FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Joy comes to us in ordinary moments. We risk missing out on joy when we get too busy chasing down the extraordinary...

It was priceless the other day when I watched a short clip of children being interviewed about who they would take to dinner if they could choose anyone they wanted to. Every one of the children chose to take their parents – their mum or their dad or both! When the parents watched the clip they were speechless. For our children we are their world. For us our children are our world.

In a world where we want our kids to do so many things, go places, be part of a team, develop their talents and hone their skills – let’s not forget the importance of being there for them and doing things together – that’s what they crave, they are the moments they remember. My own boys, now men always talk about the stories we told them, the laughs we shared, the good times we had – together. Just having celebrated Mother’s Day it’s a good opportunity to think about how just simply spending time together fills our children’s world with joy.

Getting to know our students is important to us as teachers, spending time with them, helping them think about their learning and set goals for improvement is part of what we do. At school we spend a lot of time with your children helping them to grow into responsible, caring, generous spirited young adults.

The opportunity to hear about how they are going, what support they need and what their goals are will be offered to all parents in Week 5 of this term. Teachers will be available for a short 10 minute snapshot of your child’s year so far, before Semester One reports are sent out. More information about the afternoon will be sent out separate to the FOCUS. If you would like an in depth opportunity to discuss your child’s progress, please make a separate appointment with their class teacher.

I hope all of the mothers at Freshwater Bay Primary School enjoyed being spoiled and spending time with their families over the weekend.

DIARY DATES

Monday 9 May
NAPLAN begins

Tuesday 10 May
C1 Mother’s Day Evening

Wednesday 11 May
H2 Mother’s Day morning tea Board Meeting 7pm

Thursday 12 May
H1 Mother’s Day Evening 6pm

Friday 13 May
House Assembly

Wednesday 18 May
Maths Activity Day PP-6

Friday 20 May
Assembly—Ms Chesny Next FOCUS

Wednesday 25 May
Interviews
SCHOOL MATTERS

SUPERVISION BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Starting off the term it is a good opportunity for parents to be reminded of the supervision provision arrangements in place at Freshwater Bay Primary School. For our Year 1-6 students parents are asked to make certain that their children are not left at school unsupervised before or after school. Teacher supervision is provided in Herbert Hall (the undercover area & nature playground) from 8.15 am until 8.30 am when classrooms open.

After school, staff are on duty from 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm to supervise children being collected from the Kiss and Drive Laneway. During these supervision periods, the school rules apply. At 3.15 pm, any student not in the direct care of an authorised adult or involved in an extracurricular activity should have departed the school grounds.

Remaining unsupervised students will be relocated to the office until they are collected. Parents with children remaining on school grounds need to be in the care of their parents or a responsible authorised adult. We ask for your support in understanding that the Kindy and Pre-primary playground areas are an extension of the indoor classroom and are not to be used before or after school.

All Kindergarten and Pre-primary students must be dropped off and collected from their classroom by a parent or an authorised adult. Please try and be on time as young children will quickly become anxious if they are left waiting. However, if you are running late, please telephone the office on 9384 0293 and we will ensure your child is supervised.
SCHOOL MATTERS

2017 KINDY ENROLMENTS
We are now taking applications for Kindy and Pre-Primary in 2017. If you need to enrol your child, please collect an application form from the front office or download from the school website. Applications close on Friday 22 July 2016.

HATS
At Freshwater Bay Primary we have the no hat no play in the sun rule all year round. Please make sure your child has a hat in their bag or they will need to play undercover at recess and lunch breaks. If your child has lost their hat, ask them to look in the lost property bins in Tangney Hall. As of next week (Monday 9 May), loan hats will no longer be available at the front office as these are not being returned by students and we are running out. We appreciate your help and understanding in this matter.

BUSY BEE—THANK YOU
Thank you to our P&C for coordinating the morning on Saturday 30 April and a big thank you to all who helped out at the Busy Bee. Along with a general tidy up around the school, a great garden bordering the senior lunch area was planted to include a lemon tree and four Bradford pear trees. The senior lunch area is now an even lovelier place to chill!

BANNERS IN THE TERRACE—WE WON!
Mrs Calvert and our Year 5/6 classes worked on a banner design to enter into the Banners in the Terrace project run by the Town of Claremont. Students had to create a banner around the theme of Claremont and what it means to them. Our Freshwater Bay Primary School submission for the Banners in the Terrace project has been selected to represent Claremont during Western Australian Local Government Week on St Georges Terrace. Our design will be made into a life size banner for the display and will be displayed with other banners representing councils in Western Australia. These will be displayed on St Georges Terrace later this year in July.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Issue 3 Book Club flyers were sent home on Monday 2 May and orders are due TODAY. Orders can be made:
• on line at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP, if ordering online there is no need to return anything to the school; and
• with cash, cheque or credit voucher returned to the school by the due date with the completed order form.
Online orders after the due date will only be processed on a weekly basis and will increase the delivery time to you. Extra flyers can be found at the front desk if needed.

Most books from Issue 2 have now been delivered. Happy Reading!
TERM 1 FEES AND CHARGES
A reminder to parents that Term 1 fees and charges are due. If you have not already paid these please come in to the office at your next convenience and make payment. Payments can be made by Credit Card, EFTPOS, cash or cheque at the front office or by Direct Deposit into the school account. The bank details are:
ANZ Bank
BSB: 016281       A/C No: 3409 10334
Please use your child’s surname followed by their first name as reference.

THE SEEDLINGS PROGRAM
The Seedlings Program - Growing Kids with Good Character is a social/emotional wellbeing program that teaches children how to recognise and manage feelings appropriately, understand and navigate friendship issues, deal with bullying and builds self-confidence and resilience. We are so grateful to be one of the schools selected school by Hawaiian, owner and manager of Claremont Quarter, as part of their community program; receiving two assemblies for all our students from Year 1-6, along with a professional development session for teachers on Wednesday 11 May. Di Wilcox, the founder of The Seedlings Program, attended our school on Tuesday this week to run the first assembly around friendships. Di helped our children to understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships, how to resolve conflict when there is a friendship issue and discussed how to deal with being on your own. The second assembly on 7 June will focus on helping our children to deal with bullying in a way that teaches them to be confident and assertive without being a bully back. Parents are most welcome to attend the next assembly.

ANZAC DAY FBPS & TOWN OF CLAREMONT
Our ANZAC Day Ceremony was organised by our senior classes this year on the last day of Term 1 Friday 8 April. The ceremony provided all students from Year 1 –6 with the opportunity to reflect on the courageous men and women who have served in the armed forces over the years to ensure our freedom.
Many of our student leaders, students and families from Freshwater Bay Primary School also attended the Town of Claremont’s Anzac Day service on 25 April. Our Head Girl Lucy Naylor and Head Boy Hugh Davies lay a wreath on behalf of the school. It was lovely to see the respect and feel the gratitude of the crowd in remembering the service men and women who have given their lives in Gallipoli and conflicts all over the world.
CODER DOJO HELP NEEDED

Eighteen Year 4 students been participating in a CoderDojo during lunchtimes at Freshwater Bay this year. These students have been working on making animations, games and drawing with computer code. It is a popular group and there is interest from students across other year levels as well.

A Dojo is a fun, free and social coding club for young people. There is no curriculum and students learn in an unstructured environment; exploring coding programs themselves. There is an emphasis on problem solving and helping each other.

Over 50 CoderDojo’s have sprung up in schools and universities around Western Australia, under the guidance of the Fogarty Foundation, for the purpose of creating a highly digital literate workforce and to give our young people the best chances of success in the future.

The Dojo has been facilitated by a parent volunteer, Petrina Atkin, who is moving interstate. We are putting out a call to parents who would be able to volunteer time from 12.15 – 1.00pm to assist with the Dojo so that this opportunity can continue to be offered to our students. Ideally we are looking for volunteer parents to assist the students with finding ways to make their programming work. A knowledge of coding isn’t required, simply a questioning mind and familiarity with computers.

You don’t need to know how to code. It’s important that you are interested in helping our students learn. Simply by taking an active interest in their projects you can encourage them to overcome frustrations and progress learning. Please contact Mari Dart if you are able to volunteer to help keep our CoderDojo running. Petrina can provide any volunteers with initial training and activities as required.

P & C MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

What a fabulous response to our P&C Mother’s Day Raffle—thank you to all of our families for supporting the school by donating prizes or buying raffle tickets. The winners have been notified and we raised a total of $1 517!

HABITS OF MIND | MANAGING IMPULSIVITY

Take your time! Thinking before acting: remaining calm, thoughtful and deliberative.

Encourage your children to be reflective and consider alternatives and the consequences of several possible directions before they take action. By doing this they are better able to prevent problems both in school and in life. They decrease their need for trial and error by gathering information, taking time to reflect on an answer before giving it, making sure they understand directions, and listening to alternative points of view.

Often, students blurt out the first answer that comes to mind. Sometimes they shout an answer, start to work without fully understanding the directions, lack an organised plan or strategy for approaching a problem, or make immediate value judgments about an idea (criticising or praising it) before they fully understand it. Research demonstrates, however, that less impulsive, self-disciplined students are more successful.
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:

10 May | Ms Chesny
17 May | Miss Soutar

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: 20 May | Mrs Chesny C4

It’s enrolment time

For 2017 Kindy and Pre-primary

Enrol by 22 July 2016

Kindergarten 2017
You can enrol your child for Kindergarten next year if they will turn four by 30 June 2017.
Applications for enrolment must be received by 22 July 2016.

Pre-primary 2017
You can enrol your child for Pre-primary next year if they will turn five by 30 June 2017.
Applications for enrolment must be received by 22 July 2016. If your child is currently attending Kindergarten at Freshwater Bay Primary School, you must still complete an Application for Enrolment for Pre-primary.

All current FBPS Kindergarten children will receive an Application for Enrolment form shortly.

Visit www.freshwaterbayps.wa.edu.au and click on the enrolment tab to find out more
VALUES AWARDS

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 Vinicius Magnusson who was awarded the Values Award in the last week. Mr Sutcliffe wrote:

Vinicius is a student who displays the school values of respect, wisdom and courage in all that he does. Vinicius demonstrates respect to himself and others through his caring and helpful nature. His impressive manners and compassion for others allows others to feel welcome and valued. Vinicius demonstrates wisdom through the positive choices he makes at school. He displays a good attitude towards learning, behaviour and interacting with others. Vinicius demonstrates courage by the way he is always willing to learn and try new things. He is a hardworking, determined and dedicated student who never shies away from a challenge. Vinicius is a role model to all and a valued member of our class and school.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

KIDZ ‘N SPORT—SOCCER

Soccer @ Freshwater Bay Primary

When: Wednesdays - after school
Time: 3.20-4.20pm - we will collect children from the undercover area after school
Venue: Claremont Park - next to the School
Coach: Anthony Tattersall - English Professional Soccer coach
Skills coached / Ball control / Dribbling skills / Passing and trapping / Moving into space / Game strategy and more
Bookings: www.kidznsport.com and click on Nedlands and surrounds
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