

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

Turning dreams into destinations.

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good. Therefore, that I can show to any human being. Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it. For I shall not pass this way again.

Stephen Grellet

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Over the course of the semester Assemblies have taken a while to get started with students arriving late, as of this Friday all whole school Assemblies will commence at 8.50am sharp. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8.30am for the roll call and move to the undercover area in time for 8.50am.

MOORDITJ

Next Friday June 25, we will be once again welcoming students and teachers from Moorditj Noongar Community College. They will be joining our Year 3 cohort and engage in collaborative activities focusing on literature, art, music and physical education. I know our whole community will make them feel welcome. A special thank you to Annika and Beth Chesny for their coordination of this combined Indigenous Cultural Activities Program.

SCHOOL REPORTS

With Semester one school reports being available at the end of this term through Compass, I just want to touch on confidence and achievement. Every parent wants their children to feel good about themselves and to do well — and with good reason. Studies have shown that confident children experience benefits ranging from reduced anxiety and improved performance in school to increased resilience and healthier relationships. Unfortunately, some common confidence-building strategies can backfire, creating a vicious cycle where children struggle to feel good about themselves. As a result, parents may find themselves working overtime to boost their children's self-esteem. Psychologist Amy Morin highlights the biggest parenting mistakes that crush kids' confidence:

- Being overprotective
- Preventing kids from making mistakes
- Allowing kids to escape responsibility
- Condoning a victim mentality
- Expecting perfection
- Punishing rather than disciplining

It is worth reflecting on the above when reading your child's report. Your child will have worked hard and given their best effort based on where they are developmentally in their life. High expectations are fine, albeit with the caveat that love for the child is not conditional on report grades. The aim is for the child to learn that effort equals outcomes and persistence leads to progress.

Also please note. If your child does not receive the same grade as the previous year it does not mean they are being taught any less or they are putting in any less effort. It means they have not mastered the concepts fully to progress to the same level in the current grade. The curriculum is based around the developmental progress of the average child. Children, as we all know, do not follow a consistent growth/developmental curve. If your child received an A in one year level and a B or a C the following year, your child is not falling behind, or any less intelligent. Primary school grades are based on concept development, not achievement of academic scores, attainment which in most cases is based on the child's cognitive development. The child's effort is the most important area to acknowledge and reward.

FRESHIE GOES PAPERLESS

Parents please note that your child's report for Semester one will only be available on Compass, we no longer print out reports. Please ensure that you have the Compass App installed and have your user name and password to gain access.

CHOIR

Our Year 3,4,5 and 6 students in the Choir will be performing at next week's assembly. All students involved in the Choir need to be at the Music Room on Friday 25th at 8am sharp for a final rehearsal.

ENROLMENT FOR KINDY 2022

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.

ENROLMENT FOR PRE-PRIMARY 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 now 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.

Any enrolment queries please direct to Bridget.Robertson@education.wa.edu.au

Enrolment Applications can be found on our website <https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/enrolments>

COMPASS

Parent we are still having children arrive late and are not being signed in on the Compass Kiosk at the front office. This results in parents receiving an automated sms from Compass advising that their child is not at school. Please note that the classrooms are open to students from 8.30am and the roll is taken on the bell at 8.45am. If your child is late please have them come to the front office and sign in as this will override the automated SMS going out.

Please make a note of the following upcoming events;

- Yr 5/6 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
- July 19 and 20 are Pupil Free Days – Staff PD Days

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

- Review of the On-Entry student assessment data of Pre-primary students. **Students in Pre-primary demonstrate excellent results, with more than 50% of students in the 90% percentile in the State.** This is a measure of school readiness and student learning from Kindy in key learning areas of Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Speaking and Listening.
- Student Leadership for 2022 will commence next term.
- Board Chair met with Matrix our uniform supplier to get an understanding of the material used for the skorts. The Board Chair was advised the current skorts are made in Perth and not overseas and it was therefore agreed those initially concerned about the skorts, that no change was necessary.