

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

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had some fabulous family time over the holidays. It is times like these and the things you did as a whole family which are the things that your children will remember when they are adults.

Something interesting for us all to contemplate:

Children need to be caring, kind, respectful, and ethical.

Child experts have revealed that there are certain things families need to do to make sure this occurs. Psychologists at Harvard University explained in their quarterly peer-reviewed scientific journal, *Research in Human Development*, clearly shows that the seeds of empathy, caring, and compassion are present from early in life, but that to become caring, ethical people, children need adults to help them at every stage of childhood to nurture these seeds into full development.

I encourage all our parents to continue to work hard with their little ones to make sure that they become 'good' people.

How

- Work to develop caring, loving relationships with your kids
- Be a strong moral role model and mentor
- Making caring for others a priority and set high ethical standards
- Provide opportunities for children to practice caring and gratitude
- Expand your child's circle of concern
- Promote children's ability to be ethical thinkers and positive change-makers in their communities
- Help children develop self-control and manage feelings effectively

School Information

- **Swimming Carnival** – The swimming carnival is next **Wednesday 21 October**. It will be another wonderful day of healthy competition. We have had a sudden change of plans re transportation. We will no longer be walking due to not having Traffic Wardens to manage the traffic on Stirling Highway. Students will now be bused to and from the Claremont Pool.
- **Swimming Lessons** – Swimming lessons for years PP to 4 begin on the **Monday 26th of October**. Learning to swim is very important. Students will be more tired than usual so I urge you to make allowances at home to ensure they get more sleep.
- **Movement in 2021** – If you are moving to another school next year please let us know.
- **Student Placement** – Next week you will be getting an email about class placements for 2021. To help with our decision making, student voice is important. Please give your child the opportunity to complete the survey.
- **Colour Dash** – Friday 23 October. It will be a fun afternoon. Thank you to the P&C for organising the event. We greatly appreciate the support of the whole community. Funds raised at this event will be used to turn Cowan and Tangney Halls into vibrant learning spaces. **Donation Forms have gone out to each child in hard copy to ensure the process of collecting donations is made easier. Please look in your child's bag for this.**

COVID-19

Unfortunately, the situation in the Eastern States is continuing to be challenging resulting in the WA Government continuing with the restrictions, and this impacts upon our operations here at Freshwater Bay Primary.

- **Physical Distancing** Physical distancing restrictions of 1.5 sqm per adult are still in place
- **Parents on School Site** - Parents are welcome on site however I do need to remind everyone we need you to ensure we all remain vigilant about physical distancing. It is important that you 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 drop off of children. I must stress that children are not to enter the school grounds before 8.30am. Children are only supervised at the Bayview Terrace Kiss and Drop.** Before 8.30 no children are to be left at the Cube Car Park before 8. 30am.I encourage all parents to support the school with maintaining the before school routines.
- **Cleaning** The Department of Education has extended the increases to our cleaner allocation. We will have two fulltime cleaners on site for the duration of Term 4.
- **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 any symptoms have ceased.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Simon

Simon Reid
Principal