

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

Strive for excellence in few things, rather than good performance in many.

Richard Koch

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to term 4.

I hope everyone enjoyed fabulous family time during the holidays. Family time creates treasured and memorable experiences for our children.

Fond Farewell

Tomorrow is Kalina Avenell's last day at Freshwater Bay. We have been privileged to work with such a professional, dedicated and genuinely caring person who put our students and school first. Kalina's 11 year commitment to the school has made a considerable positive difference to our school. I am sure that you share our gratitude and wish Kalina well at Illawarra Primary School.

Something interesting for us all to contemplate:

Mornings with children can be a real challenge, if your normal routine is nagging, Dr Patricia Quinn recommends trying the following;

Start the Day Off Right

- Have a daily routine and stick to it
- Draw up a schedule and assign children tasks. Reward successful achievement
- Prepare the night before
- Plan an early bed time and keep it consistent, even on weekends
- Give your child wake-up time, allow time between the alarm going off and time to get dressed and eat breakfast
- Make breakfast easy by having it prepared the night before
- Reward a good morning. Let your child add a sticker to her chart or a token to her jar for getting out the door with a minimum of fuss. The right incentive can work wonders.

Important to remember. **Do what works and forget the "shoulds."**

Year 5 NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy Summary

As a school we continue to make positive progress. There are significant gains in Reading with the school having 64% of students at Band 7 and 8 up from 49% in 2016 comparing favourably against the state average of 36%. Numeracy continues to demonstrate positive progress with 53% of students in Band 7 and 8 up from 46% in 2016 and compares favourably against the state average of 26%.

We received the full NAPLAN results at the end of Term 3. They will be analysed by the teachers and the Board. This analysis will be presented to the community in the 2021 Annual School Report.

Reading

	Freshwater Bay PS			Western Australia		
Band	2016	2019	2021	2016	2019	2021
8	18%	28%	36%	12%	10%	13%
7	31%	38%	28%	21%	22%	23%
6	31%	21%	19%	23%	29%	28%
5	15%	20%	8%	20%	21%	20%
4	5%	6%	8%	15%	11%	10%
3	0%	0%	0%	9%	7%	7%

Numeracy

	School			State		
Band	2016	2019	2021	2016	2019	2021
8	18%	17%	19%	11%	7%	8%
7	28%	30%	34%	13%	16%	18%
6	26%	43%	25%	26%	29%	28%
5	26%	9%	15%	28%	28%	26%
4	3%	0%	6%	16%	13%	13%
3	0%	2%	0%	7%	6%	6%

Parent and Student Survey results

Thank you to all parents who completed the survey last term. There were 153 online responses.

Strengths of the school with a rating over 80%

- Teachers at this school expect my child to do their best.
- Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about their school work.
- Teachers at this school treat students fairly.
- This school is well maintained.
- My child feels safe at this school.
- I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns
- My child likes being at this school.
- My child's teachers are good teachers
- Teachers at this school care about my child.
- This school has a strong relationship with the local community.

Areas of focus

- Management of disruptive students
- Meeting the needs of all students
- Finding avenues for parents to voice and have their opinions heard.

Students

There were 182 online responses.

Strengths of the school with a rating over 80%

- My teachers expect me to do my best.
- My teachers provide me with useful feedback about my school work.
- My school is well maintained.
- I feel safe at my school.
- I like being at my school.
- My teachers motivate me to learn.
- My teachers are good teachers.
- My teachers care about me.

Areas of focus

- Management of disruptive students
- Meeting the needs of all students
- Finding avenues student voice and to be heard.

Summary of Resources and Facilities

Below is a list of the most consistently mentioned in the school survey. The school will continue to analyse and develop a feasibility plan. I greatly appreciate the support and the thoroughness everyone went to in providing constructive and positive feedback.

- Upgrade the Pre-primary outdoor learning area
- Solution to prevent the flooding of Pre-primary area.
- Swings and Monkey Bars in the playground area
- Toilets in Cube area upgraded
- Toilets in Tangney
- Increase the number of shade areas
- Upgrades to and additional playground forts and equipment
- More classrooms for extracurricular activities ie. cooking and construction.
- CCTV Cameras in the school
- Enclose the undercover area
- Upgrades to playground forts and equipment
- School Canteen

School Information

Swimming Lessons – Swimming lessons for years PP to 4 continue this week. Students will be more tired than usual so you may need to encourage an earlier bed time!

Movement in 2021 – If your child is moving to another school next year please let us know to assist our planning for 2022.

Kindy Interviews - We look forward to hosting interviews for our youngest members of the Freshwater Bay Community for Kindy 2022. These will be held 1 and 5 November. There will be three Kindy classes next year, two at the beginning of the week and one at the end of the week. Save the Date: Kindy & Pre Primary Information Night Wednesday 27 October at 5pm.

School uniform - is to be worn at all times. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled. If your child has lost an item, please check the Tangney and Cowan Lost property bins. Second hand items can be purchased from the uniform shop which is being held on Wednesday 27th of October outside the Library at 2.45pm. Alternately new items can be purchased from Matrix Uniforms Osborne Park www.matrixuniforms.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES

- Freshie Farmers Market Artisans Mega Market 16 October
- Kindy & Pre Primary Information night 27 October at 5-6pm Tangney Hall
- World Teachers Day 29 October
- P&C Halloween Bowling Parent Fundraiser 29 October
- Kindy Interviews 1 and 5 November
- P&C Golf Day 12 November
- Freshie Dads and Kids Camping Trip 19 – 21 November
- Staff Appreciation Lunch 30 November
- Kindy Orientation morning 1 December
- Book Awards Assembly 10 December
- Years 1-6 Transition Day 10 December
- Graduation Assembly 15 December
- Last day of school 16 December

Kind regards

Simon

ARTISANS
MEGA MARKET

Saturday 16 October 2021

