FROM THE PRINCIPAL Simon Reid

As we grow up, we realise it is less important to have lots of friends, and more important to have real ones.

This week I have needed to speak to students a number of times about making appropriate choices and how their actions can and do have an impact on the people around them. The major focus I have had with the students is about being a strong friend. We all need one and we all need to be one. Strong friends are the people who are with you and support you regardless of the situation. Strong friends will not fight your battles for you but will help and guide you to ensure that you don’t have too many battles. Strong friends will support your decisions however they will also stand up and say when you might want to reconsider your decisions and choices.

As the significant people in the children’s lives I see it as an important role for us to guide them to be strong people who make good decisions for themselves. I believe it is equally important for us to teach and demonstrate what it is to be a strong friend, a person who will be there for the people we care most about when they most need us. Students learn more by what they see people do, than from what they say. That is why we are so blessed to have the high caliber of staff in our school and community. Our students are surrounded by people of high quality.

D I A R Y  D A T E S

Friday 12 August
WA Cross Country Championship

15—19 August
Science Week

Tuesday 16 August
Tuesday Treats—H2
Museum excursion—C7

Wednesday 17 August
Iceberg experiment

Friday 19 August
House Assembly

23—26 August
BOOKWEEK

Tuesday 23 August
FESA Excursion—C1

Friday 26 August
Assembly—C3
FOCUS

Monday 22 August
SDD—NO STUDENTS
FRESHWATER BAY SCHOOL BOARD
This week we had our first Board meeting with our newly elected Board members. As part of our meeting it was recommended that I outline in the newsletter as a point of clarification the roles and responsibilities of the Freshwater Bay School Board. The following outlines the purpose and the role of the Board.

GENERAL PURPOSE OF THE BOARD
The Board is the governing body of the School. The School Board determines appropriate educational policies within Department guidelines that will ensure the School Business Plan is implemented and its resources managed responsibly.

Composition of Board:
- five elected parents;
- one Parent and Citizen Representative;
- four DoE category employees other than the Principal;
- the Principal; and
- up to four co-opted members from the School community (excluding DoE employees) having a special interest in the School.

There are three main committees
1. Education and Policy
2. Community Relations (Student Services, Public Relations and Uniform)
3. Finance and Resources (ICT, Facilities)

Board members are elected to represent the community on the Board to support the school to achieve the following:

- establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school’s objectives, priorities and general policy directions;
- the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;
- evaluating the school’s performance in achieving them;
- formulating codes of conduct for students at the school;
- determining in consultation with students, their parents and staff a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school;
- promoting the school in the community;
- approving charges and contributions;
- to providing advice to the principal of the school on a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education.

The Board cannot
- intervene in the control or management of the school;
- intervene in the educational instruction of students;
- exercise authority over teaching staff or other persons employed at the school; or
- intervene in the management or operation of a school fund.

For matters within the parameters of Board I encourage all parents to approach Board members with your opinions as they are valued. Parents who have concerns that sit outside the roles and responsibilities of the Board need to approach the school. We will be very happy to hear from you and work through any concerns.
WA BOYS WIN GOLD
Congratulations to Patrick Andrew (Year 6) on his performance at the National Hockey Championships in Cairns, QLD. Patrick was selected to play in the WA State Under 12 Hockey team and they won the GOLD medal at the Nationals. Patrick and his fellow team mates played an amazing game and should be proud of their achievement. What an awesome effort!

VACANCIES—PRE-PRIMARY 2017
We are currently finalising our numbers for enrolments for next year and we have places available in our Pre-primary classes for 2017. Please feel free to spread the word to friends and family in the community.

ICEBERG CHALLENGE

How long does it take to melt an iceberg?
Week 5 Wednesday 17 August
As a part of Science Week everyone in the school is being asked to bring along a plastic 2 litre ice-cream container which has been filled with water and frozen. The students will add their brick to the iceberg with some help from their buddy class. Classes will be predicting how long they think it will take the iceberg to melt and conducting further ice investigations. So start collecting and freezing ice-cream containers! You may even want to organise a tub for an ice-cream treat. If you have surplus containers please take them to your classroom as it would be great to have some extras! We can’t wait to see the size of our iceberg!!!

EXCURSION NOTES
All current excursion/permission notes are now available for parents to download and print from the website. Teachers will continue to provide hard copies to students and we will keep a few extras at the front office. If the note gets lost in their school bag just go straight to the website and you will find an excursion note tab in the FOR PARENTS dropdown menu or click here.
PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Freshwater Bay Primary School’s Year 3—6 Cross Country team who competed in the Primary Schools Cross Country event today at UWA Sports Park. 1500 students representing 90 schools from all over Western Australia competed in six races for the opportunity to try out for the WA State Cross Country Team.

The top twenty runners from each race won the chance to try out for the team in 2017. Three of our students have been invited to try out for the WA State Cross Country Team as a result of their efforts today. Sam B in Year 4 came 13th out of just under 300 competitors in his race. Patrick A and Clement Z ran together in the Year 6 event with 300 runners and placed 5th and 6th! Mr O’Driscoll was very proud the FBPS team’s efforts and reported great displays of sportsmanship.

DERBY DAY MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND) FUNDRAISER

Once again the generosity of Freshwater Bay Primary School was evident on Friday 5 August—our Derby Day—dress in your teams Colours’ day. The day raised $460 which will be presented to a representative from the local MND Association in Nedlands at our next school assembly on 26 August. The MND Association in Nedlands work tirelessly to support community members with MND and are thrilled with our donation. A big thank you to our Year 6 students James H, Felix V, Oliver F, Harry M and Nolan B for their ideas and efforts in organising the day. It’s lovely to know that our students think about and look for opportunities to touch the lives of others less fortunate than themselves.
VALUES AWARD

The Freshwater Bay values outline our aspirations as a community and our commitment to the way in which we will work together.

With ongoing support from Peter Clements of Mint Real Estate, the school is able to present a regular values award. The award recognises children who outstandingly model the Freshwater Bay Values.

Congratulations to Poppy K in Year 1 Cowan 1 who was awarded the Values Award at the last assembly. Mrs Clarke and Mrs Young wrote:

*Poppy is a very respectful student who listens carefully and follows the class rules. She has excellent work habits. Poppy completes all her work and strives for accuracy and neatness. She has truly demonstrated persistence in reading and writing which has resulted in wonderful achievement. From the beginning of the year Poppy has made an effort to include all her classmates in her play. This has helped to foster harmonious relationships within our classroom. Poppy is a friendly, courageous and resilient student who displays a great empathy to others. Congratulations Poppy!*

BOOK WEEK 2016 *AUSTRALIA! Story Country*

NO BOOK WEEK PARADE FOR YEAR 1–6 STUDENTS

This is a good opportunity to clarify that there will not be a Book Week Parade for Year 1–6 students as this is held every two years. Our Kindy and Pre-primary classes will be holding their own Book Week Parades and these details have been sent home by the class teachers.

Mrs Moore has worked with the Claremont Library to ensure our students have the fabulous opportunity to listen to some incredible authors over the week.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Please remember EmbroidMe are our sole school endorsed uniform suppliers:

If you are in need of more winter uniforms, head down to our uniform suppliers at EmbroidMe. Parents can go directly to the store and have their orders filled while they wait. For further enquiries please call the store on: 9286 2600.
SCHOOL MATTERS

ABSENTEES
We would like to remind parents that when reporting an absentee to a teacher or the front office, it is important to give a reason for why your child is not at school to ensure that our attendance records reflect each situation. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

NETBALL—SPRING COMPETITION
When: Tuesday afternoons
Time: Year 3 & 4 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm Cost $70
Year 5 & 6 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Cost $95
7 week season commencing October 11 - Nov 22
Forms available at the school front office or click here
PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO THE FRONT OFFICE ASAP.

YEAR 3 TEAM
We didn’t manage to get a Year 3 winter netball team together, but there is an opportunity for Year 3 girls and boys to try out netball for the 7 week Spring Competition.
The first game is on Tuesday 11 October at Matthews Netball Centre at 4.30pm, and the last game is on Tuesday 22 November.
Since we haven’t played before, it would be good to train on Wednesdays straight after school at 3.15pm starting 31 August.

For further information contact Ann Woodward by email
annwoodward@optusnet.com.au

POWERLIFTING CHAMPION STRIKES AGAIN
Congratulations must go to our resident Powerlifting Champion, Mrs Dianne Baxter (Cowan 3), on her performance at the recent Australian Masters Powerlifting Championships in Melbourne. Di was awarded the silver medal in the Masters 1 category. Her stats were as follows:
Squat — 160kg
Bench-press — 75kg
Deadlift — 165kg
Total — 400kg
UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

ASSEMBLY
All parents and community members are invited to attend our whole school assemblies. Assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday mornings, the next assembly date is:

Date: 12 August | C2 | Ms Clarke & Ms Young
Date: 26 August | C3 | Mrs Baxter & Mrs Ross

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2016
Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons. It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit [www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming). Enrolments close on Monday 29 August.

TERM 3 STATEMENTS
Term 3 statements are being sent out in the mail in the next week. If you do not receive yours within two weeks, please notify the front office on 9384 0293. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct deposit.

The bank details are:

- ANZ Bank
- BSB: 016281
- A/C: 340910334

Please use your child’s surname followed by their first name as reference.

P&C NEWS

TUESDAY TREATS
The P&C is pleased to invite all students and community members to Tuesday Treats. Held after school on Tuesdays, the afternoon provides families with an opportunity to catch up and chat. The next Tuesday Treats this term are as follows:

- Week 5 | 16 August | Mrs Kroschel / Ms McDonald
- Week 6 | 23 August | No Tuesday Treats

5 CENT CHALLENGE
Don’t forget to keep collecting 5 cent coins and bringing them in to class for the 5 cent challenge. Each class has a plastic bottle to put the money into—we hope to fill as many as possible. On Friday 26 August we will announce the winning class who will receive a special class prize. All proceeds will be shared between charities of our students’ choice and our school. It all adds up!

ELECTION DAY LOST PROPERTY
We have a few plates and various Tupperware pieces that were left at the school on Election Day. These items will be put out with Lost Property on 19 August. Anything left unclaimed will be sold at Tuesday Treats on 23 August.
SEEDS OF FRIENDSHIP 31 AUGUST 5:00PM—7:00PM

This is a great opportunity for mothers to help their daughters to develop healthy friendships. In this workshop mothers and daughters will be given simple and effective strategies to manage friendships and deal with bullying and self-confidence.

This is a special P&C Fundraiser at Freshwater Bay Primary School with Di Wilcox generously donating $5 from every mother/daughter ticket to the P&C fundraising efforts for our school.

Di will also donate $5 from every book and poster sold on the evening.

Places are limited and selling fast, so please book at: