

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter



Dear Freshwater Bay Community,

Thanks for an amazing term! I have really enjoyed this experience and journey with you all. I am pleased to announce that I will be returning to Freshwater Bay PS for Term Two and look forward to continuing to implement the great plans we have for the year.

School Review

Attached is the Public School Review Report. It was a very positive experience with the reviewers highlighting our strengths and areas in which we can improve. We are excited to work together to plan our next 12 months to address the improvements outlined in the report. The Report is also available on our Website via the following link

<https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/policies-1>

Harmony Assembly and Peace Pole ceremony

Last Friday we commemorated Harmony Day with a very special assembly and cultural dress up. Many thanks to all the families for your efforts with the costumes. It was amazing to see all the different cultures on display. Many thanks also to our wonderful Year 6 students who welcomed the assembly in their home language and special mention to Sam and Isla, Head Boy and Girl, for their MC role at the assembly. We also celebrated world peace with a peace pole ceremony. The peace pole is on display permanently outside the art room. Many thanks to the Rotary club for their donation to the school.

Interschool Swimming Team

Congratulations to the Interschool Swimming team for their representation of the school at the event today. We were very proud of the sportsmanship and collegiality that you demonstrated at the event. Congratulations on your fourth place overall. Thank you to Kate Hewett and Deb Smart for all their efforts in getting the team ready.

Freshie Colour Dash

The Freshie Colour Dash is tomorrow, Friday 31 March. I was advised we were approaching \$14,000 and the wish is to make it to \$15,000 you have until 8pm tonight to get your sponsorship donations in. This is a huge effort and one the whole community should be extremely proud of. Thank you to all involved in making this event happen. Students are welcome to wear their white t-shirts to school tomorrow in preparation for the Colour Dash.

Hero Hunters Day Monday April 3

Dress up as your favourite superhero and bring along a gold coin donation to support a very worthy cause, supporting families fighting childhood cancer. All money raised will directly support children and families undergoing cancer treatment at Perth Children's Hospital. You can find out more about the Hero Hunter Foundation here

<http://www.facebook.com/herohunterfoundation>

A reminder that Parent / Teacher Meetings are next week on Tuesday April 4 and Wednesday April 5

If you have not booked an appointment with your class teacher, please do so by this Friday.

Freshie Dads Fishing event Thursday April 6

As mentioned previously the Freshie Dads group will be hosting their first event for 2023 - fishing down at Claremont Jetty on Thursday 6 April. The sign-up can be accessed at [Freshie Dads - Try Fishing Afternoon](#)

EduDance Concerts

Edu Dance costumes and concert times have already been advised however if your child does EduDance on a Wednesday, their concert will be on Wednesday April 5, if your child attends EduDance on a Thursday, then their concert will be held on Monday April 3. Both concerts will be held at 2.10pm in Herbert Hall (the undercover area).

RAT Tests

We have a plethora of RAT tests at the Front Office to give away. They are the nasal tests. If you are in need of a box or two, please see the Front Office staff.

Fees and Charges

Just a reminder that Fees and Charges are due now. Please visit your Compass homepage and click through to make the payment. Parents please note that you will find navigating Compass consent and payment much easier on your PC / laptop rather than on your mobile device.

P&C 2023

We have a new P&C Executive Team for 2023. We welcome Pippa Tilbrook (President), Jill Jensen (Vice President), Meromie Briggs (staying on as Secretary) and Daniel Czechowski (Treasurer) please feel free to visit <https://www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au/p-c> to put a face to the names. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing office bearers Gordon Jeffrey, Sanj Ratneser & Noel McKay for their years of service and tireless dedication to their roles.

Thank you

Many thanks to Diana van der Worm for her contributions to T5 this term. Next term we welcome Annika Chesny back from maternity leave.

Welcome

Welcome to Catherine van Delft who is joining us for 4 weeks as relief MCS. We will then be welcoming Leonie Beetcham into the permanent role in week 3 of term two.

Sign up for Peter's Lunchtime Soccer Term Two

To confirm a place for your child email your child's name, age and preferred day(s) to gretanjoku@gmail.com

Payment to be made to P&G SPORTS ACADEMY BSB 923100 Acc 30099106

Sign up for Chess Club Term Two

For more information and booking visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CHGPS>

Wishing you all a terrific Colour Dash and relaxing weekend. Looking forward to week ten, our last week for the term, which is a short week, before heading off on school holidays. It will be a welcomed and well deserved break for all.

Kind regards



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