

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter



'Chance favours the prepared mind only'
Louis Pasteur

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is wonderful to have all our students back at school, engaged and ready to learn. Smiling faces all full of stories about their experiences over the holidays – such a joy to behold.

Open minds alert with thoughts that are focused on learning, are shown in numerous research findings, to enhance a child's health and wellbeing. Chance events have led to some interesting events and discoveries. It is the alert mind and preparedness for discovery. During the week there was a news piece where an accident by a researcher resulted in a significant finding that will change the way we use antibiotics. Another completely different but interesting incident made by home maker Ruth Graves Wakefield, who accidentally made chocolate chip biscuits instead of regular ones and started a million-dollar industry. (Dr Christian Busch 2020) Teaching children and ourselves for that matter to be observant – or alert – can change the whole way we see and experience the world.

There are a number of important points in the following pages, so please take a moment to read and diarise them;

Personal Hygiene

School staff will continue to encourage students to wash their hands before and after recess breaks, before eating and before and after using any shared equipment. (It has been interesting to note the dramatic decrease in colds and flus that has resulted from our additional personal hygiene vigilance.)

If your child is unwell, please ensure they remain at home until they are no longer symptomatic. Use the Compass App to make an Absentee note.

Parents on School Site

While parents are welcome on site, we need you to ensure you remain vigilant about physical distancing and leave as soon as you have delivered or collected your child/ren. Parents will also need to remain outside of classrooms unless they have made an appointment with the classroom teacher.

Before School dropping off of children.

I must stress that children are not to enter the school grounds before 8.30 unless it is for Running Club, Choir or Chess Club. I encourage all parents to support the school with maintaining the before school routines.

POINTS OF NOTE

School Development Days

The first two days of Term 3 saw our staff engaged in professional learning presented by Dr Madeleine Dobson, she is local Curtin University expert on ways to support students' academic and social-emotionally. It was an outstanding professional learning experience for the whole staff.

Sustainability Workshop

All our students have participated in an amazing Sustainability Waste Education incursion presented by Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) school program which was held over two days. It was wonderful to see how much our students already knew about recycling.

It taught students about the importance of recycling, how long certain products took to break down and how to best reduce landfill, making better choices with what we consume and how we dispose of items when we are finished with them. Remember landfill is the last resort! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/freshwaterbayps/> to see more about the incursion. Thank you to Kim Watson for a fantastic and engaging initiative and the Year 6 students and parent volunteers for hosting activity stations.

Athletics Carnivals

This term is an exciting term for the students. Please look out for messages from Tara Grant who will be providing comprehensive information on how the carnivals will run this year.

State Cross Country Championships

We will have a team representing our school on Friday 12 August.

Practice for Carnivals

Tara Grant has been doing a wonderful job in supporting the students through morning fitness and they have started to do their run offs for events.

Open Night

Open night will be on Thursday the 25 August 5pm to 6.30pm. Please put it in your calendar. It is always a wonderful night.

Library - Story Time

Story Time will begin in Term 3 Week 3. This is an opportunity for Year 1's at lunchtime on Thursdays to come to the Library where our year 6 students will play host and involve them in games and reading stories. All Year 1 children are welcome. Posters will be displayed around Cowan Hall. Reminder that **all** students need a waterproof Library bag.

These can be purchased from Mrs Moore in the Library for \$6.00 each.

Second Hand Uniform pop up stall

Being held Wednesday 27 July 2022 outside the library 2.45pm – 3.30pm

Kindy & Pre Primary Enrolment for 2023

Students are being enrolled every day and classes are filling quickly. Many first time parents are unaware of the enrolment timeline. Some in the past have missed out on a place even when in boundary. If you know any first time parents, please remind them to enrol their child now.

School Survey

In the coming weeks we will be distributing a school survey. I know that it is not always something that is high on your list of things to do and they can be onerous. I can assure you that the information we get does make a big difference to our decision making. We will also be gathering information from staff and students. The triangulated data will give us information about 'how far we have travelled down our path', 'where we are right now' and 'what changes we might need to make to achieve our goals'. Thank you for your time and support in completing this.

Triple P Fear-less seminar

Save the date for Triple P Fear-less seminar facilitated by our school psychologist Graham Goodall-Smith on August 3. More information to come Term 2.

Wishing everyone a terrific term 3.

Kind regards

Simon

Simon Reid
Principal

