

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

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Dear Freshie Families,

Here we are at the end of week 8 and heading into our last week of term.

House Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival held earlier this week was a wonderful day. I congratulate the students for their comradery and behaviour. I wish to thank all our parent volunteers for their fantastic support in helping make the carnival run so smoothly. Congratulations to BRIGGS who won the House Swimming carnival with 475 points, followed by Kirwan with 352 points, then Sutton with 318 and Crowdy placed fourth with 278 points.

Ride to School

This Friday 22 March 2024 is Ride to School. We are encouraging all students to try make their way to school in a healthy active way. Please encourage your child to ride, scoot or walk to school.

Harmony Day

This Friday is also Harmony Day and we are asking for students to wear orange or a cultural outfit.

Parent, Student, Teacher meetings

A reminder that the Parent, Student, Teacher meetings have been scheduled for Tuesday 3.10pm – 6.30pm and Wednesday 3.10pm – 4.30pm. If you missed out on a time please email your child's teacher and organise a time to meet.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN has now concluded. Results will be out later in the year.

EDU Dance

Edu Dance will be back from week 2 and the end of term concert will be held on Monday 24 June.

School Photos

Our school photos are locked in for Tuesday 21 May and Wednesday 22 May.

Freshie Choir

Freshie Choir rehearsals will be starting next term with an exciting number of events to be part of in the year, namely the Massed Choir Festival in November. Rehearsals for Years 4,5,6 will be on Tuesday mornings 7.45-8.45am. The Year 3 choir will rehearse on a Thursday lunchtime session each week. Both Choirs will commence week 1 Term 2 with Mrs Brown.

New Staff members and staff movements

Mrs Jessica Sisson will be in Kindy on Wednesdays for the remainder of the year.

Next Term we will be welcoming the following new staff;



Miss Holly Phillips – Hughes 2 Pre Primary

I am so excited to join the Freshwater Bay Primary School Community. Over the years of working in many different year levels, I found a strong passion for helping young students in Pre-Primary step in to their education, and get excited for their years at school. When I am not at school, you'll find me baking different desserts and going for hikes around Perth.



Pepi Ott-Kelly – Tangney 5 Year 4 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

I was born and raised in Perth, and studied at Notre Dame in Fremantle. I am a first generation Aussie, with my mum moving here from Germany and dad from New Zealand. My fiancé, Will, and I have just celebrated our 8th year together and are looking forward to buying our first home and getting married. I have taught at schools around Perth in both part-time and full time capacities, working mainly with middle and upper primary. My teaching philosophy is all about wellbeing. I believe that when children are happy and interested in what they are learning they will have the best opportunity to succeed. Outside of work, you will find me at the gym, crafting something with my cricut or spending time with my fiancé and friends.

Mrs Maria Binns –Tangney 1 Year 6 (Monday & Tuesday)

I'm excited to join Tangney 1 for two days a week as a team teacher with Mrs Cindy Carboni. With 23 years of experience teaching year 6, English, French, and Art, my passion lies in fostering a love of learning. Some of you may recognise me from my previous time as a relief teacher at Freshwater Bay Primary. I'm thrilled to be back in a dedicated year 6 role. Beyond the classroom, I enjoy travelling, languages (French), physical activity (paddling and weightlifting) and exploring the outdoors. Together, we can create an enriching and supportive year for your child in year 6. I look forward to partnering with you in this exciting educational journey.



Mrs Ciskia Sie – Science (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

I am very excited to be starting at Freshwater in term 2! I am originally from Canada, where I pursued my passion for education by completing a Bachelor of Arts before earning a Masters of Science and Education in Buffalo, NY. In 2009, I moved to Australia, where I have since been dedicated to raising my three beautiful children. After 14 rewarding years as a full-time mum, I decided to return to teaching. I began my journey as an Educational Assistant, gaining valuable experience while undergoing the recognition process here in Australia. Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family, travelling, and going to the beach. With a strong background in relief teaching at Wembley Downs and Mount Claremont, I hope to bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to Freshwater Bay.

House Swimming Carnival recap – By Miss Taylah Allen

What an amazing day Tuesday was, with Briggs taking the win at the House Swimming Carnival. Students arrived at Claremont Aquatic Centre all pumped up ready to cheer on their house and swim their hardest. Starting off with the open 100m freestyle, students began their chants to help build their peers confidence in their races. Following the 100m open freestyle, the marshalls, bay supervisors and volunteers began getting students organised for the rest of the races in both the 25m and 50m pool. It was a team effort between the staff and volunteers to keep the races flowing smoothly. With a few minutes left of the carnival, the 25m pool finished off their last backstroke and novelty races, while the 50m pool finished off with the open 50m butterfly races. All students were back in their bays ready to give a final chant to their team for the last event, 4 x 50m relays. The last event was underway and as the students were swimming their leg of the relays, Ms Mitchell provided excellent commentary of how the relays were going. The yr 4 relay was won by Kirwan, Briggs took the win for both the Yr 5 and Yr 6 relay. The house bays displayed excellent support for their swimmers throughout the whole day.

Congratulations to the following students in receiving Champion or Runner Up Champion:

Yr 3

Girls

- Adriana De Beukelaar – Champion
- Evelyn Carney – Runner Up Champion

Boys

- Isaac Chin – Champion
- Finn Illingworth – Runner Up Champion
- Sebastian Cook – Runner Up Champion

Yr 4

Girls

- Coralie De Beukelaar – Champion
- Grace Nobel – Runner Up Champion

Boys

- Arthur Lindsay – Champion
- Patrick Styles – Runner Up Champion
- Harvey Kendall – Runner Up Champion

Yr 5

Girls

- Lola Webster – Champion
- Sophie Wong – Runner Up Champion
- Olive Bennett – Runner Up Champion

Boys

- Pace Bland – Champion
- Hugo Ferguson – Runner Up Champion

Yr 6

Girls

- Ava Chin – Champion
- Eleanor Tilbrook – Runner Up Champion

Boys

- Henry Smart – Champion
- Hunter Fulton – Runner Up Champion

1st Place BRIGGS 475

2nd Place KIRWAN 352

3rd Place SUTTON 318

4th Place CROWDY 278

A big congratulations to Briggs as the overall house winners and a big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for helping out on the day. See Facebook for images captured on the day.

P&C Fundraiser

The P&C will be hosting their annual Adult only fundraiser titled the Wild Wild Western Suburbs. To purchase your tickets and for further information please see the link below. Come along and enjoy a wild night out. \$40 per ticket.

<https://events.humanitix.com/wild-wild-western-suburbs-xrhsj5lb>



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Get tickets on Humanitix - Wild Wild Western Suburbs hosted by Freshwater Bay Primary School P&C. Freshwater Bay Primary School, Bay View Terrace, Claremont WA 6010, Australia. Saturday 18th May 2024. Find event information.

events.humanitix.com

Missed calls

Parents if you receive a missed call from the school please check your messages before calling the school, as a message should always be left. It is not always the Admin team calling.

Term 2

School is back on Tuesday 16 April as the staff will have a PD day on Monday. As mentioned, it is an 11 week term and will conclude on Friday 28 June.

Term 2 dates to note:

- Term 2 starts Tuesday 16 April
- Kindy Lemon starts Thursday 18 April
- Edu Dance commences Monday 22 April
- Interschool Swimming Carnival Thursday 18 April
- Anzac Day public holiday Thursday 25 April
- ANZAC Assembly Yr 6 Friday 26 April
- P&C Meeting (All welcome) Tangney Hall 6pm Monday 13 May
- Wild Wild Western Suburbs Parent Night Saturday 18 May 6pm – 10pm
- House Cross Country Thursday 23 May
- Year 6 Camp Tuesday May 28 to Friday May 31
- WA Day public holidays Monday 3 June
- Interschool Cross Country Friday 7 June
- Interschool Lightening Carnival Thursday 20 June
- Edu Dance Concert Monday 24 June
- Reports out Monday 24 June
- NAIDOC week 24 June – 28 June
- Last day of Term 2 Friday 28 June

Extracurricular activities

Don't forget to sign your children up to one of the many extracurricular activities, such as Peter's Soccer, Running Club, Roller Blading, Tennis, Chess, Basket Ball etc. Visit <https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/extra-curricular-activities>

I will be taking long service leave from today to next Tuesday to enjoy a holiday with family. Wishing you all a wonderful break and I am looking forward to seeing you all back refreshed and with many stories to share.

Kind regards,

Asher

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