day Monday April 3**

Hero Hunter Day - Dress up as your favourite superhero and bring along a gold coin donation to support a very worthy cause, supporting families fighting childhood cancer. All money raised will directly support children and families undergoing cancer treatment at Perth Children's Hospital. You can find out more about the Hero Hunter Foundation here <http://www.facebook.com/herohunterfoundation>

### **Parent/ Teacher Meetings Tuesday April 4 and Wednesday April 5**

If you have not booked an appointment with your class teacher, please do so as spots are filling up fast.

### **Freshie Dads Fishing event Thursday April 6**

Freshie Dads will be hosting their first event for 2023 - fishing down at Claremont Jetty on Thursday 6 April. See below for further details Sign-up form can be accessed at [Freshie Dads - Try Fishing Afternoon](#)

## **Leavers' Polos**

Our year 6 students received their Leavers polos yesterday and will be wearing them from Monday next week. Thank you to the parents who helped coordinate it all

## **Student Online Policy Consent – requires your attention please**

Please ensure you give consent via Compass for your child.

## **PAT testing**

Earlier this term, and at the end of the year our students participate in Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT). This testing is designed to assist teachers to identify student needs, target teaching and monitor learning growth. PAT tests allow teachers to collect evidence of student learning; to identify where students are in their learning at a given point in time; to monitor growth over time and to reflect on student attainment.

The tests provide an estimate of ability within a learning area by providing a scaled score on the achievement scale and the skill band descriptions tell the teachers what students at that level can typically do. The PAT scale scores over time can be used to estimate the improvement that the students make from year to year.

PAT testing within itself is not comprehensive enough to provide a report to parents on areas of strength and weakness which is why we typically do not release an individual report. The teaching, learning and assessment within the classroom is better placed to inform parents about their child's individual progress. By all means, speak to your child's teacher about how they performed but if you would like individual feedback on how your child could improve academically, it would be better to use the class program data which is collected.

## **Kiss and Drop**

I have mention earlier, I really need all our community to try and walk, scoot or ride to school where possible, aside from all the health benefits, it will greatly reduce the traffic congestion in and around the school. There have again been a couple of near accidents in the car parks, with parents parking and leaving their cars to go and collect their children, this is not permitted, or fair to others who are doing the right thing. We unfortunately still have not found replacement traffic wardens, so we are asking you all to please not block or park and obstruct the flow of traffic.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and I am looking forward to next week and the upcoming events.

Kind regards



**Asher Dragun**  
Principal