

FOCUS NEWSLETTER

Wisdom, Respect, Courage



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Welcome to Freshwater Bay FOCUS Newsletter

This morning I heard the birds and saw the children laughing.

Simon Reid

14 May 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week we have continued our average attendance of 93%. Over the last three weeks the state average has steadily increased and is now at 84%. This has led to today, the State Government announcing changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice.

As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- at school;
 - have a medical referral to learn from home; or
 - recorded as absent if they do not attend.
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- For all the parents who have children at home, I can assure that every possible measures have been implemented to ensure the highest level of cleanliness and safety. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to call me to discuss any of your concerns. Our focus has always been on safety, care and maintaining smooth school operation. This I can say very confidently that we have as a community we have successfully achieved.
 - For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, we will work with you.

- The extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 will continue.
- The social distancing measures, will continue.
- Due to concerns around bin placement, the uneven surface of the road and bottlenecks in traffic we have decided it is safer for K and P students to be dropped off and picked up from the Cube Kiss 'n' Drive starting Monday. Pick up time for these students remains at 2.45pm.
- We also feel that all students are good to now be released at 3pm. I have been monitoring the speed and flow of traffic during at drop off. We have consistently been able to clear all students from the school in under 8 minutes. This is an extraordinary feat given how many students are being managed.
- Lost Property – The student leaders have welcomed the opportunity to manage this. They will go through the lost property each day and return the named items to its owner. Property that is not named will be kept. Would you please ensure all your children's items are named (Clothing to lunch boxes)? Please note, all the student leaders were provided with gloves for this task.
- This week's House Assembly the House leaders have selected 'Anxiety' as our theme word for the next two weeks. All the students will be given the following pointers to help with managing 'anxiety' if they feel anxious.
 1. Talk to someone (Mum, Dad, Teacher)
 2. Take 3 deep sighs and then focus on what is worrying them.
 3. Write it down
 4. Face up to the issue that is worrying them
 5. Don't over think it, go and do something to distract them and then it still persists then go and talk to someone.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please let me know if you have any questions or you see issues that may need to be addressed.

Kind regards

Simon

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Principal



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