Freshwater Bay mission accomplished!

When Andy Thomas sees the word impossible he reads ‘I’m possible’ | Think, Believe, Dream, Dare!

These were some of the key messages Dr Ravi Margasahyam, NASA’s Goodwill Space Ambassador shared with our Year 3—6 students last Thursday. Using Australia’s very own Andy Thomas, the world’s most famous astronaut as the inspiration for his presentation he captured the imagination of students and adults alike.

Living 322km above the earth, magnets and velcro holding down food, no showers, tears not being able to drop, floating and hanging upside down and seeing 16 sunsets and sunrises in one day: Being able to see and hear about these fascinating facts and more about life on the International Space Station (ISS) kept many in the audience enthralled.

Listening to Dr Ravi talk about the great way engineers, doctors, lawyers, IT specialists and scientists from all over the world live and work together peacefully on the ISS each day really complemented the end of Harmony Week for us at Freshwater Bay. During his presentation Dr Ravi highlighted the need to study and work hard to achieve your dreams, and to have the wisdom to deal with failure, as without failure we wouldn’t have innovation. All very important messages for both success at school and in life.

We were able to watch the launch of NASA’s last space shuttle Atlantis and ask Dr Ravi some very interesting questions. At the end of his talk he presented the school with: a personally signed photograph from Andy Thomas; a real astronaut’s patch; a collectors item set of space shuttle book marks; and a photo of the Kennedy Space Centre Visitors Centre. They’re fantastic and we hope to have them framed for our school! Before leaving some of our students were lucky enough to get personal messages and autographs from Dr Ravi.

The visit was organised by Mr Arun D’Souza and co-sponsored by the Keswick family to inspire students to study in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning areas and reach for the stars, thank you — Freshwater Bay mission accomplished!

DIARY DATES

Friday 1 April
Assembly—C7 Sutcliffe

Tuesday 5 April
P&C Meeting

Monday 4 April
Herdsman Lake Excursion—H1

Wednesday 6 April
EDUDANCE concert

Thursday 7 April
EDUDANCE concert

Friday 8 April
ANZAC Assembly
Last day of Term 1
FOCUS

Tuesday 26 April
Term 2 commences
SCHOOL MATTERS

P&C NEWS—ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

It's almost time to buy your next Entertainment book. We will once again be selling the Entertainment book as part of our school fundraising. All funds raised will go directly back into our school. This year we will not be sending books home with all families you will simply have to opt in if you would like to purchase. Check out the amazing Digital membership. Simply download the app and away you go. So simple and it means you always have your discounts available.

Watch the link below to see just how great the digital version is

We will be sending order forms home soon and an email with further information but if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Karen or Rebecca karenrobinson@hotmail.com or rjmurph49@gmail.com


CHESS CLUB

The chess club which now meets in the library, has been building in strength in term 1 and we now have 31 keen members.

If you wish your child to join the chess club, places may be available in Term 2 depending on numbers. First preference will be given to current members so parents please get your child’s form/payment in early so I am able to gauge numbers. Please write current or new member on envelope.

Chess will recommence in term 2 on Wednesday 27th April, first week back at school. Please put form and payment $90 ($80 each if more than 1 child, cheques made payable to Jack South) in envelope marked chess club with child’s name. Payment to be made to the office please and handed in before the first club day. Thankyou for your on going support. Forms are available at the front office.

Jack South, Chess For Life Ph 92711006. Email jacksouth@iinet.net.au

WINTER UNIFORMS

Winter uniform stocks have arrived 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.

TERM 2 PLANNER

Parents can now access the Term 2 planner via this link TERM 2 PLANNER, and it is also available on the school website.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

As ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays this year, we will be having a special ANZAC assembly on Friday 8 April. Hosted by our senior students. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend the service. We would also like to ask for donations of flowers to make wreaths for the assembly. Please bring all donations of flowers to your child’s classroom on the morning of the assembly.
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

At the end of this term Bec Burns our associate Principal at Freshwater Bay over the past six months will be returning Bletchley Park Primary School where she has been the Deputy Principal for the past five years. In her time with us she has shared her knowledge and passion for making sure each child reaches their potential and makes great progress. Bec has inspired and challenged staff and students to be the best they can be. On behalf of the school community we would like to thank Bec for her incredible support and invaluable contributions to Freshwater Bay. Our loss is Bletchley Park’s gain—all the best for the remainder of the year.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A big congratulations must go to our Interschool Swim Team for their fantastic effort and behaviour at the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Our team came home with 34 ribbons! They won 3 x 1st place, 8 x 2nd place, 12 x 3rd place, and 11 x 4th place. 34 personal best times were swum out of 43 individual events (with 18 of the swimmers improving their time by 3 seconds or more over 50m since the Inter-house carnival three weeks ago). What a great team effort!

The results from the carnival were:
1st Cottesloe 180
2nd Mosman Park 114
3rd Mt Claremont 87
4th Freshwater Bay 82
5th Jolimont 65
6th Hollywood 44

The meritorious results were:
1st Mt Claremont 182
2nd Cottesloe 180
3rd Mosman Park 154
4th Freshwater Bay 135
5th Jolimont 122
6th Hollywood 88

HABITS OF MIND

Habits of Mind provide teachers with descriptions of thought processes that encourage children and adults to develop deep thinking and acting and increase our ability to solve problems and live together successfully. We need all of these skills in order to be lifelong learners in the 21st century. The habit of persisting encourages children to try different strategies when the first strategy they use to solve a problem doesn’t work. You can help your children work through solving problems where the answer isn’t obvious and try different solutions to helps them avoid developing the ‘I can’t do this’ and ‘It’s too hard’ syndromes. Helping them to develop a ‘tool box’ of problem solving strategies will positively support their learning in all areas.
ANAPHYLAXIS AND ASTHMA PLANS

It is very important that we have up to date medical information for all students. If your child has asthma or anaphylaxis, please ensure that we have an up to date medical plan for this. If you have any queries, please contact our Associate Principal Bec Burns.

LANGUAGENUT (FRENCH) AT HOME

Please remind your child/ren to keep up with their Languagenut practice at home.

Revision activities are set every 2 weeks and reinforce key concepts taught during French lessons.

Regular revision consolidates understanding and boosts memory retention.

Please note, the program works best with Google Chrome.

GUESS HOW MANY—WINNERS!

We had a fantastic response to the ‘Guess how Many in the Jar’ competition and are very excited to announce the winners.

Jar B had 81 Easter Eggs in the jar and the winner is Katie Stynes (Kindy—Blue)
Jar C had 119 Easter Eggs in the jar and the winner is Sam D (T2)
Jar A had 41 Easter Eggs in the jar and we have 4 winners—George (T2), Oliver (Cube 2), Xavier (T3) and Abby (Cube 1).

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition—you raised $70 for a fantastic cause.

FRESHWATER BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR—MRS BROWN

A lovely group of 30 children from Year 3-6 are singing together as our 2016 inaugural school choir. We are enjoying making a beautiful music together on Wednesday mornings before school. Our choir Captain, Josephine Vandzande in Year 6 is assisting and our first performance will be 8 April at our school ANZAC service. We are looking forward to getting our choir shirts. More students are welcome to join us next term!

If you are interested please see Mrs Brown.
UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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 are as follows:
- 5 April | Mrs Lumsden

ASSEMBLY
All parents and community members are invited to attend our whole school assemblies. Assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday mornings, the next assembly is:
- Date: 1 April | C7 Mr Sutcliffe
- Date: 8 April | ANZAC Assembly

EDUDANCE CONCERTS
We are looking forward to seeing our students strut their stuff at the upcoming EduDance concerts. Parents will have received a concert timetable in the last FOCUS update. The concerts are being held in the undercover area on:
- Wednesday 6 April—C3, C5, T3, T5, T2, CUBE 1
- Thursday 7 April—C4, C6, C7, T4, T1, CUBE 2

TOWN OF CLAREMONT ANZAC SERVICE
As well as our own service at Freshwater Bay Primary, our Head Girl and Head Boy will be taking part in the Town of Claremont ‘s ANZAC Day Ceremony.

For those wishing to attend, the ceremony will be held on Monday 25 April at the Claremont War Memorial from 7:30am.

SCHOOL BOARD—PARENT NOMINATIONS
Keep an eye out for an email you will be receiving soon with a parent nomination form for the School Board.
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 Caitlin Atkin who was awarded the Values Award in the last week.

Mr O’Driscoll wrote:

Caitlin is a very worthy recipient of the Values Award. She displays all of the qualities of our school motto, Wisdom, Respect, Courage. Caitlin shows courage every day, making the right choices and always taking risks in her learning. She respects her classmates and teachers and displays wisdom way beyond her years.

Congratulations Caitlin, keep being an amazing person.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please check the community notice board outside Tangney Hall for lot’s of holiday activities happening in the April school holidays in our community.

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