Freshwater Bay Primary School has a high level of academic achievement, a vibrant co-curricular program and an emphasis on community involvement. Formed in 2011, the Freshwater Bay values are defined in our school motto: wisdom, respect and courage.

Last week we had a significant event that captured the whole world community; the United States Presidential Election. I am not getting into the politics of the situation, as an educator I am interested in the ramifications for education and for our children. Both candidates spent an extra-ordinary amount of money on advertising and social media. One is reported to have spent over 1 billion dollars. There is so much out there that we as a society are literally being bombarded with any number of apps and social media sites giving us unsolicited advice on what we should be doing with our life. The concerning thing is in many cases there is a lack of verified facts and tangible evidence to support the advice or ideas being given to us.

The significance for us as educators is ensuring that children develop the ability to be critical digital users. More than ever our children need to be able to read well and have the skills to reflect on what is being put out in the social media domain. They need to be able to be discerning and triangulate different sources before forming their own opinion. Our
children need to be taught to question and not take information on blind faith. Effective questioning is not about being obstinate or conspiratorial, it's about forming thesis's about what they read and then asking 'how did they arrive at that?', 'that's interesting what facts can I find to support and/or challenge the ideas forward'. Effective questioning is borne from having a learning environment that encourages a child’s natural curiosity and desire to explore and understand their world.

As teachers and parents this is our challenge.

Board Chair
I would like to thank Ashleigh Hahn for her commitment to leading the School Board as Chair over the past two and a half years. Her direction and desire for a strong educational focus has put Freshwater Bay on a strong footing. A combination of family and work commitments has made it difficult for Ashleigh to continue in the role of Board Chair. Although Ashleigh has resigned from the position of Chair she will continue to represent our parent community on the Board.

I would like to congratulate Con Zempilas as the new Freshwater Bay Board Chair. He was unanimously voted into the role at our Board meeting on Tuesday 8 November. Con has demonstrated over a long time, his commitment to the school and I believe he will the lead the Board well and support the school in its continual drive to provide the highest quality learning outcomes for our students.

Principal Simon Reid

Calendar of Events

Friday 18 November
  Assembly - T7
  Mosaics - Yr1
Monday 21 November
Tuesday 22 November
  Tuesday Treats - T5
Wednesday 23 November
  Early Childhood 2017 Information Evening
  House Assembly
Friday 25 November
  Tuesday Treats - C3 | School Board Meeting
Tuesday 29 November
  Freshwater Focus Issue 18
Thursday 1 December
  Book Award Assembly 9:00am
Friday 2 December
  P&C Christmas Carols 5:30pm

Read More
Weekly Class Report
This week's Class Report has been brought to you by Lily C. (Yr 6).

In French this term the Cube's themed topic has been 'A French Cafe'. We spent the term preparing to run a French Cafe for all of the staff. We painted our own aprons based on paintings by famous French artists and designed our own French place-mats and menus. We made quiches, crepes, French cakes and palmiers (heart shaped pastries). On the day we all had different roles - set-up, speakers, waiters and artists. The French Singing Club sang a hit song from 'The Voice Kids France' and everyone paraded their aprons. The cafe was a great success. Thank you Madame Gibson and Dorian for organising it.

Freshie Choir News
The Freshie Choir joined with other surrounding schools in a music festival at Shenton College. It was a lovely morning of singing a variety of songs together, as well as performing our own song, "My Favourite Things".

The Freshie Choir has had a strong core of children from Year 3-6, who have rehearsed together every Wednesday morning at 8am and even during some of their lunchtimes. Congratulations on a fantastic effort by all of the Choir members.

Mrs Julie Brown - Music Specialist

Music News - Music. Count Us In
On Thursday 3 November students from Mrs Britton's Year 3 class, joined in on a nationwide event in their music lesson. "Music. Count Us In", celebrates music education in schools by singing together an especially written song. Via Live Stream, we were able to connect up with 60 000 other
students all across Australia to sing one song, at the same time. This is a government supported project that acknowledges the need for music education in more schools. Only 23% of schools have regular music classes available, so this is a fantastic initiative.

Book Fair Success
A huge thank you to Mrs Jo Moore for running the fabulously successful Book Fair this year. We sold a total of $8848.00, of which we get $1897.00 in commission together with a balance of $1028.00 to spend on books at a later date. All books that were ordered at the Book Fair are now available for pick-up from the library. A big thank you also to Tanya Wardlaw, Ferdana Garman and Valerie Zakarian for helping Jo manage this event. Thank you to all who supported this fantastic event and Happy Reading!

Term 4 Statements
All parents will have received their Term 4 Statements. Payment is now due and can be made by cash, cheque, direct deposit, eftpos or credit card. If paying by direct deposit, the school's bank details are:
ANZ Bank
BSB 016281
A/C 3409 10334
Please use your child's surname followed by their first name as reference. Thank you for your prompt payment.

Book Award Assembly | 2 December
Our students from Year 1-6 will be performing at the Book Award assembly this year. Each year level will be singing a song around the theme of Summer Holidays. This assembly also recognises two students from each class who have been selected to receive a book prize for their achievements this year. Teachers select students for a variety of reasons ranging from academic excellence, citizenship, community spirit, effort,
improvement - the list is endless. If your child has been selected as a book prize recipient you will be notified prior to the assembly. We look forward to seeing you at the final assembly for 2017 - everyone welcome!

**Early Childhood Education 2017 Information Evening**
A reminder to parents that the Information Evening for Kindy and Pre-Primary 2017 is on Wednesday 23 November at 6:30pm in Tangney Hall. If you have a child entering Kindy or Pre-primary in 2017 we look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP by phoning the front office on 9384 0293.

**Booklists 2017**
Booklists for 2017 have been sent home with students. Please read the instructions carefully on how to order, including the cut-off dates. Booklists are also available on the Freshwater Bay Primary School website by clicking the link below.

See all Booklists

**Extra Curricular Activities**

We are committed to providing opportunities for our students to extend their learning – and to have fun in the process. Throughout the year, the school offers a variety of extra curricular activities run by quality external providers. For information on the activities available in term 4, please click on the link below.

See All Activities

**Merit Certificates**
Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Merit Certificates at the Assembly:

Capri N. - C4
Angela E. - C4
Madeleine K. - C3
Diren L. - C5
Jessica P. - C5
Judson F. - C6
India B. - C6
William G. - C6
Charlie C. - C7
Addi H. - C7
Alice W. - T3
Piers M. - T3
Alice D. - T4
Finn L. - T4
Malcolm L. - T5
Sophie T-B. T5
Elise C. - T5
Henry L. - T7
Indi S. - T7
Charlie W. - Cube 1
Tilly B. - Cube 1
Hallie A. - T2
Harry M. - Cube 2
Stella M. - Cube 1
Oliver F. - Cube 2
Dania G. - Cube 2
Heidi R. - C2
Harry F. - C2
Ollie B. - T2
Lucy G. - T2

Excursion Notes

All current excursion and permission notes are available on the school website by clicking on the link below.

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:
From the P&C President

What an amazing year the P&C has had for 2016!

Some important dates for your diary

Christmas Carols - 2nd December gates open at 5.00pm, 
Carols to start at 5.30pm
Sundowner 2017 - Friday 17th February 2017
P&C AGM - 22nd February 2017 at 6.30pm

We would invite all of our community members to nominate for any roles and committees. All nominations will be listed early 2017. Forms will be available at front reception from next week.

This year the P&C raised a little over $45,000 from fundraising efforts such as Tuesday Treats, Soiree 16, Lapathon, 5 cent challenge, Raffles, Royal Show Parking and Election Day and our second hand uniform shop. We have also held a number of P&C sponsored events such as Grandparents Day and our Christmas Carols which will be coming up in a few weeks.

Our main spending this year was on Blinds for the Cube, Laptop Leasing, Charity Donations, Playground works, gardens equipment (new PP Naturscape) and schools works (bore).

In the final P&C General meeting this year commitments for upgrading inter school sports shirts, Literacy benchmarks kits for the whole school, budget for a Kindy 2017 Busy Bee, budget for STEM equipment (3D Printer and Robots), outdoor play for Cowan House and the cementing and tidy-up of the kiss and drive pick up area.

I would like to thank all the community members in attendance on Wednesday night, that helped vote on the final expenditure for the year. We again invite all of our community members to come along and be involved in the decision making process and the ongoing discussions regarding what we do at the P&C and the projects we are involved in.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many hands that help make the P&C run, the many volunteers who work hard and ensure that our fundraising continues to enable us to support our school and provide resources to all the children. I would like to thank the Executive and Committee Coordinators for their support and ongoing commitment to our school.

We look forward to 2017 and we invite all community members to consider a role large or small on the P&C. Many hands make light work and it is all for the benefit of our children.

Michelle Menezes
Second Hand Uniform Shop
The last Second Hand Uniform Shop for the year will be held on Tuesday 6 December with Tuesday Treats. Stocks are very low at the moment so the P&C welcome any donations of unwanted or outgrown uniforms. Any donations can be dropped off at the front office.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon - Help Needed
There are many people who help make our school function successfully. The gardeners, the receptionists, the cleaners and of course the teachers. Its a team effort!
We would like to thank our school as a whole team for such a wonderful year of support, flexibility, intelligence, hard work, commitment, resilience, enthusiasm, laughter and smiles.

Wednesday November 30th Freshwater Bay Primary School community will honour the FBPS employees with a Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

How can you help?
1. We would love for you to cook a nominated dish - Collect a recipe from the reception desk front office - please put your name and phone number on the recipe index adjacent to the recipes. Please cook with the recipes provided - just so we don’t double up.

and or

2. Volunteer in person please
Volunteers needed @ 11.15am - 6 pax for set up
Volunteers needed @ 1.15pm - 6-8 pax for tidy up
Volunteers to notify with the time session which suits them. Please do this via email: kyliewaterstrom@gmail.com with subject title "Volunteer Luncheon" (just so it doesn't get lost in the good old inbox)

We appreciate your help and support, the FBPS team really appreciate this special lunch day.
Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you in advance.
Warmest regards
Kyle's, Bridget & Kell

Community News

Camp Australia Holiday Club
Freshwater Bay would like to announce the introduction of Holiday Club Vacation Care, provided by Camp Australia, from 19 December 2016. Registrations and more information can be found by clicking the link below.

Holiday Activities
As the school holidays approach, parents are encouraged to have a look at our Community Notice Board outside Tangney Hall to have a look at all of the wonderful holiday activities being offered in our community

Uniforms
EmbroidMe are our sole school endorsed uniform suppliers. They are located at 1/205 Stirling Hwy, Claremont WA 6010. 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.
‘Believe, inspire, and strive for a successful learning community’

We believe in inspiring a passion and curiosity for lifelong learning.

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