

Dates to Remember

5 Feb	Yr6 Camp Parent Info night
5 Feb	Parent/Carer Info night
6 Feb	Parent/Carer Info night
6-9 Feb	Yr 6 Leadership Camps
27 Feb-2 Mar	Yr 6 Camp
29 Mar	End of Term 1
17 April	Start of Term 2
17 April	Prep enrolments for 2019
25 April	ANZAC DAY holiday

Useful Contacts

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absences@freshwaterss.eq.edu.au

OFFICE HOURS: 8:15am - 3:30pm

GENERIC EMAIL:
principal@freshwaterss.eq.edu.au

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newsletter@freshwaterss.eq.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 – 9am

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE:
☎ 4058 0252
oshckids@bigpond.net.au

FRESHWATER P&C OFFICE:
☎ 4055 2946
freshwaterpandc@bigpond.com

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☎ 1300 300 850

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☎ 13 17 88

From the Principal's Notebook

School improvement

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all families and staff back to Freshwater State School for the 2018 school year. We have coined 2018 – *The Year of Effective Teams, Collaboration and Consistency of Practice*, as together we can achieve great success school-wide with a strong focus on improvement. Our teachers and teacher aides commenced the year a week before the students to ensure our teaching instruction, curriculum and learning environment is ready for business from Week 1.



The Student Free Days allowed staff to discuss our preferred futures and provided opportunity for the key elements of our Explicit Improvement Agenda to be unpacked. Every decision we make at Freshwater SS is based on the premise of delivering better outcomes for young people. Whether these are financial, staffing or the targeted use of resources, we can guarantee to you that we have systems that will measure the impact it has.

Staff also spent time prior to the commencement of the school year participating in team building exercises. This was a great opportunity to set goals, have our new staff meet the team and develop collaboration skills for the year ahead. Activities used on this day will also be incorporated into the classrooms to promote friendship and student teacher relationships.

IMPORTANT NEWS
Parent/Carer
Information Nights
Mon & Tues Wk 3



Student Leadership Induction - Official Badge Ceremony

I was so impressed with all our student leaders this week at the Student Leadership Badging Ceremony. The new leaders for 2018 were presented with their badges, rehearsed their leadership oath and signed the Freshwater SS Student leadership handbook. Special guest speaker Cr. Linda Cooper from the Cairns Regional Council gave a motivating speech to all our students about leadership.

A/Principal: Mr Dan Hollis **Deputy Principals:** Miss Martina Leiter, Miss Louise Jappe

Business Manager: Mrs Robyn Balchin

Administration Officers: Mrs Jean Duncan, Mrs Kathy Smyth, Ms Amanda Gaspy

Guidance Officer: Maryann Berlin – (Mon, Tues & Thurs) Ph: 4058 9201

Student Leaders & Families Have their First Leadership Challenge

Student leaders blindfolded family members and guided them through a mind field in their first leadership challenge for 2018. This provided a metaphor for the challenges on the road ahead in 2018. Parents and students then debriefed their challenges and highlights experienced, over morning tea in the Library Conference room. It is clear that we are in good hands with our student leaders this year as they demonstrated a high level of performance in the challenge.



Student Goal Setting and Data Snapshots:

Our staff are very committed to enhancing the communication process with regard to student achievement. This year we will be rolling out a new system to enhance our communication with families by issuing a term by term *Student Goal Setting & Data Snapshots* document (example in graphic).

At this earlier stage of the year, teachers will obtain their data from the system, and targets and goals will, in some cases, be more generic until teachers have a detailed picture of what a student can achieve. Goals may also be spread across the year and not necessarily be specific to one term. It is anticipated that this is delivered to families for your signature in week 6 after the first 5 weekly data collection by all teachers.



Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ Parent: _____

Area	Current Level <small>Where am I at now?</small>	My Goal <small>What am I aiming to achieve?</small>	Action Plan <small>What do I need to do to reach my goal?</small>	Goal Progress <small>Have I achieved my goal?</small>	Comment <small>What can I do to make sure I continue to improve?</small>
• Attendance • Behaviour Reading Level					
Sight words					
• Letter • Sounds Writing					
Number and Algebra Measurement and Geometry Statistics and Probability					

Student Signature: _____ Parent: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent / Carer Information Night Monday & Tuesday Week 3

Parent/ carer information nights will be held in Week 3 – **Monday 5 Feb** and **Tuesday 6 Feb**. The two nights assist families with multiple children to attend all their children's sessions. The purpose of the parent teacher information sessions is to get a yearly overview of their child's classroom expectations.

Time	Monday 5 Feb	Tuesday 6 Feb
3:00 - 3:30	Prep	Year 1
3:30 - 4:00	Year 2	Year 3
4:00 - 4:30	Year 4	Year 5
5.30-6.30	Year 6 Camp info session	--

Dan Hollis
Principal



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? Our school has a Facebook page! Please like and follow "Freshwater State School" on Facebook and be kept up to date with the latest news from around our school!

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAM - Monday 19th February – Wednesday 7th March

The Life Education Team will be visiting our school during Weeks 5–7 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 in the coming weeks. If parents do not wish their child to be involved in the program, they need to contact Mr Hollis, our Principal. Life Education teacher, Ms Gemma Ewin, will implement the program for our school and will run an information workshop for parents on **Monday 19th February at 2pm in the Life Education Van on the school grounds**. All parents are most welcome to attend. Any questions please see Mrs Fuller.

RELIGION CLASSES COMMENCEMENT DATE & UPDATE

Religion classes commence on Thursday 8th February (Week 3). We have been advised that the **BUDDHISM** teachers are not returning in 2018. If your student is in the Buddhism class you will need to complete a request to update (attached to this email). Until formal advice has been received Buddhism students will go the "*Withdrawn from Religion*" group.

BEGINNER STRINGS LESSONS

There are vacancies in the beginner Strings program. If your child/ren are interested in learning a stringed instrument (Viola, Violin, Bass, Double Bass or Cello) please contact Mr Frank Bray via email fbray1@eq.edu.au

FSS JAPANESE NEWS

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 students one 1 hour Japanese lesson each week, while Year 3 students will receive 1 x 30 minute lesson each week (this also includes 2/3SW). 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 and on the school's Facebook Page.

HOST FAMILIES WANTED!

Mrs Fulwood is now looking for suitable applicants to host her Japanese assistant teachers this year. There are 2 young males who will be arriving at various times this year. Please see their details below and if you think your family would be suitable as a host family, please send her an email at akhal@eq.edu.au

NB All host family homes will need to be inspected by Mrs Fulwood prior to the arrival of the assistant teachers to ensure suitability. Assistant teachers are required to be at school each day by 8:30am and will be able to leave at 2:50pm. The assistant teachers may or may not work at FSS on Fridays. A fee of \$160/per week is paid for the short stay assistant (Mr Koshio) and \$150/per week for long stay assistants (Mr Hirooka). This fee includes 3 meals per day.

Name: Mr. Keisuke KOSHIO, 20 years old
Duration: From 5th March 2018 (in Term 1) for 3 weeks
Mr. Ginga HIROOKA, 20 years old
Duration: From Term 2 (April in 2018) for 2 terms

FRESHIE CAFÉ NEWS

Hello everyone,

We trust that you all have had a great holiday and are back into the swing of things. Parents please note that there is a change on our menu.

If your child forgets their lunch they will be supplied with a sandwich and two pieces of fruit at a cost to parents of \$6.00. The child will be given an invoice to be taken home. Your attention to this matter is much appreciated.

Ordering can be done online via "FLEXISCHOOLS" or by the bag system.

Volunteers are always very welcome to help out in the cafe.

Have a great week and happy caféing

The Cafe Team



NETFUN PROGRAM AT FSS – Come & Try Netball

When: Commencing Wk 3 of Term 1 to Wk 9 on Wednesday from 3-4pm

Where: Freshwater State School Canopy

Cairns Netball's School based NetFun program is designed for boys and girls aged 5-10years. The program offers an opportunity for children to increase their skills in a friendly and fun environment.

Cost: \$90 with a Cairns Netball Pack or \$60 with pack. Cost includes insurance, netball, bag, water bottle & visor

Bring: Suitable clothing (t-shirt with sleeves), joggers, hat, ball (provided in kit), water bottle and sunscreen

To register: email netsetgo@cairnsmnetball.net.au or visit www.cairnsmnetball.net.au

General Notices

TYC Drama Classes for 5yrs+

Looking for engaging, creative and educational after-school activities? Then come and tread the boards at The Young Company Theatre this term with classes in Acting, Musical Theatre, Film and TV, Impro, Creative Writing and much more! 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. For more information phone 40414066, email admin@theyoungcompany.com.au, visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au, visit us at 169 Bunda St, Cairns City. Classes across the Cairns region.

CAIRNS BIGGEST SIGN ON DAY

When: 10th February from 10am to 3pm

Contact: 4041 4200

Where: Cairns Convention Centre

NORTHERN BEACHES PARISH 2018 CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Meeting Thursday 15th March, 6:00pm

Holy Cross Church, Reed Road, Trinity Park.

(Parents of kids in Yr 4 & over who have received their First Reconciliation.) If your child is not Baptised or has not received First Reconciliation, please contact Theresa Jankowski, State School RI Coordinator.

E: mjankowski@cairns.catholic.org.au Mobile: 0418 184 800

JUNIOR TENNIS SIGN ON 2018

When: Freshwater Tennis Club on Wednesday 24th January from 4-6pm

If your child is interested in playing tennis or if you have any questions but you are unable to attend please feel free to contact Dana Vincent on 0414 856 917 or email dana@fusiontenniscairns.com

SAINTS SOCCER SIGN ON DAY / COME & TRY DAYS

Come & Try Days: Wed 7th & Fri 9th Feb from 5-6pm

Sign on Day: Sat 10th Feb from 9-11am

Where: Endeavour Park, Cannon St, Manunda

Who: Boys & girls, U6's to U14's

Fee discounts for families. Bring a friend discount

Contact: www.saintssoccercairns.com.au

NORTH CAIRNS AFL JNRS & NETBALL SIGN ON DAY

When: Sun 11th Feb from 10am to 1pm

Where: Watsons Oval cnr Behan & Macnamara Sts

Who: Ages 7 to Snrs

JUTE THEATRE

Calling all keen beans! 2018 is your time to shine! Enrol now for our theatre making classes starting Feb 7th. Free trial lesson. All enrolments receive free tickets to all mainstage JUTE shows in 2018. Follow the link <http://jute.com.au/theatre-school/> to start your journey onto the stage today.

CAIRNS CUBS BASEBALL CLUB COME & TRY DAY

When: Saturday 17/02/18 - 9am-1pm

Where: Loridan Dr Junior Sporting Res (field next to tennis court & bike jumps) Brinsmead Rd,

Off Western Arterial Road, Brinsmead

Contact: Email: cairnscubs@gmail.com Phone: Claudia – 0417 609 936

CAIRNS REDS BASEBALL

Teams in all jnr & snr age groups welcome. Beginners welcome.

Where: Walker Rd Sporting Precinct, Edmonton

www.cairnsreds.com www.facebook.com/CairnsReds/

cairnsrcsbaseball@gmail.com

OPTUS JNR DOLPHINS CARNIVAL

When: Sunday 4th Feb from 12:30pm

Where: Gordonvale Pool, Sheppards St, Gordonvale

Contact: infor@fngswimming.com.au

Free entry, free sausage sizzle & giveaways for swimmers

CAIRNS CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2018 – screenPLAY

Kids who love filmmaking and want to take their little careers to the next level can enter a film into screenPLAY and have their films shown on the BIGSCREEN at the 2018 Cairns Children's Festival on Sunday May 20

Let your imagination run wild! Is your story scary or funny, serious or true, is it about music or is it about somebody or something special in your life?

Rules:

Filmmakers must be 12yrs or under (films can be created by individuals or groups)

Music used within the film must abide by all copyright laws

Films must be no longer than 5 mins including titles and credits

Films can be submitted as either a downloadable Vimeo link (720p or 1080p) – or delivered as mov or mp4 files on a USB to the Cairns Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre

Films must be submitted with an application form

Please submit form either in person to the Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre or by email to cairnchildrensfestival@cairns.qld.gov.au.

REDLYNCH CYCLONES SOCCER REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

How: Register www.myfootballclub.com.au or www.redlynchsoccer.org.au

Where: Cyclones Football Club, next to Freshwater Christian College

Girls also welcome to register



Positive Behaviour Focus - Week 2: Expectation: Parade Protocols

From the 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' team

