

27th January 2017**A/Principal**

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing holiday with your families. On behalf of the staff I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families. It has been wonderful to see the children return relaxed and refreshed from a lengthy break. As I travel around the classrooms I am impressed with the manner in which the children have settled for the year. They are enthusiastic and willing and eager to learn. I thank all parents for the excellent manner in which you have prepared your children for their new academic year. Most children have arrived with all of the necessary requisites to undertake their studies this year thus allowing them to be organised and ready for learning. It is also fabulous to see the children wearing their full school uniform. Well done parents and thank you! Your efforts assist us in enhancing the students' sense of pride in their school.

2017 will be a year of high expectations for our school community. We will be building on the good work achieved last year and embarking on the first year of our new four year plan for the school. We are committed to improving student outcomes. In order to achieve this, communication between home and school needs to be regular and productive. I encourage parents to visit your child/ren's classrooms regularly to understand what is being taught and to ascertain how well your child is achieving. When parents take an interest in their child's education, outcomes improve. I thank you in advance for your support and assistance in ensuring 2017 is a successful year. We, the staff, are excited about the year ahead and look forward to being a part of your child/ren's lives this year.

Welcome

A big welcome also to our new and returning staff who have joined us this year. We hope they will be very happy at our school and I am confident they will make a very positive contribution to the school community. They are:

Louise Jappe (Deputy Principal)
Elizabeth Noske (Head of Special Education Services - HOSES)
Jacinta Singh (Prep)
Amanda Martens (Year 1)
Tammy Edwards (Year 3)
Lauren Scott (Year 5)
Louise Brayshaw (Year 5)
Sally Lim (Year 6)



New Role

This year Freshwater State School will receive the services of Elizabeth Noske, who has been appointed as the Head of Special Education Services (HOSES) for the Caravonica Cluster, of which Freshwater SS is a member. Elizabeth's job is to coordinate and support Special Education services and staff for this cluster of schools which includes Caravonica SS, Yorkey's Knob SS, Machan's Beach SS and Freshwater SS. She has a wealth of experience and knowledge in this aspect of education and has just recently been acting as the HOSES at Woree State School. I wish her all the best in her new position and I know her presence will enhance the already great work that has been carried out by our very dedicated Students With Disabilities staff. Welcome Elizabeth.

Parent Information Sessions

During the next couple of weeks all class teachers will be conducting class information meetings for parents in order to inform parents of the classroom expectations and routines and curriculum offerings. These sessions provide an excellent opportunity for our teachers to get to know the parents of the children they are teaching and to build partnerships that will benefit your child's outcomes. We hope as many people as possible will take advantage of this great opportunity. Parents will be notified of scheduled meeting times in the near future.

Staff meetings

Parents are advised the school's staff meetings are to be held each Tuesday afternoon commencing at 3:00pm. All teaching staff are required to attend. Should anyone need to meet with a teacher regarding their child's progress or well-being, please be aware the teachers will **not** be available at this time. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Day 8

Thursday, February 2nd is 'Day 8' for our school. This is a significant day for every Queensland State School as our enrolment census is taken on this day. The children who have attended our school this year can be counted on our census. All staffing and school funding is based on this figure. It is important therefore, for all students to be in attendance by this day.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

26 Jan Australia Day holiday
6 Feb P&C Meeting 6:30pm
9 Mar Ovation
31 Mar Last day of Term 1
18 April Tuesday, First day of Term 2
25 April ANZAC Day holiday

If parents know of anyone who has not returned to school this year or who may be intending to enrol in the near future, could you ask their parents to ensure they come to school before Thursday, February 1st or contact the school office if there is a valid reason for their child/ren not attending so far this year. I thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

School Leaders

The following students were elected at the end of 2016 to lead the school in 2017. They were elected from an outstanding group of children, all of whom were willing and able to lead our school this year.

School Captains

Hadley Smyth
Meg Gubby

School Vice Captains

Jean-Luc Cunsamy
Melanie Lum

Student Councillors

Ben Collins

Elliott Smyth

Sofia Siegrist

Amy Jonson

I know these children will be wonderful ambassadors for our school and I wish them all the best for their leadership year.

We consider all of our Year 6 students to be school leaders whose role it is to set a good example for the younger children. During the next few weeks the Year 6 classes will be travelling to Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre to participate in a leadership day. The activities provided will assist in developing within each child a sense of responsibility and pride in themselves and their school. The children will be accompanied by their class teachers. I trust they will all enjoy a very worthwhile experience with the skills acquired standing them in good stead for the rest of the year.

P&C Meeting

The first meeting of the school's Parents and Citizens Association will be held on **February 6** in the school's staff room commencing at **6:30pm**. This forum enables parents to be involved in the school's decision making process. I would like to invite all parents to attend these meetings, in particular our first of the year. I hope you are able to join us.

The School's P&C AGM will be held on March 6 in the venue and at the time listed above. During this meeting, an executive will be elected to lead the P&C during 2017. The P&C association is an active and supportive group that works tirelessly throughout the year to provide additional resources and services for the students in the school. If you are able to commit some time to support this group, please come along to the AGM. Every little bit of support is greatly appreciated.

Parent Reminder

Each afternoon many of our children and their parents take advantage of the school's play equipment before leaving for the afternoon. This is a nice opportunity for the children to have a play and for the parents to have a 'catch-up' before heading home. Parents are reminded that when their children are on the equipment they are to be supervised at all times and that at approximately 3:00pm the school's OSHC siren is sounded. This is to denote that it is time for all children to vacate the equipment to allow our after school care children supervised access. I thank all parents in advance for their adherence to this requirement.

Have a great week!

Susette Birchley, Principal

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM - Wednesday 15th February – Tuesday 7th March

The Life Education Team will be visiting our school during Weeks 4–7 of this term. All students from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in the programs offered. Lessons are from 60 to 90 mins duration. Teachers in their teams have chosen a module from the range of programs. Advice regarding unit subject matter will be distributed in a flyer next week. If parents do not wish their child to be involved in the program, they need to contact Mrs Birchley, our Principal. Life Education teacher Ms Gemma Ewin will implement the program for our school and will run an information workshop for parents on Wednesday 15th February at 2pm. All parents are most welcome to attend. Any questions please see Mrs Fuller.

WHAT IS LIFE EDUCATION?

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future.

MODULE: 'MY BODY MATTERS' – PREP

Harold and his new friends, Boots and Red, want to look their best for photo day at school, but things don't always go to plan. Students look at the importance of personal hygiene, choosing foods for a healthy balanced diet, the benefits of physical activity, sleep and ways to keep safe at home; school and in the community.

MODULE: 'READY, STEADY GO' - YEAR 1

Harold and his friends are ready for their big race at the school athletics carnival. Or are they? When one member of their relay team doesn't show up, what will they do? They look at the benefits of physical activity, safety strategies in different environments, identifying how our body reacts in new situations and what our body needs to be healthy including nutrition, water and sleep.

MODULE: 'GROWING GOOD FRIENDS' – YEAR 2

Harold battles to figure out what to give his grandma for her birthday, until his friends; Boots and Red step in and offer some good ideas. They explore what health messages mean, how to identify safety signs and students also explore how to recognize how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle. They also explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing.

MODULE: 'HAROLD'S HEROES' – YEAR 3

The children join Harold's superhero team to make the world a safer, healthier place for everyone. Throughout the mission they discover the importance of clean air, safe use of medicine and safety in the environment.

MODULE: 'ALL SYSTEMS GO' – YEAR 4

Inside a futuristic machine 'The Venture', the Captain and his crew take the class on a tour of the human body. Travelling through the blood we explore the functions of various body parts and how magnificent the human body really is. The students discuss issues and engage in activities centered on peer pressure, second hand smoking, safety with medicines, factors that influence the function of body systems.

MODULE: 'bCYBERWISE' – YEAR 5

The Children explore 'netiquette'; (Internet etiquette) and Cyber safety issues through discussion and fun interactive activities. They explore how to establish positive respectful relationships and to report negative experiences to a responsible adult that they trust.

MODULE: 'ON THE CASE' - YEARS 5 & 6

The class identify ways nicotine adversely influences physical and social development. Students also identify high risk situations and develop strategies to deal with the influences and pressures to smoke.

MODULE: 'IT'S YOUR CALL' – YEAR 6

Students clarify the definition of a drug; explore risks associated with the use of legal drugs and the short and long term consequences of misuse. They examine the decision-making process, and develop strategies for dealing with pressure situations including digital media.

LOTE

Minasan youkoso! Welcome everyone! My name is Amy Fulwood and I teach the wonderful Freshwater students Japanese. I will be teaching the Year 4 – 6 student 1 x 1 hour Japanese lesson each week, while Year 3 students will receive 1 x 30 minute lesson each week. I ask you to encourage your child/children to keep you up to date with what they have been learning in LOTE lessons throughout the year. Please contact me through the school office or by email (akhal2@eq.edu.au) if you have any questions regarding the LOTE program. More information will be shared at upcoming Parent Information Nights.

NEWS FROM FRESHIE CAFÉ

Hello from Di, Manfred & Tomoyo,

We trust that you all had a fantastic holiday and are ready to get back into it again.

Parents please check that you are using the correct class name on your child's lunch order. We had a few lunches go to last year's classroom by accident today.

New families to FSS, if you would prefer to order your child's lunches cashless please use the Flexischool system online.

Their website is www.flexischools.com.au to register or you can contact Flexischools on 1300 361 769.

This year we have NEW FRUIT FROZIES. They sell for \$1.00 each.

Treat of the week:

Plain Muffin \$1.00

Have a great week and happy caféing.

Di, Manfred & Tomoyo

FRESHIE SHOP NEWS

Freshie Shop will open this Friday 27th January from 8:30am – 10:30am.

Normal Shop Hours resume from Week 2, 2017

- Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am to 9:00am

STILL AVAILABLE:

\$100 DEAL (*While Stocks Last*)
3 FULL SETS OF UNIFORMS AND A FREE REVERSIBLE HAT
(Not including Dresses or Prep Hat). Not available on Flexischools.



We are in desperate need of good quality second hand uniforms to sell. If you have any you wish to donate we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you in advance.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that assisted over the hectic back-to-school period. Your help was much appreciated. Thank you, to the following lovely ladies: Nadia, Kym, Jael, Anna, Amanda, Karen, Anita, Carmen and Lana.

Shane Luki, Uniform Shop Convenor

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – Woodwind/Brass/Percussion BAND

Welcome back to Freshie Music,

- Woodwind/Brass/Percussion students are required to attend a meeting this Wednesday 25th January at 11am in the music room. Your attendance is essential and please be prompt. Your child will receive their instrument loan form at this meeting.
- Payment invoices will be generated ASAP Week 1 – Please Note: **Students will be unable to commence lessons until all fees are paid and forms returned to the office.**

LESSONS commence in Week 3: Please ensure that you return your LOAN FORM and make payment to the office before your child's first lesson. Mr Fox's lessons will be held on Wednesday/Thursday and Mr Christodoulides' will be held on a Friday.

BAND will commence Friday Week 4 – 7:50am (not for beginners in Term 1)

Mr Fox

Woodwind/Brass

Mr Christodoulides

Percussion

Jason Fox, Multi Instrumental Music Teacher



GUITAR LESSONS MESSAGE FROM MR DRAZIC

Guitar lessons will recommence in Week 2 - Monday 30th January. Parents please keep an eye out for an email from Mr Drazic which will include the new timetable.

NEW FSS UNIFORM SURVEY

We'd love your opinion. Please use the link below to tell us what you think of our new uniform. Thanks in advance.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZBYJ22>

MESSAGE FROM CRAIG CRAWFORD MP, Member for Barron River

Welcome to the 2017 school year.

For returning families and those joining Freshwater State School for the first time, I wish you all the best for a great year.

The Queensland Government is working to ensure our state schools provide the best-possible education for our local students and that's why we are employing more teachers in every school. We are also investing \$667 million to improve and expand schools across the state. For more information or if I can help you with any state government issues please contact me on 07 4229 0100 or barron.river@parliament.qld.gov.au

Craig Crawford MP

Member for Barron River

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. Stay tuned!

"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: www.randomactsofkindness.org

GENERAL NOTICES

TYC DRAMA CLASSES FOR 5YRS+

Classes commence from Sat 4 Feb, 2017

Looking for engaging, creative and educational after-school activities? Then come and tread the boards at The Young Company Theatre this semester! Develop confidence, explore your creativity, make new friends and learn the essentials of stage performance through improvisation, role-play, scripts, musical theatre and characterization activities and then perform in front of a live audience with costumes, sets, props, sound effects, live projections and theatrical lighting!!

Contact: 4041 4066 email info@theyoungcompany.com.au visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au visit us at 169 Bunda St, Cairns City.

EDGEHILL UNITED SOCCER SIGN ON

When: Sat 4th & 11th February from 9am to 1pm

Where: Tiger Park (behind PCYC) McNamara St Manunda

Contact: Glen 0439 857 655 or www.ehufc.com.au/junior-soccer-club-in-cairns.php

REDLYNCH CYCLONES SOCCER SIGN ON

When: Saturday 4th Feb from 2-5pm

Where: Clubhouse Brinsmead Rd, Brinsmead

Contact: www.myfootballclub.com.au to register

New players must bring birth certificate

CAIRNS NETBALL SIGN ON DAY

When: Saturday 18th Feb from 9am to 11:30am

Where: Martyn St Courts, Cairns

Who: NSG – 4-10yr old boys/girls, Jnr Netball – 11-17yr old boys/girls

Contact: admin@cairnsnetball.net.au or call 4051 7501

RAZORBACKS RUGBY LEAGUE SIGN ON ONLINE

When: Now open online

Contact: www.redlynchrazorbacks.leaguenet.com.au to register or email razorbacks.jrl@gmail.com

STRATFORD DOLPHINS FOOTBALL CLUB 'COME AND TRY DAY'!

When: Saturday 4th Feb from 9am - 12noon

Where: Cnr Arnold & Magazine St, Stratford

Sign on Now at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Contact: Email stratforddolphinsfc@gmail.com

CAIRNS TAIPANS SUPER SESSION

Who: Boys/girls 7-11 who haven't played before

What: Free skills, drills & games with Taipans, Marlins & Dolphins. Sign up info available for club basketball as well.

When: Saturday 28th Jan from 12pm to 2pm

Where: Early Settler Stadium, 289 Aumuller St, Manunda

Contact: Email community@taipans.com to book

The positive behaviour focus for this week is:
P-6 'Be Safe' Keep hands & feet to ourselves
 From the 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' team