FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome to term 2 at Freshwater State School. I would like to thank all of the Freshwater community for the warm welcome extended to me during the past two weeks. Freshwater is a great school and I want to reassure the community I will continue the long standing traditions at Freshwater and commit to providing quality education, with the Freshwater teachers for your children.

My substantive position is Associate Principal P-6 campus at Redlynch State College. I have been given the opportunity to work as principal of Freshwater and will ensure that it is a position I will commit to fully while I am in the role. It has been a busy start to Term 2. I have had the pleasure of meeting new families and new staff. As well as linking up with those staff who have been serving here for many years and who taught one of my sons back in 2006.

Congratulations to all involved in the annual ANZAC service held at the school. The children displayed exemplary behaviour at the service. This was not only noted by myself but observed and praised by the service mums and dads that attended the ceremony. The student leaders did a commendable job running the service.

The annual Fun Run was a huge success and had a real carnival atmosphere. It gave me an opportunity to meet and connect with families on the day. Well done to the Eagles house who won their first ever trophy. Thanks must go to Mrs Knight and Chris our groundsman for setting up and coordinating a wonderful event.

The P&C had their annual monthly meeting last week. Thank-you to all who attended, as the term progresses we will work together to help support the whole school community in producing better outcomes for our students.

I’d like to take this time to remind parents and carers to adhere to the traffic regulations around the school environment and make sure our children’s safety is paramount in our minds. Parking in the appropriate areas should be adhered to, driving at the regulated speed around the school and waiting at the Stop Drop Go zones must be observed.

Communication with the teaching staff, connecting with them and really engaging with the learning taking place in classrooms is the key to the best outcomes for your children. As a father of 4 children who attended Cairns State schools I believe being fully engaged in their learning is essential to ensure the smoothest ride in your child’s educational journey. If your children are improving and making progress they are moving forward. Children learn best when they are happy, well- balanced and content.

I will continue with the staff on the improvement journey established by the Admin team. For the past few years all State Schools across the state have been on a continual improvement agenda. The Director General’s vision is to lift the quality of education for our future generations. We will as a school team ensure Freshwater is on a continual improvement and positive pathway.

Yours in education,
Mr Rob Hanlon
FUN RUN/CROSS COUNTRY 2017

It was a great decision to postpone our Fun Run/Cross Country this year. Last Thursday the weather was much more pleasant and our students were able to perform comfortably at their best! Congratulations to all our students for their wonderful efforts on the day. Many thanks go to –

* Mr Hornett and James Hornett for their awesome assistance in planning, setting up and packing up the track and grounds.
* Mrs Hunter for recording all events and points, as well as all behind the scenes work.
* Mrs Haug and the P and C for organising the Fun Run frozies wristbands, sponsorship and prizes.
* Mrs Buttenshaw, Mr Tan and Ms McCarthy for handing out those discs, judging and keeping the track safe and organised
* Our wonderful class teachers and teacher aides for their hard work monitoring the track, marshalling, assisting with set up, running with students and supervising.
* Senior Constable Heidi Marek and Anita Haug, for handing out over 730 frozies!
* Our wonderful 2017 Sports Captains for setting up and packing up for the day, as well as conducting war cries with their house.
* Ms Leiter for announcing so well and Mr Hanlon and Miss Jappe for keeping everything in order!
* The many parents and family members who came to cheer us all on.

Congratulations to Eagles for the first time in over 12 years for being the overall winners on the day.

Eagles – 617
Crocs – 593
Taipans – 559
Marlins - 484

The following students will now represent Freshwater at the Barron River Cross Country trials at St Andrews on Friday 28 April. Good Luck.

2007 – Josh Kenward, Ned Agnew, Tyler Deed, Sati Paing, Zoe Ibbett, Iesha Hargrave, Charlie Ingram, Kauri Burns
2006 - Luke Nutter, Reece Enoch, Josh Lawesson, Ike Martinez , Melanie Lum, Georgia Nutter, Charlie Mitchell, Tamsyn Hannan

Fun Run sponsorship forms and money are due on Friday 5 May. Please return all money to the P and C office next to the uniform shop.

Thanks Mrs Knight

NAPLAN 2017

The annual NAPLAN tests will be conducted on May 9, 10 & 11 for all Year 3 & 5 students. The teachers have been preparing the children for the tests in order to provide the best opportunity for them to prove what they know. Parents can provide support for their children at home by ensuring they have a healthy breakfast and are at school on time each day. Providing a healthy lunch for these days is also essential as it allows the children to recharge their batteries so they can focus on the task ahead of them. During the week of the tests the aforementioned supports are particularly necessary as well as ensuring your child/ren have sufficient sleep during the testing period. These few measures, along with lots of positive affirmations and encouragement just to try their best, will assist the children to demonstrate their true ability during the tests. Thank you for your support.

BOOK FAIR DATE CLAIMER

Our next Book Fair will be held in the library during the week of the 15th – 19th May. We hope to see you all there.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Sellars family for their fabulous donation of 4 small whiteboards to assist with marshalling at our Sports Carnivals. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you.

BEHAVIOUR REWARDS AFTERNOON

The Behaviour Rewards Afternoon for Term 1 was won by the Taipans and is being held today, Wednesday the 26th April at 1:45pm.

FRESHIE SINGERS

Freshie Singers will recommence on Friday the 5th May 2017.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION WORKBOOKS AVAILABLE

Parents/Carers, if you have chosen Combined Churches for your child they will require a workbook. These are for sale at the School Office for $4 each. The office staff appreciate the correct change as no cash is held on the premises overnight.
NEWS FROM FRESHIE CAFÉ
Hello from Di, Manfred & Tomoyo,
We hope you all had a good holiday and read to get back into it all again.
Just some housekeeping:

- Please use two bags for lunches - one for first break and one for second.
- If you are having trouble with ordering using Flexischools please ring them direct on 1300 361 769 and the ladies will help you with your problem.
- Unfortunately we do not have Eftpos at the café so please use Flexischools or put the money in the tuckshop bag.
- Please remember to put your child’s class on the order.

Treat of the fortnight:
ANZAC Biscuits ........................................ 3 for $1.00

Have a great week and happy cafeing.
Di, Manfred & Tomoyo

CAIRNS BAT FESTIVAL
Bats have long had a bad name for being noisy and messy - especially in and around the Cairns CBD...BUT - did you know that they are a vital part of our ecosystem, and if we continue to eradicate trees that house their nesting and roosting sites, or building tall buildings in their flight paths, we could face a very serious problem in the near future. My project aims to educate and increase awareness around the important role of bats in our ecosystem, and to develop new initiatives, as well as promote existing events and ideas aimed at finding a balance between development and progress, and bats. The Cairns Bat Festival is one such event and was held last weekend! A big thanks to the Prep students who assisted me to prepare special "bat bunting" to help promote this important event! I had a wonderful time, and hope that other members of the FSS community were also able to attend. I look forward to further sharing my experiences, and the knowledge that I gain, with you all soon!
Asha Mayberry, Yr 5 Student - Science & Sustainability Enrichment Program

STUDENT AWARDS
Last term a ballot was put to all staff with an outline for how Student Awards would look moving forward. The votes were collated and the final result decided. From Week 3 a "Student of the Week" award will be announced on Parade for each class, replacing the Merit Certificate. The Tough Cookie awards will continue but only within the classroom.

CONGRATULATIONS
The following students have received a Merit Award (left 2 columns) for Good Behaviour and/or Academic Achievement and Tough Cookie Award (right 2 columns).

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LOTE
Welcome back to Term 2. Below are the units being covered in LOTE lessons this term. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the LOTE program.

Year 3 - Japanese Numbers.
Year 4 (including 4/5SW) - Pokemon - I Choose You!
Year 5 - Food!
Year 6 - Seasons Around the World.

The beautiful Cherry Blossoms bloom throughout April in Japan. They are the national flower of Japan and reports on TV tell people where the best places to see the flowers are each day during the season.

Amy Fulwood
Japanese Teacher

INVITATION TO WIN $200 FOR OUR SCHOOL
Here is a great opportunity for our school to make some extra dollars this year simply by students entering the Photography Section (Section 26) at the Cairns Show (Junior Section attached).
There are two prizes of $200:
- the winning student entry in the Primary School section
- the winning student entry in the Secondary School section

All budding student photographers have to do is enter then nominate our school when they do so.
The Cairns Show is on 19th, 20th & 21st July 2017. Check their website for more information www.cairnsshow.com.au

FETE PLANT STALL
The convenor and volunteers for the plant stall are asking for donations from the community for any unwanted terracotta or ceramic pots to be donated for the Fete. If you would like to assist please contact the P&C office on (07) 4055 2946 during school hours, to arrange a drop off time.

LOST AND FOUND
A ladies wallet was stolen from a car parked outside the school office on Corkill Street last Friday morning (21st April.) As the wallet contained very little cash and was of no value to anyone else, the owner is hopeful that the offenders have discarded it somewhere nearby. It is a black leather-like, rectangular wallet with a silver rectangular label on the front. If anyone finds this wallet or has any information about it, please phone Leanne on 041855264

GENERAL NOTICES

WANTED FOR SOCCER
Wanted U12 (2005) girls/boys for our team. Stratford Dolphins are looking for keen soccer players.
Contact: stratfordfc.register@gmail.com

CAIRNS SURF CLUB SIGN ON DAY
Where: Saturday 6th May from 10am to 2pm
Where: Palm Cove Surf Club
Contact: surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au or 4059 1263
www.cairns lifesaving.org

TYC DRAMA CLASSES
5yrs+ @ Freshwater State School (Tuesdays 315pm – 415pm or Wednesdays 315pm – 415pm)
Looking for engaging, creative and educational after-school activities? Then come and tread the boards at The Young Company Theatre this term! Your young performer will discover their electrifying creative abilities, super charged social confidence and magnetic idea generation skills as they are nurtured through our powerful youth theatre framework. PH 40414066 www.theyoungcompany.com.au

ROOKIES TO REDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Where: Freshwater State School Top Oval
When: Thursdays 3.15 – 4pm
From: 27th April – 25th May
Contact Dominic Power 0419 362 103
www.rookies2reds.com.au

WHO’S CHATTING TO YOUR KIDS?
What: How can you protect your kids in cyber world?
When: Tuesday 23rd May from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Where: UnitingCare Qld, 188 Aumuller St, Bungalow
Bookings essential on 4032 6800

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
What: Workshop for parents to promote positive & nurturing parent-child relationships
When: Fridays from 19th May to 9th June from 9:30am to 12pm (4 sessions)
Where: Birch St Community hub, 98 Birch St, Manunda
Contact: 4032 6800 Bookings necessary.
Cost: FREE. Sorry, no child care available

CHILDREN’S YOGA
Who: Children aged 10 & 11 years old
When: Tuesdays from 2nd May to 20th June from 3:30pm to 4:30pm (8wks duration)
Where: UnitingCare Qld, 188 Aumuller St, Bungalow
Bring: Comfortable clothing & water bottle. Yoga mats supplied
Bookings essential. Places limited. Please call 4032 6800

AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER CLUB
Where: Freshwater State School Top Oval
When: Monday’s from 1st of May
Time: 3pm – 4pm
Cost per child: $70.00 for 8 sessions
www.jgfa.com.au or Charlie 0413 538 958

The positive behaviour focus for this week is:

P-6 ...... Expectation: be safe in the playground
From the ‘Positive Behaviour for Learning’ team