

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 18 November - FPS Students on Channel 7 News

Thursday 19 November-Massed Choir Festival

Thursday 19 November-Assembly

Friday 20 November-Culture Through Sport

Update from the Principal

Kaya dear parents and carers,

Our Year 4-6 Students have started learning about traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander games with the Stephen Michael Foundation. This activity is part of our Senior Sport time and looks to incorporate Indigenous perspectives in learning. We also get to practise at the gorgeous Fremantle Oval which is a great feeling. We hope to be developing this partnership in the future.



Today, some of our Year 6s will be appearing on Channel 7 Weather report tonight as part of their weather round up, so be tuned at 6:45pm tonight (Wednesday 18 November).



I know many of you are wondering about which classes your child be in next year. We take this matter very seriously so as to make sure we keep getting the optimum learning outcomes for all students. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher, if you have info you believe she/he needs to know. We will be following the same process as last year to work out the most effective and harmonious combinations of students possible over the next few weeks. The final class set ups will be communicated to you on the last day of term. On page 4 and 5, I offer more information on this matter and answer some common questions about this class placement process.

Finally, I have to share a complaint I received from a member of the public. She and her husband were called in to Freo hospital for an emergency appointment. However, they were unable to find any parking in the hospital, noting that a number of our students with parents were going to cars parked there. This lead to distress and lateness for them. I apologised to the complainant and assured her that we are a caring lot, explaining the difficulties parents face at drop off/pick up time. I know parking can be hard, so please try the kiss'n'drop approach that worked so well earlier this year.

Go Freo (PS),

Adriano Truscott/ Mr T

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Massed Senior Choir Festival Sing Day

19th November
At

Perth Concert Hall



Due to COVID restrictions, there will be no audience. Instead, the event is being filmed and will be made accessible by the MCF organisers in the coming weeks.

PHYS ED UPDATE FROM MR POZZI

Yesterday, students from Year 6 travelled to Yokine, to represent the school at the Regional Interschool Cricket Carnival. This is the most challenging carnival that our students compete in, as it involves playing against larger schools from around the state. Our students produced one of our best ever interschool efforts, with our boys and girls teams taking the contest right up to much larger schools, and both teams (just like the teachers at the quiz night) taking home wins and creating some history for our school.

The girls were the first team to create a bit of history, by winning their second round game against Assumption Primary. This was the first time that a girls team from Fremantle had won a game at regional level. The girls improved as the day went on, and it was fantastic to see many of our players who have not played a lot of cricket, giving it their best shot at every opportunity. In what was a close group, our girls also pushed Wembley and Attadale Primary Schools, and were unlucky not to pinch another win or two. Special thanks to Aaron Carter and Peter Wales for supporting the team throughout the day.

The boys also created some history by becoming the first team from Fremantle to win through to the state finals, which will be held next Friday. Playing in three close pool games, the boys had a good win against Lesmurdie and two narrow losses to Yokine and Deanmore. This left them having to play the higher ranked Bassendean team for a spot in the state finals. In what was a closely contested game, the boys produced their best game of the tournament and managed to scrape home by 9 runs. To make it into the final 8 schools, in what is a state-wide competition, is a huge achievement for our school.



Well done to all students who participated. Their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day, has once again made us all very proud. We'd also like to acknowledge our SEDA workplace student Lilliana for volunteering to attend the carnival and support our teams. Finally, thank you very much to the Fremantle Primary School P&C for their support of this carnival.

GRADUATION 2020

Friday 11 December, 9.15am

All parents of graduating students will receive a formal invitation, including an outline of the student's activities for the day.

Graduation Assembly

Please note that we are still asking adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres, where possible. To ensure that most parents/carers of graduating students get to be close to the action, we'll be prioritising seating for them. There will also be seating for the elderly and pregnant mums, in the undercover area.

Extended members of the family can observe from behind the chairs.

We hope the weather will allow for the undercover area to be opened up, which will allow for more people if needed.



CLASS PLACEMENTS AT FREMANTLE

Dear Families,

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/carers 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 have 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.

Parent Cyber Safety Presentation on 3 December 2020

On the next page is an ad for a special presentation for families on Cyber Safety, funded by our P&C (thank you!!). I strongly encourage you, parents and carers, to come and engage in the session. Year 4-6 students will be having their own session with Paul Litherland earlier that day (from 2-3pm) so—Y4-6 parents - you will be able to compare notes with them afterwards. That said, the session is for all FPS parents, so please have a special look at the add, and RSVP ASAP TVM (thank you very much).

Many thanks again to the P&C for funding this initiative.

Best wishes,

Mr T



School Planning Update for 2021-2023

Staff have been reviewing data gathered from our school surveys, assessments and processes. We have looked at the department's [strategic directions](#) with this data in mind and chosen key focus areas: Social Emotional Wellbeing, Sustainability/STEAM, Language and Literacy, Numeracy, Developing a Data Rich Culture. Three strands will be linking these areas: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Information and Communication Technology and Leadership. If there any parents/carers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background who wish to be involved in informing the school direction, please let us know on 9432 1400 or email us at

fremantle.ps@education.wa.edu.au

FATHERHOOD PROJECT

Saturday November 28, build a sandcastle with your kids at C.Y O'Connor Beach. 9.30 start. from 11.30 picnic, invite other family members to join us.

Friday December 11 Dad's pick up and sausage sizzle after school. Chance to catch up before the end of the year, to chat and think about the summer to come (and perhaps a few thoughts about what we might do to keep building connections between dads and the broader community into 2021).



SURF ONLINE SAFE

INTERNET AWARENESS

PARENT CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

DECEMBER 3 - 6:30PM TO 8:00PM



We are proud to announce that Paul Litherland, from Surf Online Safe will be visiting Fremantle Primary School on the 3rd of December 2020, to conduct an evening parent presentation on the subject of cyber safety.

Paul is Western Australia's most sought after presenter and is considered one of Australia's leading experts in the field of Internet Awareness. As a former Western Australian Police Officer, he can offer some great knowledge and experience to help parents better understand the risks our children are being exposed to in the online world.

The parent presentation commences at 6:30pm and concludes at 8:00pm and includes a question and answer session. Paul will outline key points surrounding the online behaviours of our students and offer some good insight into where they are going online. All who have attended one of Paul's presentations have been impressed at how much they learn, and amazed at how engaging he is as a presenter. We openly invite all parents to attend this important event.

Paul's parent presentations are very informative and offer some great tips and tricks on how to keep our kids safe online, as well as how to stay one step ahead of them in the online world. His information is not technical, but offers truly useable solutions to help parents keep their kids safe online.

Subjects include;

Social Networking : What our kids are using. Trends & Pitfalls.
Online Predators : Risks & Trends, protection methods.
Cyber Bullying : Detection, prevention & coping.
The Law : How it relates to us all.
Online Gaming Risks : Current trends & areas of risk .
Safety and Control Options : Apps, Softwares, Tips & Hints.

To RSVP for this event please email - fremantle.ps@education.wa.edu.au.



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WELL DONE FREMANTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PERTH SCORCHERS 

Regional Final Participant

Fremantle Primary School

Congratulations on reaching the
School Cup Regional finals and
participating in the spirit of
cricket.

This certificate is to show our appreciation
and to congratulate the school on their
efforts



2020 SEASON

WAAPA Summer School 2021

This summer WAAPA is thrilled to be able to offer an exciting school holiday program at our campus in Mount Lawley. There are classes for students from Year 1 to Year 12 in drama, acting, screen performance, film making, music theatre and of course Shakespeare. For information about the many courses on offer please visit waapa.ecu.edu.au/summer-school or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at

explore.waapa@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR OPEN DAY

Congratulations to girls who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at school. Everyone is welcome to come along to Open Day on Sunday 29 November, which will give the girls the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session.

Phone 1800 338 142 for more information or visit

<https://ausgirlschoir.com.au/openday2020/>

PERTH FLYING SQUADRON YACHT CLUB

WOMEN & GIRLS COME TRY DAY

Sunday 22 November
8:30am till 1:00pm



Want to sail but aren't too sure if this is the sport for you?
This is your opportunity!!!

Get a group together with your family & friends, come down the Club and see what all the fuss is about!

This is a free service for this day only.

All abilities are welcome!



DETAILS:
8:30am - Adventure Sail/Activities
11:30am - Guest Speaker: Gina Pickering from the Yachting WA Board
12:30pm - BBQ Lunch - \$20/person (optional)
2:00pm - PFSYC Sunday Racing (optional)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - TO REGISTER CALL RECEPTION ON (08) 9386 6437, EMAIL MEMBERS@PFSYC.COM.AU OR VISIT WWW.PFSYC.COM.AU TO REGISTER ONLINE

