

# FRESHWATER STATE SCHOOL

21<sup>st</sup> February 2017**A/Principal**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

6 Mar	P&C AGM 6:30pm
10 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 1
14 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 2
17 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 3
21 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 4
24 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 5
28 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 6
31 Mar	Last day of Term 1
18 April	Tuesday, First day of Term 2
25 April	ANZAC Day holiday

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Badge Presentation Ceremony

Last Monday morning the Year 6 school leaders and sports captains were presented with their badges at a special badge presentation ceremony. (See photos below) Oliver Koch, the 2012 Freshwater School Captain and current St Augustine's School captain, addressed the parade and Miss Narelle Brodie returned to the school to present the badges. I thank our two special guests for ensuring it was a special occasion for the children.

Following the parade, the leaders and their parents enjoyed a morning tea. It was a lovely celebration for all involved and I congratulate the leaders on the manner in which they conducted themselves throughout the ceremony. We are indeed fortunate to have such a delightful group of leaders who will be wonderful ambassadors for our school this year. We are very proud of their achievements and I know their families are too.



## Introducing our Student Leaders

### Whole School Review

Towards the end of this term (March 22–24) our school will be undertaking a Whole School Review. The review, conducted by the Education Queensland's School Improvement Unit, will provide information and feedback to the school that will assist with our school's improvement agenda. Reviews of this nature are conducted quadrennially by three reviewers assigned by the School Improvement Unit. They will visit the school for three days to look at all school operations. This is a really good process in which to participate as it provides feedback and suggestions for improvement that will help our school move from good to great. I will provide more information in subsequent newsletters when the finer details come to hand. We, the staff, look forward to the process and the outcomes.

### School Swimming

School swimming will commence for 2017 on Friday, March 10 for students in Year 4 and Year 6. (The Year 4 students in 4/5SW will participate in Term 3). Students will travel by bus to the Smithfield swimming pool for their lessons. Parents in these year levels received a permission form last Friday which will need to be completed and returned to the school in order for your child to participate. As these lessons are a part of the school's PE program I would encourage all students to participate.

All other students will participate in swimming lessons later in the year.

**Life Education**

Currently the Life Education program is visiting the school. All year levels will be participating in this wonderful program which will be operating in the school until March 3. If any parent is interested in visiting the school and observing the program in action, please contact your class teacher to find out when that class is scheduled for a session.

Life Education provides a unique learning experience for children instilling in them the skills needed to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing, covering topics including:

- Body Knowledge
- Safety
- Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Relationships
- Medicines
- Cyber Safety
- Decision Making
- Tobacco
- Alcohol

The Mobile Classroom visits our school where trained educators, joined by Life Education's loveable mascot Healthy Harold, bring to life age appropriate lessons that empower children to make safer and healthier choices, now and in the future.

Thanks to Mrs Sue Fuller for coordinating the program in the school for 2017.

**Ovation**

Since 2013, the school's P&C association has hosted an evening of entertainment called 'Ovation'. This event provided students with an opportunity to showcase their talents especially if they were not engaged in other avenues of entertainment such as the school band. This year, as the P&C has had difficulty sourcing a coordinator for the event, Ovation will be postponed until further notice. Should any parent wish to coordinate the event, please contact the school office or the P&C office on **4055 2946**. Your assistance will be gratefully appreciated.

**Afternoon Collection:**

As all parents are aware the afternoon exodus from school is a very busy and frequently congested time. With so many children eagerly waiting to be collected, walking home, waiting for buses or riding their bikes it can also be a potentially dangerous time of the day. Parents are asked to remind their children to use the supervised crossing when crossing the road to meet parents or when walking home. Recently there have been a number of children who have been crossing the road in unsupervised areas to meet their parents in vehicles parked on the other side of the road. As I'm sure you can all understand this is very dangerous behaviour as motorists are not expecting children to be there. In order to keep our children safe I would ask all parents to be patient at the Stop, Drop and Go and to be mindful of the fact that children are often impetuous and are focussed on greeting their parents and not on the traffic around them. Thank you all in advance for assisting with this very important matter.

**Reminders:**

- **School Parade:** Parade is held for the whole school at 2:15pm each Monday afternoon in the school's canopy. The decision to conduct a full school parade each week is being trialled to create a greater sense of pride and school spirit. The parade is held during the time the Junior School parade was originally held. Parents are very welcome to attend.
- **Dogs:** Dogs are not permitted in the school yard even if they are on a lead as this is a work place health and safety issue. Additionally quite a number of our children become anxious when they see a dog in the yard, a situation we wish to avoid. I thank everyone for their consideration with this matter.
- **AGM:** The P&C's Annual and General meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, in the school's staff room commencing at 6:30pm. Hopefully some volunteers will be prepared to take on some of the executive roles again this year. These people make a huge contribution to the school which is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible come along.

Have a great week!

*Susette Birchley, Principal*

**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,

The Café will be closed after first lunch next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and also on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Lunch will only be available for first lunch on those two days. We apologise for the inconvenience.

*Treat of the fortnight:*

Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls ..... \$1.00 each

Have a great week and happy caféing.

*Di, Manfred & Tomoyo*

## YEAR 4 AND 6 SWIMMING

Year 4 and 6 Swimming will commence on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.



### Swimming Dates Term One 2017

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March,  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Year Level	Depart from School	Swim	Return to School
4SC, 4NS	8:55AM	9:15AM-10:05AM	10:30AM approx
6SL, 6NB	9:45AM	10:05AM-10:55AM	11:20AM approx
6JP, 6JD	10:35AM	10:55AM-11:45AM	12:10PM approx
4NL, 4PG	12:40PM	1:00PM-1:50PM	2:15PM approx

Please return permission notes to the office.

**Any questions, please ask Mrs Knight.**

Year 3, 5, 4/5SW and 2/3SW will participate in our school swimming program in Term Three.

## TECH CLUB NEWS

The Tech Club is now up and running on Tuesdays 3-4pm. We've expanded the scope of the old Coding Club to also try out drones, AR/VR, 3D design and robots. We're aiming for Years 3-6, with a turn-over of participants each term to give as many people as possible a chance to play. If your child would like to be involved, then please contact Diane Owens ([di\\_12di4@yahoo.com](mailto:di_12di4@yahoo.com)) to see about spaces available.

Jason, Rob & Mr Spanner.



## CHOIR VACANCIES

Choir has begun on Thursdays at 2pm in the Music Room with Mr Pont and Mrs Turton. We have strong numbers of boys and girls from Years 4-6 enjoying working together to produce a beautiful choral sound. There is still room for more keen singers, see you Thursday 🎵

## STRINGS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC - BEGINNERS

There are vacancies for beginners string students from Year 3 or 4 on Violin, Viola and Cello there are some loan instruments available. If you are interested in your child learning please contact the school office.

Frank Bray, Instrumental Music Teacher Strings



## 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).

### Merit Awards

PGW	KYLE W	PJS	MIA B
PRD	LOLLE K	PRO	BENJAMIN A
1CG	STELLA S	1EB	CHLOE S
1KAD	JAMES C	1AM	RILEY W
2TED	MARCELLO V	2AY	MATILDA C
2MD	OLIVER M	2KW	MIA P
2/3SW	WILL E	3AM	ASHTON F
3RL	RILEY J	3JR	LIAM P
3NT	MATILDA N	4SC	BAILEY C
4NS	LILY-ANNE S	4PG	SORAYA N
4NL	RONAN S	4/5SW	JACOB P
5LS	FINLAY G	5LD	LACHLAN C
5SM	IKE M	5LB	XAVIER H
6JD	BEN C	6NB	CAMERON L
6SL	MICHAEL H	6JP	KAILEY A
MUSIC	SANA IP - 6JP	PE	KIERA C - 6NB
LOTE	SARAH N - 6NB		

### Tough Cookie Awards

PGW	CORY S	PJS	JOSHUA B
PRD	JACK G	PRO	KOBY C
1CG	JOZH B	1EB	MAIYA R
1KAD	INDI N	1AM	LILY M
2TED	TAHLIA D	2AY	NOAH G
2MD	DARCY A	2KW	FINN C
2/3SW	AVA B	3AM	DYLAN G
3RL	MADDISON M	3JR	SHANNON W
3NT	MATHIAS G	4SC	TOBIAS B
4NS	KASEY R	4PG	KOBE S
4NL	BONDI M	4/5SW	SAM B
5LS	CHLOE B	5LD	JOSHUA K
5SM	JACK N	5LB	ISAAC M
6JD	KOBE E	6NB	AISHA S
6SL	KIRA A	6JP	SANJAN J
MUSIC	ABDI C - 2KW	PE	JACK N - 5SM
LOTE	LUTHER F - 5SM		





## BPOINT TROUBLESHOOTING

The BPOINT system will only take **20 characters** in the section that your child's name appears. This **includes spaces** and it **won't accept a hyphen or any other character such as an apostrophe**.

The major determining factor for getting your funds against the correct invoice is simply the **CRN number** and the **Invoice number**. If you happen to make a mistake with either one of those numbers we will look to the name supplied as it will help us reapply the funds to the right account.

You can use any variation on your student's names that suit the parameters stated above.

For example if your student's name happened to be **Alice-Miranda Highton-Smith-Kennington-Jones** you could enter

- Alice Miranda HSKJ
- Highton Smith AM

Please contact the Office on (07) 4058 9222 should you have any queries or concerns.

## FRESHIE GRANFRIENDS PROGRAM

Granfriends has recommenced. Granfriends (a "Granfriend" is a senior volunteer who passes on their skills to primary school aged children), is an opportunity for children to learn new skills such as sewing, knitting, crochet and craft. It is run by a small group of volunteers throughout the year.

Granfriends is open to students in **Years 4, 5 and 6 and numbers are limited**. The program runs on Fridays, during first lunch break from 11:00-11:30am in the Outside School Hours Care Building (OSHC). All materials for the projects are purchased and supplied by the Freshie P&C.

This year, beginners will be taught how to sew and learn to make scrunchies, mascots, cushion covers and hanging decorations. Experienced children will be learning some more complicated sewing stitches, knitting and needlework, as well as the opportunity to sew items on a sewing machine.

If your child is interested in joining the program, or is continuing from last year please collect a permission slip from the school office and return it to the office.

Enquiries to: *Karen Frielingsdorf - 0438 748 986*

## WALKING WHEELING WEDNESDAY

Walking Wheeling Wednesday has commenced. For those of you who are new to our school, Walking Wheeling Wednesday is a program that aims to encourage students to actively travel to school each Wednesday to minimise the amount of traffic around our school. This can be done by walking, riding scooter or bike, catching the bus and carpool to school. Each Monday at parade, the class with the most students who actively travel to school will be presented a certificate and trophy. For families who live a little too far away from school, you are encouraged to drive to a place a few streets away from our school eg. Freshwater tennis courts, and then walk from there. We have an award for P-2 and 3-6.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Over the past 2 years, the Student Council have worked together to save up for new cold bubblers. Located at the Year 5 building, the new bubblers are there for the use of the upper school as the junior school already has one. We hope you enjoy the bubblers and remember to thank the Student Council each time to take a sip!

*Hadley & Meg*

## LOTE

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Barentainzu Dei – Valentines Day. Today in Japan **only** girls give presents to the boys they like (including their fathers and teachers). One month later on the 14<sup>th</sup> March – White Day – the boys give the presents to any females they like.

The language spoken in Japan is (of course!) Japanese. To write it we use a combination of Chinese *kanji* characters and two uniquely Japanese phonetic scripts called *hiragana* and *katakana*. Children at Freshwater learn how to use each of these alphabets. For example, they can write their names in *katakana*, number to 100 in *kanji* and will use most of the 46 characters in *hiragana* by the end of Year 6.

## INTERSCHOOL HOCKEY COMPETITION

Huge Congratulations to Melanie Lum, Georgia Nutter, Meg Gubby, Lara Jones, Bella Cochran, Lana Haug and Talena Shaw (pictured below) for representing Freshwater at the Cairns Hockey Interschool Competition on Saturday.

The girls had an amazing day and played beautifully together as a team, very encouraging and loved playing against the other schools. The Freshie girls ended up undefeated! Well done girls!

Many thanks to Karen Fry for organising our girls and ensuring they had a great day, the parents who came along gave tremendous support throughout the day as well as Jo Shaw and Carmen Haug for their help in running the team.

*Mrs Knight*



<b>BARRON RIVER</b>				<b>10-12 Years School Sport</b>
<b>For further information, please consult:</b> (1) Your school's sport coordinator, or (2) Barron River 10-12 Years School Sport Secretary – <a href="mailto:jpont8@eq.edu.au">jpont8@eq.edu.au</a>				
<b>RUGBY LEAGUE</b> <small>* Open only to students born in 2005 and 2006</small> <b>Friday February 17 &amp; 24</b> 4:00-5:00pm Redlynch Razorbacks Ground	<b>AFL</b> <b>Monday March 6 &amp; 13</b> 3:30-4:30pm Redlynch State College	<b>BASKETBALL GIRLS</b> <b>Wednesday March 1 &amp; 8</b> 4:00-5:00pm Freshwater State School	<b>BASKETBALL BOYS</b> <b>Friday March 3 &amp; 10</b> 3:30-4:30pm Peace Lutheran College	
<b>NETBALL</b> <b>Monday February 20 &amp; 27</b> 4:00-5:00pm Redlynch State College	<b>HOCKEY GIRLS</b> <b>Thursday March 9 &amp; 16</b> 4:00-5:00pm Cairns Hockey Association	<b>Our Barron River 10-12 Years School Sport Schools:</b> Cairns Hinterland Steiner School - Caravonica SS - Freshwater SS Holy Cross School - Kuranda District College - Machans Beach SS Peace Lutheran College - Redlynch State College - St Andrew's Catholic College - Smithfield SHS - Trinity Beach SS - Yorkey's Knob SS		
Students and Parents are reminded to check with their schools' sport coordinators to ensure correct school, district and paperwork procedures are followed. Remember: <b>NO FORMS, NO PLAY</b>				

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## DON'T FORGET FRESHIE IS ON FACEBOOK

Did you know we are on Facebook!

Are you seeing all of our posts on Facebook?

If not, here's what you need to do!

Go to the Freshwater State School Facebook page.

Go to the buttons just below the art work at the top of the page. Click on "Following" and click on "See First".

This will then have the posts at the top of your news feed each time you log on to Facebook. You'll never miss a post again!

Also, make sure you like the posts so that others in your feed see the posts too.



## SCHOOL HOOPS @ FRESHIE

Basketball is back at your school for all ages P-6!! Don't miss out on this exciting, inclusive, and interactive 6 week program in Term 1. All participants receive a show-bag including a drink bottle, toy, poster, and an official School Hoops basketball. (pls note the basketball will be handed out at the last session).

To register collect the form from the school office. No money is to be handed into the school office. Payment can be dropped off to me when you collect your child.

When: Wednesdays 3-4pm Feb, 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Cost: \$80

Contact: Cam 0435 737 847 or [cam@schoolhoops.net](mailto:cam@schoolhoops.net)

## TRINITY BAY ENROLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT YR 6 INTO YR 7 2018

Who: Parents / Carers of students in Year 6 going into Year 7 in 2018

When: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 6pm to 8pm

Where: Theatre, Trinity Bay High

Contact: 4037 5250

During the evening you will have the opportunity to tour the school facilities, receive an Enrolment Package, find out about programs offered at the school and meet staff, students and parents.

## JANE'S JOTTINGS

Jane Brentnall – Guidance Officer

Reading. Writing. Arithmetic. They're the so-called 'three Rs' – and they're supposed to be the key to the success of students. But what about the skills that you need when things get tough?

What about the ability to communicate your feelings and needs? To listen to others? To keep your emotions in check, and understand other points of view? To empathize with people who are different from us?

I believe these skills, are just as important as academic skills. Over the next few jottings I am going to collect ideas, provide website links and give some ideas of how we can all look after ourselves, and others.

"TOO OFTEN WE UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A TOUCH, A SMILE, A KIND WORD, A LISTENING EAR, AN HONEST COMPLIMENT, OR THE SMALLEST ACT OF CARING, ALL OF WHICH HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO TURN A LIFE AROUND."

Leo Buscaglia

Thanks to: <http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>

## GENERAL NOTICES

### GIRL GUIDES FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP & ADVENTURE

*Who:* Girls between the ages of 5-17yrs

*What:* Try new & exciting challenges, make new friends & have fun

**Guiding is for Adults as well**

*Who:* Women 18yrs & older prepared to make the Guide Promise

Make a difference in the lives of girls & they will make a difference in yours.

*Contact:* [girlguidesenquiry@gmail.com](mailto:girlguidesenquiry@gmail.com)

### SOUTHS HOCKEY CLUB INVITATION

*Who:* All Prep to Year 6 Students

*What:* Register online today for the 2017 hockey season

*Where:* <https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/933/org>

Come & Meet Your Coach Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at CHA from 5pm to 6.30pm

*Contact:* Karen Fry on 0438 557 380 or [jnrcoordinator@southhockey.net.au](mailto:jnrcoordinator@southhockey.net.au)

### JUTE THEATRE SCHOOL

*Who:* Ages 7-18yrs

Classes commence Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>

*Contact:* [www.jute.com.au](http://www.jute.com.au) or 4050 9444

### FRESHWATER TENNIS CLUB COME & TRY DAY

Sign up for tennis lessons this Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>

*Contact:* Dana Vincent 0414 856 917 or [dana@fusiontenniscairns.com](mailto:dana@fusiontenniscairns.com)

### RAZORBACKS RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON ONLINE

*When:* Now open online

*Contact:* [www.redlynchrazorbacks.leaquet.net.au](http://www.redlynchrazorbacks.leaquet.net.au) to register or email [razorbacks.irl@gmail.com](mailto:razorbacks.irl@gmail.com)

### BEARS JNR BASEBALL FAMILY FUN/COME & TRY DAY

*When:* Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 9am to 12pm

*Where:* Loridan Dr Reserve, Brinsmead

*What:* Fun activities, baseball skills, sausage sizzle

*Contact:* Claudia - 0417 609 936

### GET INTO HOCKEY

Have fun, learn new skills & make friends for life! free come & try sessions

*Where:* Cairns Hockey Grounds on Fridays from 5pm – 6.30pm

On the following dates 24<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> March

Equipment Packs valued at \$80 can be purchased for \$50

*Contact:* Megan on 4053 2308 or email [info@cairnshockey.com.au](mailto:info@cairnshockey.com.au)

### VIOLIN FOR SALE

3/4 violin for sale. Only 12 months old paid \$219. \$80 worth of books included.

\$180 please phone Di 0419 908 975.

### CAIRNS BMX COME n TRY DAY

*Where:* Cairns BMX Club on Scott Street

*When:* Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 5pm to 8pm.

Cost: FREE

From 2yrs old to 100 you can all ride the track & experience what this great sport is all about. Cairns BMX is one of the largest clubs in AUS that has produced many State / National and World champions, its a fantastic family sport to be involved with so don't miss this great chance to have a go.

For further information regarding what you need to bring see Cairns BMX facebook page with all the event details or you can ring our registrar Michelle AFTER 4pm on 0409 498 505.

The positive behaviour focus for this week is:

**P-6 ..... Be Respectful – Parade Protocols**

*From the 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' team*



# Ovation 2017 needs you!

**Ovation** is dedicated to the discovery, education and development of talent and at Freshwater we love to showcase this talent. But a show like this cannot happen without some volunteers so if you would like to help with the organisation of this night, please contact Anita in the P&C Office. Date TBA