

Fremantle Primary School



Dates to Remember

Wednesday 4 December - Board meeting

Thursday 5 December - Music Assembly

Monday 9 December - Thank You Morning Tea

Friday 13 December - Year 6 Graduation Assembly

29 November 2019

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Update from the Principal

Dear families of Fremantle,

A warm hello to you all. As we approach the end of the year, the question on the lips of many will be, 'which students and teachers will my child be with next year?' These are fundamental questions that we take very seriously to make sure we keep getting optimum learning outcomes for all students. Your child's teacher is the best person to talk to about this, if you have concerns about the academic needs of your child.



Right now, we have our greatest minds meeting regularly to work out the most effective and harmonious combinations of students possible. These will be communicated to you on the last day of term.

On page 2 and 3, I answer some common questions about the class placement process, and outline our **new** approach to ensure the most effective running of the school.

All classes right now will be focussing on the final assessments and observations needed to compile the school reports which will be sent to you electronically on Wednesday 18 December 2019.

Next Wednesday, 4th December, we have our open Board Meeting at 6.30pm in the library. Feel free to come along if you'd like to observe and are interested in seeing a meeting in action. Please note that the public is welcome to observe the session only. Do let me know if you have any questions, or you're interested in coming along,

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all around the school and community.

Take care, and Go Freo (PS)!

Mr T

Thank You Morning Tea

Monday

9 December

11am in the staffroom.

Please join us if you have volunteered at a carnival, in a classroom or any other event this year as we really appreciate your time spent with us.

RSVP by 5/12/2019

To the office please

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property in admin — It is overflowing with swimming lesson equipment!

CLASS PLACEMENTS AT FREMANTLE

Dear Families,

In the past, we have accepted parent requests as to which class their child is placed. After much consideration, given the significant time required of staff, and resources diverted from other school business, such as teaching and planning time, we will now modify this process.

Essentially, we will be limiting parent input into class placements. Classes are formed based on the professional judgement of staff **to ensure the best learning environment for each student** taking into account their academic, social and emotional needs, and all the resources available to us. The process is as follows:

- The Administration decides the class structures for the following year based on available resources, and the anticipated enrolments according to the [School Education Act Employees General Agreement 2017](#) (Article 12).
- Parents are encouraged to speak with teachers about particular arrangements or placements based on **academic needs**. Requests in relation to choice of teacher will not be considered as a placement factor.
- Teaching staff then allocate students to classes based on factors including discussions with students, behaviour, gender, year levels and social factors as well as considerations around resources and facilities. While parents know their children best, in the school environment, teachers are most aware of all relevant academic and social information about all the children in their particular year level. This information is vital for a successful classroom and the good running of the school.
- Teachers then provide their lists to the school administration to ratify the decision.
- Parents will be notified of class placement in the final week of Term 4 of the preceding year.

I acknowledge that classroom placements can cause anxiety for some. At Fremantle Primary School children's wellbeing is a priority. If your child is having difficulty in relationships, please help us support them, and talk to the class teacher if needed. Rest assured that we are with your children every step of the way to help teach them the skills to adapt to change. We encourage you to support the school nurture this resilience which will serve them well in the school and beyond.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can I request for my child to be (or not to be) with a particular child?

No. If your child is having difficulty with a student in class, please inform the teacher in the first instance, so that the matter can be resolved. Managing relationships is an aspect of the school experience where students learn to function socially with all kinds of people.

Can I request a particular teacher for my child in writing or through discussion with my child's current teacher?

No, this is not part of our school's policy.

When I get my child's class placement, can I request that it be changed?

You may talk with the teacher about your concerns and be assured that those concerns will be shared with the principal so your child's anxieties will be addressed. Teachers have the skills to help children adjust. Changes to placements are rare due to the fact they often cause a chain reaction across the school, impacting on the balance in other classes. While we take much care in catering for the individual child during the placement process, it is important to know that your child is part of a complex equation that involves a considerable number of other children.

Can my child repeat a year?

Parent requests and special circumstances will be given full consideration in consultation with classroom teachers, Learning Support Coordinator, the school psychologist and principal. However, we do not encourage the repeating of students in a year level. This is based on current research that indicates it is not beneficial to the student to repeat a year level.

Why do we have split classes?

Split classes are formed where there are insufficient numbers in a single year level to maintain single grade classes. These classes are formed to have a similar spread of abilities to a single grade class, and represent no disadvantage or advantage over single grade classes. Indeed, research shows that multi-age classes has a positive impact on social development. Also, as the size of classes are capped (see below) a split class of a 1/2 class for example, allows for future enrolments of Year 1 and Year 2 students without needing to restructure classes.

Recommended maximum class sizes

Kindergarten – 20 students per group

Pre-primary – 27 for purpose built early childhood classrooms (ours are purpose built)

Years 1-3 – 24 students

Years 4-6 – 32 students

What if my child is having difficulty in her/his new placement after school has started?

It is important to give your child time to adjust to her/his new surroundings, and we will do what we can in partnership to facilitate that adjustment. Parents need to talk to and work with the teacher, so that the child's needs can be addressed and the issue resolved. Parents play a significant part in this process by being as positive and encouraging as possible to their children. It can be daunting to be in a new class and new environment, which is why it is so important that both families and teachers work together to support this transition with patience and an open mind. Making new friends and adjusting socially to new spaces and situations are essential in successful schooling.

Please know that teachers deeply care about the students, and they strive to ensure the best learning conditions and smoothest of transitions for all of them. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact one of the administration staff or your child's teacher.

This policy is supported by the School Board.

RECYCLING CARNIVAL RIBBONS

There is a box in the office for anybody who would like to recycle their sports carnival ribbons.



Please, we ask that parents not drop their children off at school before 8.30am. If students are on the grounds earlier ie. 8.20am, they need to go directly to the school library where they can be supervised. Children should not be in the playground or on verandahs. They will be dismissed from the Library at 8.35am.

If you need to drop your child off at school earlier than 8.20am, please consider Wanslea Family Services, who run the Before and After School Care program on site.

P&C NEWS

Uniform Shop

Carlene Smith and Catherine Putland have officially retired from managing the Uniform Shop. They have handed over to Kirsty Hendry and her helpers. We wish to extend a HUGE thank you to Carlene and Catherine for their years of dedicated, friendly and helpful service to our school community.

OPENING TIMES DURING TERM

Thursdays 8.20am - 8.50am

Fridays 2.45pm - 3.20pm

OPENING TIMES PRE-TERM 1 2020

Friday 31/01/20 10:00am - 11.30am

Monday 3/02/20 9:00am – 10:00am



Uniforms can also be purchased (and sizes and prices viewed) online at <https://freopc.tidyhq.com/>. Online purchases are also required to be picked up from the uniform shop during normal opening hours.

You can also bring any outgrown uniforms to the uniform shop. All donated second-hand items are sold for \$3 per item.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Cook Book Fundraiser

Fremantle Primary School's first ever cook book, "Freo Family Favourites" is currently being printed.

With over 140 recipes shared by families and staff in our school community, it's sure to be a ripper!

Recipes from Russia, China, Armenia, Indonesia, Brazil, France, Mexico and Germany will have you feeling as if you're on holiday at home.

It's super family friendly, with the vast majority of recipes being quick and easy to prepare.

And there's lots of very special heritage recipes – Great Grandpa's Easy Lemon Cheesecake, Grandma's Toll House Choc Chip Cookies, Millie's Five Minute Tea Cake,

Nana's Summer Roll, Tata's Chilli, Nona's Ceci Soup, Great Gran Andrews Tart and My Irish Mammy's Christmas Cake.

Only 300 copies of this professionally published cook book will be available for sale, so keep an eye out for the Order Forms next week!

Grillex \$10,000 School Makeover

Your P&C has entered the "Grillex School Makeover" competition for a chance to win \$10,000 worth of Grillex products to help bring students together outdoors!

We'd LOVE to win this competition and have submitted our Outdoor STEM Classroom proposal and design plan in the hope that it delivers the goods.

However, to boost our chances even more, we also need you guys to enter too - **by 5pm Friday 29 November.**

Each person can enter once, so please go to [\[https://grillex.com.au/win\]](https://grillex.com.au/win) (<https://grillex.com.au/win>) and tell them in 100 words or less, what an Outdoor STEM Classroom would mean to our school.

If you'd like a bit more information to fuel your entry a copy of the proposal can be found on the Freo Primary Parents Page on Facebook.

School Grant from Simone McGurk

We are pleased to inform you that your P&C has been successful in applying for a \$250 grant through Simone McGurk's 2019/20 School Grant programme.

The Fathering Project aims to inspire and equip fathers and father-figures to positively engage with the children in their lives – for the benefit of children.

More effective fathers and father-figures means a generation of children with happier, healthier futures.

Your P&C is currently trying to get a Dad's Group up and running as part of the Fathering Project (See below).

We feel very strongly that benefits of creating a fun, interactive and supportive space where fathers and father-figures can spend quality time with their children and share their experiences would be HUGE.

Who Wants to be a Better Father Figure?

The question raised by "The Fathering Project" is one we can all agree is crucial and pretty tough at the same time! This charity has been running in WA for 6 years and have set up 160 groups to create more opportunities for fathers and kids to have a closer bond, as well as friendship between fathers.

Fremantle Primary and the P&C committee want to find out how much interest there is in setting up a Fremantle Primary Group. This will create some opportunities for fathers and kids to go on bushwalks, camp outs, bike rides sand castle building competitions and the odd night in the pub as well. We'll be setting up a night at a local pub soon to get those interested together to talk about what people want out of a group like this. A few of us have been getting together around fathering events recently and they've been a fun, interesting chance to talk about the challenges and fun of fatherhood.

If you're interested please contact Martin Forsey (martin.forsey@uwa.edu.au), Chris Morlidge or Mr T who will be happy to talk through what the group is about.

If you're interesting in meeting up to start making plans, we are getting together at the back of the Local Hotel (282 South Terrace) on 10th December at 6pm, where there is great coffee available for all and nibbles if desired.



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Dear Parents

We have been advised by Kapture Photography that all sports and/or special team photos taken this year will be removed from their website at the close of Term 4. This is your last chance to view and purchase these photographs. Please visit <https://www.kapture.com.au/event.asp> and access the gallery using our school code; **ECYSEG**. This code can also be used to purchase class or individual photographs should you have not ordered earlier in the year.

Also, we strongly encourage you to check your graduation products well in advance of your graduation ceremony to avoid any last minute rush should an issue arise. Graduation products take approximately 10 working days to turnaround from order to delivery.

Thank you for your fantastic assistance throughout the year.

Kind regards,

Linda Waghorn

School Proof Coordinator

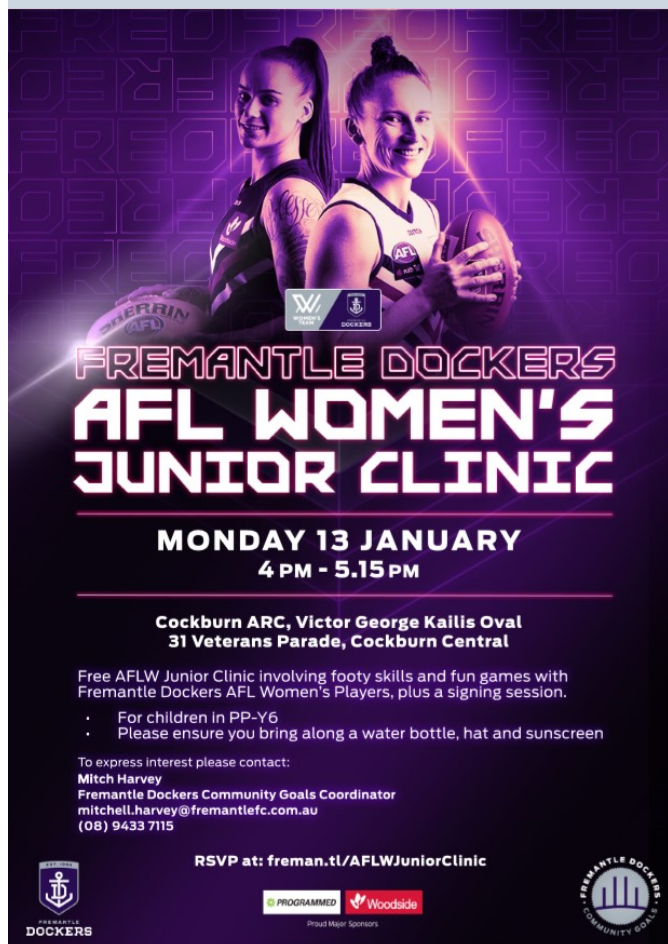


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**FREMANTLE DOCKERS
AFL WOMEN'S
JUNIOR CLINIC**

**MONDAY 13 JANUARY
4 PM - 5.15 PM**

**Cockburn ARC, Victor George Kailis Oval
31 Veterans Parade, Cockburn Central**

Free AFLW Junior Clinic involving footy skills and fun games with Fremantle Dockers AFL Women's Players, plus a signing session.

- For children in PP-Y6
- Please ensure you bring along a water bottle, hat and sunscreen

To express interest please contact:
Mitch Harvey
Fremantle Dockers Community Goals Coordinator
mitchell.harvey@fremantlefc.com.au
(08) 9433 7115

RSVP at: fremantlefc.com.au/AFLWJuniorClinic

PROGRAMMED **Woodside**

FREMANTLE DOCKERS

Gifted and Talented Selective Academic Program at Fremantle College - applications now open!



Gifted and Talented education at Fremantle College enables children with exceptional academic ability to engage and flourish in a learning environment that is intellectually stimulating and rigorous. Learning programs are flexible and tailored to accelerate, extend and enrich the learning for each student. Classroom environments that are creative, promote divergent and higher-order thinking, will foster the continued emergence of students' gifts and talents, and growth in learning. To apply, go to:

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented>
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 9 FEBRUARY 2020

W: www.fremantlecollege.wa.edu.au F: www.facebook.com/FremantleCollege/
P: (08) 9338 8900 E: fremantle.college@education.wa.edu.au

I am reaching out on behalf of the event organisers to seek expressions of interest from schools to attend Fremantle Sailing Club to have a look at the visiting Clipper Round the World Race. The boats would be available for three days 18th – 20th December. I understand that this is at the very end of the semester and may not suit.

If you are interested in finding out more then feel free to contact myself directly and I will assist where I can.

<https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/>

Regards,

Thor



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Parties

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At Schools

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

at Marmion Reserve, Myaree

Week 1: Tuesday 21st – Friday 24th Jan
Week 2: Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st Jan

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

A fun exercise, hand and foot eye coordination program.
 A great introduction to sport, designed for action, fun and energy.
 The program is engaging for all skill levels.

Time: 8:30am – 10:00am
Fees: 1 day - \$30 | 2 days - \$60 | 3 days - \$80 | 4 days - \$100 | 5 days - \$125

Pre-Kindy & Kindy

MULTI SPORT

Advanced sports activities further developing the full range of skills and rules of Tee-ball, Cricket, Soccer and Basketball.
 Designed to be fun and engaging for all skill levels.

Time: 8:30am – 11:30am
Fees: 1 day - \$40 | 2 days - \$80 | 3 days - \$110 | 4 days - \$130 | 5 days - \$160

Pre-Primary Years 1 - 3

SPECIALIST CRICKET (Week 2 ONLY)

A comprehensive program covering all aspects of cricket.
 Batting, bowling, fielding, wicket keeping, as well as game play, fielding positions, rules and heaps more.
 Promotes a high level of sportsmanship and suitable for all Cricket lovers.

Time: 8:30am – 11:30am
Fees: 1 day - \$40 | 2 days - \$80 | 3 days - \$110 | 4 days - \$130

Years 1 - 3

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Kidz 'n Sport Birthday Parties are a great way to celebrate your child's special day. We will provide a party to remember so your child and their friends can celebrate in a fun, healthy, exciting and energizing way!
 For more information please contact us.

Kidz 'n SPORT

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TERM 1 PROGRAMS 2020

New enrolment always welcome!
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

A fun exercise & coordination program for kids of all skill levels.
 Improves catching, throwing, running, agility, batting, kicking and dribbling.
 A great introduction to sport helping to build confidence, social skills and school readiness.

Day	Time	Venue	Cost
Monday	9:30am – 10:30am	Marmion Reserve	\$175.50
Monday	10:45am – 11:45am	Marmion Reserve	\$175.50
Tuesday	9:30am – 10:30am	Marmion Reserve	\$195
Wednesday	9:30am – 10:30am	Marmion Reserve	\$195
Thursday	9:30am – 10:30am	Marmion Reserve	\$195
Friday	9:30am – 10:30am	Marmion Reserve	\$175.50
Friday	10:45am – 11:45am	Marmion Reserve	\$175.50
Saturday	8:30am – 9:30am	Mount Pleasant P.S	\$175.50
Saturday	9:45am – 10:45am	Mount Pleasant P.S	\$175.50

Pre-Kindy & Kindy

MULTI SPORT

Advanced sports activities further developing the full range of skills.
 A fantastic program based around Cricket, Tee-ball, Soccer and Basketball.
 Promotes teamwork, positive attitudes to sport and is great fun for all skill levels.

Day	Time	Venue	Cost
Monday	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Marmion Reserve	\$175.50
Thursday	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Marmion Reserve	\$195
Saturday	8:30am – 9:30am	Mount Pleasant P.S	\$175.50
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Years 1 - 3

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