

Fremantle Primary School



Dates to Remember

Thursday 12 March - Assembly

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Update from the Principal

Kaya dear families of Fremantle PS

I'd like to let you all know that Laura Pengelly has been elected as our new Board Chairperson. I know we will all congratulate her and thank her for her continued participation in the leadership and running of our school.

As you know Mr Sachse, the Student Councillors and I run our Values Assembly on non-assembly Thursday mornings. This time allows teachers time to collaborate, while the students (Year 1-6) can engage in discussion around our school values of Care, Diversity and Excellence. The Councillors did a wonderful job leading the talk with students about bullying - what it is, what it isn't, what can we do if we feel it or see it. We brought this up as the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is coming up on 20 March. We also raised it in the context of how we care for each other at school.

Just a heads up in case you start finding uncapped plastic containers in your fridge - the Green Team are currently collecting plastic lids, caps and the thin plastic strip that attaches to them. Please join us in supporting this recycling effort.

Finally, I wanted to thank parents and carers who we all work with every day to ensure this school is a great place to be. Thank you also for your patience as we move to using Connect for whole-school and classroom communications.

Take care, and Go Freo (PS),

Mr T

**Please download the
Connect Now app on
your phone.**

**All Newsletters will
be published via
Connect**

**Please contact the
office if you have not
received your log in
details for Connect**



Assembly News-Thursday 13 February 2020

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at an assembly

PP ECE 1: Harriet H and William O

PP ECE 2: Nisa J and Ella M

Room 1: Adam H and Leo T

Room 2: Dusty R and Vinne S

Room 11: Minne B and William O

Room 12: Amelia B and Nickolas C

Room 14: Leon M and Casey P

Room 5: Aleks B and Olivia P

Room 6: Fletcher M, Yianni M S, Haakon P

Room 7: Lily A, Terra A H and Essa B

Room 8: Luccas A and Holly T

Room 9: Daisy C and Dylan P

Values Award:

Health Award:

Assembly News - Thursday 27 February 2020

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at the last assembly

Room 1: James A and Coen B

Room 2: Marli O and Otis A

Room 11: Gabriel G and Farrah M

Room 12: Ben B and Lotta T

Room 14: Kira K and Leo M

Room 5: Louie M and MJ S

Room 6: John C, Lily F and Geordie M

Room 7: Ben R and Jasper W

Room 8: Albie O and Roland T

Room 9: Eva C and Zadie K

Values Award: Xavier B

Health Award: Room 14 (Whole class)

Canteen News:

**Happy Lunch BOX will be serving Thursday & Friday
Semester 1 2020.**

Look out for New menu in Skoolbag.

See Happy Lunch Box Facebook Page

&

www.quickcliq.com.au for updates.

Deputy's Dialogue

Be You Update

Hi Everyone

We are looking for any interested parents who would like to join a Be You Action Team for 2020. You may just have a special interest in mental health and social and emotional well-being or even be employed in the area.

Ideally, you would be available to attend meetings at school shortly after pickup.

It is important that we involve as many parties as possible, work collectively and all feel part of our school's Be You journey. Our staff are currently considering how we can include 'student voice' from all year groups, that will ultimately feed into Be You Action Team meetings too.

Green Team



How exciting to have 49 students from Yrs 3-6 in the Library yesterday, registering their interest in the school's 'Green Team' for 2020. It is fantastic to have so many students willing to do a little bit extra for our environment. We had some wonderful suggestions put forward including storm water drain stenciling, a recycling 'hub' for plastic bottle tops, sports carnival ribbons and used batteries and making some bees wax wraps. Stay tuned for more information on these initiatives.

Whilst having so much student interest is brilliant, I am considering how we can best make it work for Green Team meetings. At this stage, we are likely to split into both a Yr 3-4 Green Team and a Year 5-6 Green Team meeting on alternative weeks.

International Women's Day

A reminder that March 8 is International Women's Day. The theme for this year is 'Each for Equal'. I liked the following words taken from the website <https://www.internationalwomensday.com>.

"An equal world is an enabled world.

Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions - all day, every day.

We can actively choose to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden perceptions, improve situations and celebrate women's achievements.

Collectively, each one of us can help create a gender equal world.

Let's all be #EachforEqual."

Dave Sachse





Frequently asked questions:

Will I be notified when a new notice has been published?

Yes. Each time a new notice is published by school staff, an email is automatically sent to your designated email account. The message is included in the email, however if you wish to access the images or files that are attached or add a comment (if the teacher has encouraged you to respond), you will be required to log onto Connect. Alternatively, you may download the free Connect Now app from Google Play or the Apple app store to receive the notifications on your phone.

- What if I don't really use email?

The Connect Now app enables parents to use their login details and stream all of the notices and discussions to their personal mobile device. The app is free and can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

- Can I reply to messages?

The teacher will sometimes invite you to respond to messages. When this happens a Comment button will be visible under the Connect Notice. You can respond either by logging into Connect or through the Connect Now app.

- Who else sees the class notices?

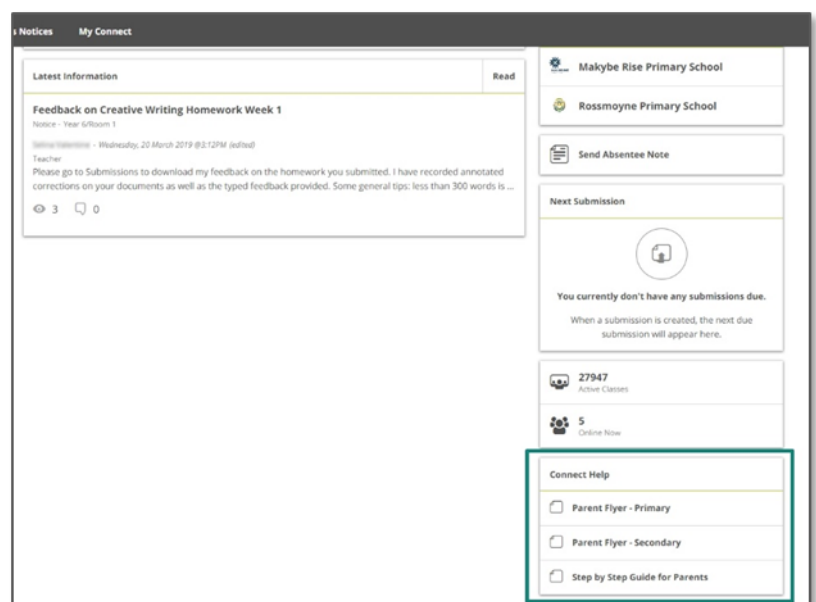
Only students and parents attached to a teacher's class are able to access and read class notices.

- What if I forget my login details?

You are able to set verification questions to reset your own password or if you prefer contact the school if you forget your login details.

- Where can I get more information?

Additional information is available as flyers at the bottom of on the Connect landing page under the heading Connect Help.



School Board Update

The School Board met on Wednesday 26 February for the first meeting of 2020. Adriano welcomed the new members of the Board, Josie Hodgetts (parent rep), Zoe Schmidt (parent rep), Janet Bain (staff rep), Edwina Allen (staff rep) and Steven Da Silva (staff rep).

Before electing a new chair, the Board acknowledged the outstanding efforts and commitment of outgoing chair Emma Herrick. Emma's drive and passion, over many years, led to many improvements, not only school governance but in the improvement of the school grounds and buildings such as the Undercover Area. Laura Pengelly was elected unopposed to the position of Board chair. Laura brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in education and we wish her well in this new position.

As part of the induction process for new Board members, we looked at both the Roles and Responsibilities of Board members and the expected Code of Conduct. Each member of the Board signed the Code of Conduct for elected School Board members.

Some minor changes to our Terms of Reference, in regards to election processes and number of ordinary meetings, were agreed to in principle.

Adriano presented the Principal's Report which focused on professional learning undertaken by staff during the school development days, the process involved in recruiting a Deputy Principal for Terms 2-4, the renegotiation of the after-school provider (Wanslea) contract and use of the Connect communication tool. Adriano also mentioned that a re-submission had been made for a building and infrastructure upgrade of the administration area of the school.

A Forward Planning document was tabled, indicating all future Board meeting dates for the year and expected core business and actions to be considered at each meeting.

Finally Zoe and Martin presented updates from the P & C. Zoe spoke about the Welcome BBQ, sales of the Family Favourites cookbook and the need for (i) more Board and school direction and (ii) clarity in the process, of how P & C funds are prioritised and spent. Martin spoke about the Fathering Project, including the recent Dad's BBQ and Pickup Day and a future official launch of the Fathering Project.



A dark blue, multi-pointed starburst shape with a green outline. Inside the starburst, the text "P&C NEWS" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The starburst is centered on a background with horizontal stripes in light blue, white, and light blue.

Welcome Picnic

We hope you all enjoyed our awesome annual P&C Welcome Picnic held on Friday 21 February. It was lovely to see so many of you attending, having fun and getting to know one another.



Our wonderful community



Miss Kate in action!

Ride2School Day



We are excited to be helping you celebrate National Ride2School Day on **Friday 13 March 2020**.

National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go.

This year's theme is **FREAKY FRIDAY**, so feel free to decorate your bike, scooter, blades or self in a Freaky Friday theme. There'll be prizes for the best 'dressed' boy and girl, so get your imaginations working!

Please ensure that you go to the registration table when you arrive in order to:

Earn participation points for your faction (The faction with the most participants will earn an additional 50 bonus points!)

Get your participation sticker entitling you to a **FREE** healthy breakfast.

And finally, Ride2School has partnered with World Bicycle Relief (worldbicyclerelief.org) for National Ride2School Day 2020. World Bicycle Relief help to change lives through The Power of Bicycles.

To help raise funds for World Bicycle Relief, your P&C will have a (minimum gold coin) donation bucket at the registration table.

For every \$195 raised, a Buffalo Bicycle is provided to a student in need. The Buffalo Bicycle isn't your typical bike. While most of the world's bicycles are lightweight and made for recreation, the Buffalo is a stronger, simpler and sustainable bicycle that can withstand the harsh rural conditions experienced by those living in developing countries.

C'mon Freo!! Let's see how many Buffalo's we get for students in need!



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MANNING PARK TRAIL RUN 2020

9AM SUNDAY 17TH MAY | **MANNING PARK**
AZELEA RD SPEARWOOD

Choose to run/walk the 5km or 10km lake, stairs and bush track or a 5km run/walk around the lake.

Join the fun Scan the QR code or visit the website to register now!

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN!**
\$20 Per Entry



manningparktrailrun.com

Specialist & Academy Expo



Monday 16 March 2020

3:30 - 5:00pm

79 Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

Current Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their families are invited to learn more about the Specialist and Academy programs available at Fremantle College:

- Specialist Contemporary Music
- Specialist Marine Studies
- Specialist ICT
- Gifted and Talented Selective Academic Program
- AFL Academy
- Academic Excellence Academy
- SLP Autism Spectrum Disorder

A P&C operated sausage sizzle will be available for purchase

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Note from the School Health Nurse

Health Information for Parents of Upper Primary School children and a Scoliosis Pamphlet has been distributed to Year 6 students. Information on Colour Blindness is available on the below website.

Scoliosis

A brochure on Scoliosis has been distributed to all Year 6 students. Please read through the information provided and check your child for scoliosis as described in the leaflet. If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner.

Scoliosis is an abnormal sideways curvature of the spine. It can be detected by a simple examination of the back.

The normal spine has three curves – one in the neck, one in the upper back and one in the lower back. These curves can be seen from the side, but when you look from behind the spine should appear straight. If the spine has a sideways curve, this is scoliosis.

Colour blindness

A brochure on colour blindness has been distributed to all Pre Primary students. If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some General Practitioners, Eye specialists or Optometrists.

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

The Information brochure on colour blindness for all students can be found on your school website from this year.

For more information please see the Colour Blind Awareness and Support Group on <http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~dovertan/>