FROM THE PRINCIPAL | Simon Reid

I have been a Principal for 25 years in small primary schools through a very large secondary school in my last position before coming to Freshwater Bay. In that time I have learnt there is one thing to be true in all successful students and that is ‘effort’. Or for another old fashion term, grit and determination. I have seen very talented and clever students being consistently out shone by students who are focused and just work really hard. The students in Yr 12 with the strong work ethic exceed way beyond students with talent or intelligence. When both are combined students achieve extra-ordinary results.

How do we enable our students to develop this belief and ultimate value? It is the focus on providing opportunities for the child to ‘do’ and believing the child is capable. Self-belief comes from being successful at completing something, learning something as a result of doing it independently. Confidence comes from knowing that they can do something on their own without help.

We can support our children through giving a clearly articulated message in thought, word and action. It is from us as their significant others that children develop their belief that ‘they are able’ and ‘they can’, with effort be successful. It is catching our children applying themselves and acknowledging the effort not the result. It is letting the children know that the results they achieve in anything in their life is as a result of effort, not luck. For example, if a child gets 99% for a test, do not focus on the mark, focus on the effort. “Clearly you put a lot of effort into learning for that test and look at the reward for your effort.” Equally, it can be said for a child who you know has really applied themselves and they got a low mark. “I know how hard you have worked for that test, let’s see if there is another way of learning the concepts you don’t understand” Effort and acknowledgement of effort is what we as a school will be doing. The results will then look after themselves.
SCHOOL MATTERS

CHANGES TO THE NEWSLETTER—IMPORTANT!

Parents will have received an email regarding some exciting changes to the Freshwater FOCUS that we hope will come into effect at the beginning of Term 4. We will no longer be using our current email contact list and parents are required to subscribe to the newsletter via the top of our home page on our website, which can be accessed by clicking here. You must subscribe before **14 October**, to ensure you receive the first E-newsletter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding these changes.

THE ART ROOM NEWS

Over the past few weeks the Year 1’s and 2”s have been working on some colourful Collage Paintings as gifts for the Father’s Day weekend. The theme has been ‘What I love doing outdoors with someone special to me’. Our designs were inspired by the Illustrator and Artist ‘Rebecca Cool’. The stories told in these paintings represent special times, and we hope you enjoy the students’ heartfelt efforts. Over the next week the ‘We Help Fundraise’ designs will be sent home for viewing by families. Students have created Wax and Dye Resist designs that are interpretations of the theme ‘Happiness and Dreams’. Again students have come up with unique images that express their feelings and ideas. I’ve really enjoyed hearing their stories. Order forms will be accompanying the designs, explaining the process for ordering products. Orders will need to be submitted by the end of week 9, Friday 16 September. Along with developing art skills, we focus on acting responsibly, using kind and wise words, and developing a strong sense of independence and individuality in the Art Room. This term especially, it has been a pleasure to observe students developing these skills and contributing to a wonderful school community.

Mrs Billy Calvert
Art Specialist

SCHOOL HATS

We are having a blitz on school hats at school over the next fortnight to ensure students wear their hats outside in the sun. If students do not have a hat they will be asked to play in the undercover area or under the verandas. If you need to purchase a school hat please visit EmbroidMe our sole uniform provider as they have plenty in stock. We also really encourage you to write your child’s name on their hat, under the brim or on the inside, not only on the tag which can be removed. Our school hat policy is **No Hat No Play** in the sun all year round. Please help us be a sun smart school.
HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After weeks of hard training and trials, the Freshwater Bay House Athletics Carnival got off to a fantastic start with the Jumps and Throws on Tuesday 30 August. The fun continued on Thursday 1 September with the track events of the House Carnival. We could not have asked for better weather on the day and it was fantastic to see all of our students (and teachers) dressed in their house colours and cheering for their house.

Congratulations to all students for their tremendous behaviour on the day. The final results saw Briggs take out the House Shield for 2016. Well done Briggs!

INTERSCHOOL JUMPS AND THROWS 6 SEPTEMBER

On Tuesday 6th September students from Years 3 - 6 represented Freshwater Bay PS at the Interschool Jumps and Throws carnival. All students participated with great spirit and enthusiasm, with many producing personal best results. Place getters included:

- Eva M 4th - Year 3 girls long jump
- Elliot C 4th - Year 4 boys long jump
- Sam B 2nd - Year 4 boys long jump
- Annalise L 1st - Year 6 girls long jump
- 3rd - Year 6 girls triple jump
- Patrick A 1st Year 6 boys long jump
- 1st - Year 6 boys triple jump
- Nic H 2nd - Year 6 boys long jump
- 2nd - Year 6 boys triple jump
- Tiffany W 4th - Year 4 girls triple jump
- Zac F 4th - Year 4 boys triple jump
- Trudy V 4th - Year 6 girls triple jump
- Gemma M 2nd - Year 3 girls long throw
- Shay M 1st - Year 3 boys long throw
- Andre R 4th - Year 4 boys long throw
- Tilly B 3rd - Year 5 girls long throw

These outstanding results combined with the efforts of the entire squad allowed FBPS to place 4th overall. Congratulations to all involved.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are also looking forward to the Interschool Athletics Carnival to be held at Swanbourne Primary school on Wednesday 14 September. Students in the team will be bringing notes home on Monday 12 September.

The permission slips will need to be returned before Wednesdays carnival, a tight turn around! Go Freshie!

Jarrod Dougan
Phys Ed Specialist FBPS
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 Josh Davis in Year 2 who was awarded the Values Award at the last assembly. Mrs Woodward wrote:

Josh is an amazing student who always displays the school values of respect, wisdom and courage in every aspect of his school life. He is always willing to offer help to those in need and is a fair friend often helping solve disagreements with his calm nature. Josh sets high goals for himself in his academic learning which he strives to achieve each and every day. He makes everyone feel welcome and respected in and out of the classroom. Josh is a wonderful listener and offers his opinions during class discussions. He is a valued member of our class and school. Well done Josh!

2016 PRIMARY SCHOOLS BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Team Nominations are now open for the 2016 Fourth Term Primary School's Competition run by Perry Lakes Hawks @ the Bendat Basketball Centre.
PLACE: Bendat Basketball Centre, 201 Underwood Avenue FLOREAT
TIME: THURSDAYS GIRLS TEAMS ONLY - 4.15pm, 5.05pm, 5.55pm, 6.45pm
Saturdays- 8am, 8.50am, 9.40am, 10.30am, 11.20am, 12.10pm
STARTS: Thursday 13th and Saturday 15th October
ENDS: Saturday 19th November and Thursday 24th November
DIVISIONS: Miniball (years 3&4), Basketball (years 5, & 6)
SATURDAY teams may be boys only, girls only or mixed boys/girls
THURSDAY teams girls only - (Girls may also play on Saturdays)

NOMINATE BY: Due to the increased popularity of this competition we will be taking nominations on a first in basis – closing date (if spots still available) – Wednesday 13th September 2016 - so get your team nomination in quickly!
FEES AND DOOR CHARGE: A team fee of $50 is payable with your nomination. A door charge of $8 is charged at the start of each session
FURTHER INFORMATION: Jenny Purser, Administrator Ph:6272 0705
Email: hawks@hawksbasketball.com.au
For any school related enquiries please email Cathy at: cathykoh@gmail.com
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: 9 September | C6 | Mrs. Woodward
Date: 23 September | T4 | Mrs. McKernan

CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS | NOW OPEN
Next term we will be looking at class placements for 2017. Individual class placements can have significant effects on a student’s achievement and are based on professional judgments about the student’s educational needs, circumstances and interests. Parents are invited to submit written requests with respect to 2017 class placements. The submissions must be based on educational reasons, addressed to the principal Simon Reid and marked ‘Confidential’. Requests for individual teachers will not be taken into consideration. Although all written parent submissions will be given consideration they may not automatically be accommodated.

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 9 | 13 September | Ms Chesny
Week 10 | 20 September | Miss Duncombe

TUESDAY TREATS NEEDS YOU!
We are looking for 2-3 mums or dads to run the weekly co ordination of Tuesday Treats in 2017.
If you are interested in finding out more, please email Bridget bridget@robertsongroup.com.au or call M: 0401 838 317
Please help the P&C raise money for our school.

Your P&C work hard to organise events and fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for our school.

We would like to call upon the families and local community to assist in the donation of goods and services that can be used in raffles, auctions and for other prizes in our 2016/2017 fundraising. No item is too big or small.

In return we will work with you to advertise and promote your business to our families and you have the knowledge of knowing you are helping our children.

To help or for more information please contact Karen Mace 0417 007 329 karenrobinson@hotmail.com or speak to any of our P&C members.

POSSIBLE DONATIONS

- Wine
- Computer
- Ipad
- Surfboard
- Bike
- Scooter
- Accommodation
- Camping gear
- Pet services
- Work tools
- Beauty treatments/products

Dinner vouchers
Jewellery
Furniture
Sports gear
Activities
Homewares
Dinner vouchers
Toys
Cash
Health & wellness
Professional services

Anything else you can think of...?

ALL DONATIONS FOR OUR UP COMING MAJOR EVENT ‘SPRING SOIREE’ SAT OCT 22 WILL NEED TO BE FINALISED BY SEPT 1
CHESS FOR LIFE Freshwater Bay PS

No new members will be taken in Term 4 as our Club championships are underway. Thank you to the Parents and staff for supporting the Chess for Life chess club.

The Chess Club has 30 keen members coming into Term 4. The club meets in the library on Wednesday lunch time.

New members will be most welcome to join in Term 1 2017.

All payments to be made to the office before the first club day please.

NAME ___________________                                    YR __ SIGNED __________

Please put form and payment of $90 per student, (cheques made payable to Jack South) in envelope marked chess club with child’s name.

Thanks for your on going support. Jack South, Ph 92711006. Email jacksouth@iinet.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

The school holidays are almost upon us and if you are looking for activities for your children to do in the holidays, please check out our community notice board outside Tangney Hall. There are some fantastic things happening in our community so please have a look.

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