

Key Dates

- ✓ **Public Holiday – 5 June 2017**
- ✓ **Assembly Yr 3 – 9am to 9.30am 19 June 2017**
- ✓ **Winter Lightning Carnival – 22 June 2017**
- ✓ **Student reports – end of school on Thursday, 29 June 2017**
- ✓ **Teacher-Parent Interviews – Friday, 30 June 2017 (times to be confirmed)**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

Staff changes

As I mentioned last letter, I understand that in a school that has had major staff stability over many years, the last eighteen months with significant staff changes has been difficult to comprehend and disruptive for all involved, especially when so many close bonds have been formed by students and parents. I wish to reassure you that regardless of the changes that take place we will all continue to be focused on being the best school we can be for our community.

I am sure that you all understand that despite being our school, the school is still a workplace with staff that have professional goals and ambitions that mean they will look for other opportunities outside this school to broaden their experiences and achieve their goals. A teacher's departure is not a bad thing, it opens up opportunities for the person leaving and the new person we welcome to our school will bring a new set of skills and experiences to share with our students and the community.

As term 2 draws to a close, the following changes will take place:

- ✚ CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Natasha Stevens on securing a twelve month teaching position in a school in Kent, England. Ms Stevens will be replaced by Ms Emma Semple. Ms Semple has been doing relief in the year 3 class this term. Ms Semple will commence teaching with Ms Stevens in Week 8, which will allow a ten day handover with Ms Stevens. Ms Stevens' last day is Friday, 23 June 2017.
- ✚ CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Eliza Dadson on securing a twelve month contract at Freshwater Bay Primary School. Ms Dadson will be replaced by Ms Yeomans (Monday & Tuesday) and Ms Lechte (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). Both Ms Yeomans and Ms Lechte have experience teaching the children in Ms Dadson's class.
- ✚ From Tuesday, 6 June 2017 Ms Tuttle will commence teaching the IEC Yr 5/6 Phase 1 class full-time. Ms Hopkins will provide support to the three senior IEC classes two days a week.
- ✚ A new IEC Year 1 Phase 1 class will commence in Room 5 from Tuesday, 6 June 2017. The teachers will be Ms Kika Manford (Monday & Tuesday) and Ms Michelle Ferguson (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday).

School activities

IEC Buddy class – Yr 1 and Year 5/6

"Design a boat that would get you and your buddy to Rottneest". Using Loose Play parts provided the opportunity for lots of engaging language, problem solving and enquiry skills as well as creative and purposeful play.



Student in Focus



Alex Aird (Year 5) PEAC presentation on 'Gandhi'.

Alex had to present an extensive project and give a speech in front of all the other PEAC children and their parents. Other entrants included many amazing kids from Beaconsfield and five (5) other schools.

The School Board

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 13 June 2017 (5.30pm)

Role: The role of the School Board is one of setting the long-term future for the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the implementation of the school Business Plan. The Board provides additional expertise to help the school achieve the best outcomes for students.

Responsibilities:

- Monitor the progress of the school's Business Plan.
- Endorse and review the annual budget
- Participate in a review of the performance of the school
- Approve fees, charges, contributions and items of personal use (booklists)
- Liaise with other committees eg the P&C Association
- Provide advice to the principal on religious education and related activities.
- Hold one open meeting each year to report to the school community
- Create interest, within and across the community, about the school
- Approve arrangements for sponsorship or advertising
- Assist with the selection of a principal when the vacancy arises

New Board Members

Community Members

Myles Draper	Principal, Fremantle College	Education
Peta Wootton	CEO, Fremantle Multicultural Centre	Multicultural
Christine Robinson	Senior Lecturer, Early Childhood, Notre Dame University	Education

Parent Representatives

Jane Ewers-Verge	Kieren Bell
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School Operations

To support student learning, particularly for students who find transitioning classes difficult, the school is trialling these times:

8.50am – 10.50am	Class
10.50am – 11.10am	Recess
11.10am – 1.10pm	Class
1.10pm – 1.50pm	Lunch
1.50pm – 3.00pm	Class

Currently being trialled for four weeks (review 7 June 2017)

1. Students without hats will be directed to play in the undercover area during recess and lunch times.
2. Lunch time: eating 15 mins followed by play 25 mins. A warning bell will go 5 minutes before class commences after lunch to allow students the opportunity to go to the toilet, get a drink, wash their hands etc.

I value the contribution of all parents and work with an open door policy, so please feel free to call me or drop in to see me at any time if you have any concerns, queries or ideas. If you would like an appointment, please call the school office on 9430 7055. I look forward to continuing our work together.

Vicki Jack
PRINCIPAL
2 June 2017