

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter



Term 1

This term has seen significant change in the school. The teachers have embraced our new approach to lesson design and the students are thriving as is demonstrated by their high quality work and pride in the school. We have introduced; Spelling Mastery for years 3 to 6 with students organised into ability levels and; focused learning strategies in literacy, mathematics, grammar and punctuation. Assessments in these areas demonstrate that our students are achieving results above the National averages.

Attached to this report are the 'School Review Report' and the '2020 Annual Report'. Data collected for these documents forms the basis for our next Business Plan which will be published in week 5 of term 2. Both documents clearly identify that we are a high performing school with a positive school culture and an engaged empowered community. When reading both documents, you will see our strengths and the areas that require our focus to continue school improvement. I draw your attention to the recommendations in the Areas of Improvement in the School Review Report, many of which have commenced.

Edu-Dance

In 2020 our Edu-Dance lessons were cut short due to COVID-19 and we were unable to hold a school concert. This year the student's excitement at learning the moves throughout the term culminated in the school concerts this week. For those attending, you were certainly entertained and inspired by the polished performances.

Inter-school Swimming Team

Our school competed in the Interschool Swimming Carnival this week at Challenger Stadium. We are very proud of our students' enthusiasm and determination. Students exemplified strong team spirit and genuine pride in representing Freshwater Bay. We competed hard and came an impressive 3rd. I want to thank the following parents and past students who organised before school training; Deb Smart, Peter Galvin, Aaron Chin, Ben Baxter and their assistants Charlotte Baxter, Edward Smart and Sam Coveney. The P&C deserve credit for providing support for the students with a breakfast bite. Thank you also to Tara Grant, Matt Pinkard and Jarrod Dougan for their organisation and motivation of the students.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Parent Teacher Interviews last Thursday. A great deal of preparation is done for these nights and it is very rewarding when parents come together with enthusiasm and support for the teacher and their child.

COVID-19

I want to reassure all families that we are well prepared for remote schooling in the event of a lockdown. We are very fortunate to be living in Western Australia and have the lives we have. However, we cannot take it for granted as life with COVID-19 could change overnight with one community infection outbreak. If the possibility becomes a reality, we will be able to operate remotely and deliver a highly effective learning program through Compass.

Compass

The rollout of Compass is progressing well. There are some teething issues that we are working through. We appreciate your support and patience. The value of working with Compass is they will tailor their platform to our needs. I encourage all parents to have a play with the App over the school holiday break. Like anything, familiarity through regular use builds confidence and competence. This is the only form of communication with parents moving forward, it is a one stop shop for all information relating to the school, events, reports, absentees, fees and changes so please ensure you make yourselves familiar with it.

Freshie Farmers Markets

The Freshie Farmers Market will be closed over the Easter long weekend but will be open for business the following Saturday, 10th of April. If you are around please visit the markets, buy your fresh produce and enjoy a bite/coffee and make it a regular part of your weekend routine. It really is an investment in your school and community. The students gain through more resources available for the school and also see the benefit of contributing to the community. Your support will make a huge difference to our school and your child's education.

Flu Vaccination Program Clinic

This year Freshwater Bay PS will be working with REDIMED to roll out free Flu Vaccinations to our community. These will be available for parents and students of Freshwater Bay. The Clinics will be run after school 3pm – 6pm in Herbert Hall (Undercover area) on Monday May 3rd, Tuesday May 4th and Thursday May 6th. The link here will allow you to sign up for a day and time and complete details. It will be by appointment only no walk ups so please make sure that you sign up for an appointment to receive the free flu vaccine [Freshwater Bay PS Onsite Flu Vac Clinic - Students/Parents May 2021](#)

Have a very happy Easter and enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Simon

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