



FRESHWATER STATE SCHOOL

21st March 2017

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As the term is rapidly drawing to a close I would like to thank the entire school community for the wonderful start we have had to the school year. The children are very engaged in their curriculum offerings and have established new friendships and continued existing friendships, thus making for very harmonious lunch breaks. Congratulations to all for this great start.

This year our school's improvement agenda is focusing on 'building staff capacity'. When our staff are highly skilled, the outcomes for our children improve. This term, the leadership team has implemented a coaching and feedback model, combined with targeted professional development sessions, to support teachers in their quest to enhance their skills. Half of our teaching staff have been engaged in the coaching process this term, with the others coming on board next term. I have found it an absolute privilege to work with such highly motivated professionals who are eager to improve their skills to ensure the best possible education for your children. I congratulate the participating staff on their commitment to this very important work.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish our whole school community a very happy Easter vacation. I hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy each other's company without having to adhere to routines! We, the staff, look forward to working with your children again in Term 2. Happy Easter everyone!

Spelling Mastery

This year, parents would have noticed that part of the school levy has been used to purchase Spelling Mastery Student Books. In order to gain a consistent approach to the teaching of spelling school-wide, Freshwater State School has adopted the Spelling Mastery program for Prep to Year 6 (catering for ages 5 to 13) for 2017. This program has achieved enormous success in other schools in our region and testimonies have revealed that the calibre of student writing has improved as a result.

In 15-20 minute differentiated lessons, *Spelling Mastery* teaches your child the strategies he/she needs to become successful, life-long spellers. Using a combined approach of phonemic, morphemic and whole-word strategies, *Spelling Mastery* helps students to understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns. Students are taught in small steps, using sufficient practice, so that they comprehend how spelling works and can become proficient writers. It is a Direct Instruction approach to the teaching of spelling.

Key features of the program include:

- **Concentrated strategy instruction** which reduces the number of words students must memorise
- **A Systematic review** of every skill, pattern and rule to ensure long-term retention
- **Instructional software** that provides a customised course of study tailored to each student's individual needs

As you would be aware, the Spelling Mastery program commenced in Week 4 of this term. The teaching staff have received two professional development sessions to assist with the implementation. Like any new program, the 'kinks' are ironed out as we become more proficient in lesson delivery. As the program recommends that Spelling Mastery words are not sent home for homework, our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Sue Fuller, and other staff members are creating a homework policy around the practice of spelling words at home. This will be finalised and ready in time for the commencement of Term 2. For those who have been curious about this, I thank you for your patience. An information session for parents on the topic of Spelling Mastery will be held early in Term 2. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. The date of the meeting will be finalised early in Term 2 also.

School Review

This is a very important week for our school community. The school is undergoing a Whole School Review this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Three reviewers will be conducting the review. They are Mr Phil McLucas (Internal Reviewer), who is a principal seconded to Education Queensland's School Improvement Unit (SIU); Ms Deidre Guillaume (Peer Reviewer) who is the Principal of Mudgeeraba Creek State School on the Gold Coast and Mr Norm Hunter (External Reviewer) who is involved in an educational capacity outside of Education Queensland.

We, the staff, are looking forward to the review. This robust process allows the school time to reflect on where we are going well and where we can make improvements. During their time at the school, the reviewers will spend their time talking to as many people as possible including staff, children, parents and community members.

DATES TO REMEMBER

21 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 4
24 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 5
27 Mar	Free Dress Day
28 Mar	Yr 4 & 5 Swimming Day 6
28 Mar	School Photo Day
29 Mar	School Photo Day
31 Mar	FSS Fun Run
31 Mar	Last day of Term 1
18 April	Tuesday, First day of Term 2
19 April	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
25 April	ANZAC Day holiday

Parents may be approached by the reviewers as you are coming into the school in the morning or leaving in the afternoon. Please don't be alarmed. They are very friendly people. Once the review report has been finalised, the findings will be delivered at a P&C meeting and the recommendations will be outlined in the school newsletter. Thanks for your assistance with this very important matter.

Have a great week!
 Susette Birchley, Principal

EASTER BONNET PARADE – 9:15am Thursday 30th March

Parents and carers of Prep and Year 1 students are welcome to attend our Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 30th March at 9:15am in The Canopy. The children will be making their bonnets in class time and will be very keen to show off their wonderful creations. We hope you can join us on the day.



FREE DRESS DAY – Monday 27th March

Student Council are holding a Free Dress Day on Monday 27th March, Week 10. The money will go to the Frog Hospital to assist them as they are moving once again. Fifth time in eight years. Student Council have supported this cause in the past. On Monday students are permitted to wear Free Dress (preferably green) and donate a gold coin for the privilege. We hope everyone will enjoy participating in this event.

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,

Just a reminder to families, if you are ordering a first and second lunch item for your child, please use two bags. One bag for each break. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Treat of the fortnight:

Chocolate Muffins..... \$1.00 each

Have a great week and a Happy Easter.

Di, Manfred & Tomoyo



YEAR 4 AND 6 SWIMMING

Year 4 and 6 Swimming will commence on Friday 10th March.

Swimming Dates Term One 2017

Tuesday 21st March, Friday 24th March

Tuesday 28th 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 with payment 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.

BAND LUNCH TIME CONCERT & BAND PHOTO - Wednesday 29th March

- What:* Band Performance - Lunch time Concert
- When:* 11:10am
- Where:* Undercover area (Not Canopy)
- Details:* Students to report to stage area with music and instrument by 11:05am
- What:* Band Photo Shoot (Venue TBA)
- When:* 1:45pm

Please bring correct band uniform (*music shirts, black pants and black shoes*) and instrument for both events on the day.

* Both events are for current band members only, no beginners.

Mr Fox

LOST PROPERTY

Parents/carers, please ensure that all of your students lunch box and water bottles are **clearly labelled**.

The lost property box is full to overflowing once again. If items are labelled correctly we can direct them, via your student's teacher, back to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE – 28th & 29th March

NQ School Photography will be here at FSS on **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March**. The Photography Schedule below will show families when their child/ren will be photographed and on what day.

All Student's must wear their green school uniform for the class photo (no sports shirts).

- Music students must bring their music shirt, black pants and black shoes if they are in String Orchestra, Orffestra or Band
- Sports Captains must bring their sports shirt for their photograph

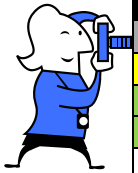
We advise families that all students will be photographed regardless of whether an order form has been submitted and late orders will be accepted by NQ Photos after photo day.

Parents are encouraged to order their photos **ONLINE**, using the code **VM45H888**

Order forms went home last week via your child's class should the online option not be available to you.

SIBLING PHOTOS

If you require a sibling photo order form these are available for collection at the School Office as sibling photos will only be taken with the accompanying sibling photo form.



Tuesday 28 th March	
Time	Class/Year Name
8:30	Staff Photo
8:45	Orffestra
9am	String Orchestra
9am	5LB
9:15	PRD
9:30	PGW
9:45	PRO
10:00	PJS
10:15	3RL
10:30	1AM
10:50	Sibling Photos
11:30	4NS
11:45	1EB
12:00	1CG
12:15	2TED
12:30	5LD
12:45	3JR
1:00	Sibling Photos
1:30	5SM
2pm	2MD

Wednesday 29 th March	
Time	Class/Year Name
8:30	School Captains
8:45	Sports Captains
9am	Student Council
9:15	2/3SW
9:30	6JD
9:45	6JP
10:00	6SL
10:15	1KAD
10:30	5LS
10:50	Sibling Photos
11:30	6NB
11:45	4SC
12:00	4/5SW
12:15	2AY
12:30	2KW
12:45	FSS Band
1:00	Sibling Photos
1:30	4PG 4NL
2pm	3AM
2:15	3NT



RUGBY LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Sometimes in life, people do things for the most inexplicable reasons. In 1859, Charles Blondin walked a tightrope across the Niagara Falls in North America – with a wheelbarrow. In 1983, 63 year-old potato farmer Cliff Young won the first Sydney-to-Melbourne Ultramarathon – he attributed his success to pretending that he was chasing sheep. And in 2017, ten brave young gentlemen from Freshwater State School laced football boots and represented their school in the greatest game of all – rugby league.

Although our season was a short one in terms of games played, and at first glance may seem like an unsuccessful campaign – winning one of four games – if one were to dig underneath the surface of mere statistics and data, they would see the evolution of a small group of players from a small, disjointed collection of individuals into a mighty, unbowed and undaunted team ready to make great leaps in the future.

Mere scorelines don't measure the enthusiasm of our Year 6 leaders – Luis B, Julay K and Jaidyn G – who turned up to every game and lead the team with great pride and passion. These gentlemen earned the respect of their teammates, coaches and spectators for the way they handled themselves throughout the season. Well done.

The win-loss record wouldn't go anywhere near reflecting the enormous effort of our Year 5 players – Josh K, Luke N, Ned A, Connor B, Finn O, Josh W and Tama P – who formed the core of our side, throwing themselves into each tackle and run with skill, determination and flair. If these super seven individuals choose to recommit to our side next year, along with the addition of new talent, we will be very hard to beat.

For one glorious afternoon during the season, all of the planets, stars and moons aligned in one perfect moment of rugby league synchronicity. Playing on the coveted "Field of Dreams" at Mann Street, our team was greater than the sum of our parts as we put the cleaners through a gallant opposition, recording our greatest win in over five years of NRL Development Cup action. The 38-4 scoreline will stand for a long time in our record books, although the style and manner of our victory – playing to our very best ability, whilst respecting our opponents right to the final siren, and beyond – will live longer in the memories of those present that afternoon.

So, once again, the book closes on a challenging yet successful NRL Development Cup season. The seeds have been sown for future campaigns, and I will be hopeful and interested to see whether the current Year 4 and Year 5 students will pick up the metaphorical ball and run with it in 2018. I'm confident of leading more than a few 'viking claps' in future parades.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to Mr Miranda (assistant coach extraordinaire), Mrs Hunter (our fantastic team patron) and Mrs Knight (our wonderful sports guru) for all of their help this season.

Mr Pont

HAND, FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE ALERT

This is to alert families to a confirmed case of Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease in the school.

Queensland Health's policy is:

To exclude until all blisters have dried.

Thank you for your cooperation.

What causes it?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus called **Coxsackie A**. It is not acquired from animals and has nothing to do with foot and mouth disease. HFMD is mainly seen in children under the age of 10 or in young adults. It is easily spread from one person to another. Most people have had HFMD by the time they are adults.

What are the symptoms?

Outbreaks of hand, foot and mouth disease typically occur in summer and autumn. The incubation period is 4-6 days and your child may have a mild fever for a day or two before the typical rash appears.

Small mouth ulcers usually appear first, soon after the fever starts, and your child may complain of a sore mouth or throat, or simply go off their food and refuse fluids. They may also have a headache, aching muscles, or complain of mild stomach pain or nausea.

Small blisters appear on the hands and feet, usually on the palms and soles. Tiny red spots may appear on the bottom, but these usually do not form blisters. The rash usually clears up after 7-10 days. The child remains infectious until the blisters are gone.

How is treated?

Treatment is symptomatic, and the intake of fluids should be encouraged to avoid dehydration. This may be difficult, as your child's mouth may be sore. Try ice blocks made from cordial and water, icy poles or jelly. It is best to stick to soft foods for several days and avoid tangy foods such as tomatoes, lemons, grapefruit and oranges. [Paracetamol](#) can be given to ease discomfort and lower any fever. Hand, foot and mouth disease is not a serious illness, and most children recover quickly without any complications.

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How can I prevent it?

Hand, foot and mouth disease cannot be prevented, though attention paid to handwashing, especially in the child care setting, may minimise its spread.

Transmission

People can spread the virus while there is fluid in the blisters and faeces can remain infectious for several weeks.

Prevention

There is no vaccination for prevention against hand foot and mouth disease. The best form of protection is good hygiene:

- wash hands with soap and water for at least 15 seconds and dry thoroughly before handling food, after going to the toilet and changing nappies.
- implement good cleaning procedures
- allow blisters to dry naturally and do not deliberately pierce blisters because the fluid within the blisters is infectious.

Control

Minimum exclusion times are recommended under the Public Health Act 2005.

Some medical conditions require exclusion from school or child care to prevent the spread of infectious diseases among other children and staff.

Following the link below will take you to the "Time Out" poster which provides information on diseases and the recommended minimum exclusion periods for infectious diseases. https://www.health.qld.gov.au/ph/documents/cdb/timeout_poster.pdf

Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from child care or school until all blisters have dried.

CHICKEN POX

This is to alert families to a confirmed case of Chicken Pox in the school.

Queensland Health's policy is:

To exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared.

Thank you for your cooperation.



LOTE

Everyone knows origami is paper folding. It's very popular with the students. Unfortunately we don't get a lot of time to do origami in our Japanese lessons but there are many websites that show you step by step how to make lots of fun things using just folded, square paper. Why not have a go with your family this week?

Easter is a Christian celebration and since the Japanese people mostly believe in the Shinto or Buddhist religion Easter is not widely recognised in Japan. Many Japanese people have not even heard of Easter and therefore do not know about this occasion. I guess this saves the Easter Bunny a bit of time when he is busy delivering his eggs to all the good boys and girls here in Australia!

Have a wonderful Easter break.

FROM THE P&C

To Our Valued Members,

The Fete is our biggest fundraiser of the year and I am sure everyone has an idea of the amount of effort that goes in to the organisation of such a large event. If you are interested in helping to manage the Fete, joining the Fete Working Group, Convening a stall or you would just like to volunteer in some capacity, please call or email me to let me know.

I would appreciate some assistance in getting this year's fete off to a running start.

Some of the positions vacant are listed below:

- Overall Stalls Convenor
- Master of Ceremonies
- Entertainment Coordinator
- Sponsorship Convenor
- Food Hall Safety and Compliance

These positions, once filled, will become the Fete Working Group. You will not be expected to give up too much of your time but a little bit goes a long way.

Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.

Kind Regards

Anita Haug, Operations Manager, Freshwater State School P&C Association

FUN RUN

The Fun Run will be here before we know it. **The date is set for Friday 31st March, 8:45am – 11am - the last day of Term 1.** All parents, carers etc are more than welcome to join us for our morning of fun and colour! BYO chair! A coffee van will also be in attendance.

The Freshwater State School Fun Run serves our School Community in three ways:

1. It promotes school spirit in a fun and healthy way as Marlins, Crocs, Eagles and Taipans compete for House points... all participants contribute!
2. It acts as a selection event for the upper school to represent FSS at the Barron River Cross Country trials. Students who do well at these trials go on to represent the Peninsula Region at the State Championships later in the year. Freshwater has been proudly represented in recent years.
3. It is used as a fund raiser for the FSS Physical Education Program and sporting equipment for use by students.



The fundraiser is all about participation! Students raise funds and are rewarded with fantastic incentive prizes. Family support is the key to our fundraising success and we encourage all students to participate. As a reward for participation all students will receive a juice frozie at the end of their run also.

All sponsorship forms and money are to be returned to the Freshwater State School P&C Office by 5 May 2017.

Children born in 2011/2012 will run 250m
Children born in 2009/2010 will run 500m
Children born in 2008 will run 1000m
Children born in 2007 will run 2000m
Children born in 2005/2006 will run 3000m

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form which will assist in raising funds for the school. Please read through the Sponsorship Form and get familiar with the five steps to supercharge your fundraising. Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. There are over 70 prizes on offer, so best to select your favourite and make this your fundraising goal.

Student Profile Page

Create a profile page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and you're in the draw to win an **Apple WATCH**. It's that simple! There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal. You can also register for **online fundraising**. It's the easiest way to boost your funds raised and to achieve your fundraising goal sooner. The average raised per student using online fundraising is a staggering \$115. Achieve that and more and there's an awesome prize right there!

Major Promotion

Simply raise \$30 or more in donations and one lucky family will **WIN** a \$5,000 Cruiseabout Gift Voucher which can be used towards any cruise, from any port, to any destination. To register, create a profile page online and click 'Choose your Cruise Draw'.

How to Order Prizes

As a reward for your efforts, each child will receive an incentive prize based on the total amount of sponsorship raised. Please complete Step 5 on the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class. Student incentive prizes will be delivered shortly after the fundraiser has finalised.

Highest fundraisers

The student who raises the most money in the school will receive a trophy! The highest fundraising class will enjoy a Pizza Party!

As long as you do your best that's all that matters! Thank you in advance for your participation, and Happy Fundraising!

FUN RUN UPDATE!

Everyone is doing a super job with creating their online fundraising pages. [We have raised nearly \\$1000 already, with just the online donations.](#) **What a great job Freshie Students!** Make sure you set your goal and keep working hard to reach it. Don't forget to create your online fundraising page for a chance to win an Apple Watch. Come and see Anita in the P&C Office if you need another booklet.

Anita Haug (P&C) & Kristen Knight (PE Teacher)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bella Cochran, Lily Corbett, Lara Jones, Melanie Lum and Georgia Nutter for being selected in the Barron River Hockey team. Good luck at the Peninsula Hockey Championships in Cairns later this month ☺ Also congratulations to Sam Breckenridge, Brian Buddy, Luther Fischer, Hayden Ham, Kobe Elliott and Bryce Featonby for being selected in the Barron River AFL team. Good luck at the Peninsula AFL Championships in Cairns in April. Good luck to you all.

Also a huge congratulations to Amiyah Oliver for being selected in the Barron River School Sport Netball team. She will now represent the district at the Peninsula Netball Championships in Innisfail later this month. Well done and good luck Amiyah.

FRESHIE SHOP NEWS

Hours Term 1 – 2017

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

STILL AVAILABLE: **\$100 DEAL** (*While Stocks Last*)
 3 FULL SETS OF UNIFORMS & FREE REVERSIBLE HAT
 (Not including Dresses or Prep Hat). Not available on Flexischools.
 * Size 8 Green Polo sold out. Stock due in soon.

There will be a NEW UNIFORM POLICY in the coming weeks. Please see office for more information.

We are in desperate need of good quality second-hand uniforms. If you have any you wish to donate we would be very grateful.

Shane Luki, FSS Uniform Shop Convenor

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

GENERAL NOTICES

WANTED FOR SOCCER

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

CAIRNS SURF CLUB SIGN ON DAY

When: Saturday 6th May from 10am to 2pm
Where: Palm Cove Surf Club
Contact: surf.admin@cairnssurfclub.com.au or 4059 1263
www.cairnslifesaving.org

CAIRNS GALLERY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAMS

This Easter school holidays, the gallery will be holding a range of different workshops for kids of all ages and skill level, which may be of interest to your family.
Contact: 4046 4800 or
www.cairnsregionalgallery.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

TYCS EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY DRAMA ACTIVITIES 5-12YRS

Step into the spotlight these school holidays with TYC's Autumn Holiday Drama Camps with special Guest Artists, Hayley Gillespie (Design) & Yasmin Lancini (Musical Theatre). Participate in our 1day boot camp program **Operation Spotlight: It's Time To Shine** (3/4) and take on the role of Producer, Director & Performer & hone your theatrical skills. Dance like no one's watching with our 4-day program **Shake, Rattle & Roar: Return To Buster's Theatre** (4/4 – 7/4) & help Buster's Theatre survive against a new rival or grab your masks & power up for **Legion of Superheroes: Master Builders Assemble** (10/4 – 14/4) & join the ranks of the worlds most heroic Master Builders! So spin along to TYC for our **Autumn Holiday Drama Camps** (5-12yrs) these school holidays. For more info or to book visit our website www.theyoungcompany.com.au, phone 4041 4066 or email admin@theyoungcompany.com.au. Book early to receive your early bird saving before Fri 25 March!

The positive behaviour focus for this week is:
P-6 Expectation – be respectful of property
From the 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' team

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAIRNS POLICE

With the end of the term almost upon us, here are a few important reminders over the Easter holiday period;

- Know where your children are
- Please ensure that your children are provided with suitable supervision and activities over the school holidays

GOING ON HOLIDAYS?

- Ensure your vehicle is in a roadworthy condition and observe the fatal five; seatbelts, speed, fatigue, drink driving and inattention.
- Ensure your house is appropriately secured, ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your place and collect mail.
- Report suspicious behaviour to your local police.

For further information on home security visit;
<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/cscp/homeSecurity/>

Please keep an eye on your school, report suspicious behaviour through **School Watch** or via **Policelink**.

We wish you all a safe and happy Easter break.

*A message from
The Cairns Police District Crime Prevention Unit.*

