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Newsletter 27 April 2021

A word from our Principal...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A big welcome back to all of our families. Our staff is very grateful that, unlike this time last year due in lockdown, we are at a point in the year where classroom routines are embedded, relationships are established and clear goals for learning and achievement are in place. This enables teachers and support staff to deepen students' knowledge and skills and provide differentiation for our students to address their need.

A reminder that if you have any questions about student progress or wellbeing at school, please arrange to meet with your child's classroom teacher in the first instance.

A big thank you to all involved in our School and Community ANZAC Commemorations. Our Student Leaders did an amazing job representing FSS at these events. Congratulations to Elliot for his outstanding musical tribute. All of these images are available on our FSS Facebook page.

Well done to the FSS team for the affirming feedback we received on Friday from the External School Reviewers from Brisbane who visited last week. At the exit meeting on Friday the reviewers made a special mention of the work that has been done in partnership with community and staff, to improve the learning culture and morale. We should be very proud of this, as it is a critical factor in any improvement journey. The Executive Summary will be placed on our website in approximately two weeks and the recommendations will drive the 2022 -2025 Strategic Plan.

It is wonderful to see the love and care that our parents and carers have for our FSS students. This is very evident at the time of birthdays. Please be mindful that our COVID restrictions are still in place with the sharing of food. See your child's teacher to work out how to best celebrate upcoming birthdays.

As the colder months approach, please help our students to keep warm and stay Freshwater proud by wearing jackets in our school colours.

Finally, Thank you to the P & C for the amazing improvements to our gardens and tuck shop that occurred over the break.

Regards

Sharon Jones

Principal

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Our ANZAC Day commemoration went ahead today, presented by our student leaders. Congratulations to Isabella and Myah (School Captains) and Tara and Noah (Vice Captains) for your presentations that honoured our fallen soldiers.

Congratulations to Elliot on playing the *Last Post* so confidently, and Mr Fox and Mrs Howell for your work in preparing our music students and choir respectively. Well done teachers and students. So our students get the opportunity to perform for an audience, Elliot will play the *Last Post* at the next two assemblies, as will our wind ensemble.

Our school will be represented at the ANZAC Day service on the Esplanade this Sunday by Myah, Isabella, Tara and Jack. Special thanks to Mrs Rikki Bradley for coordinating all the events.

Library Tidings

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Huge Congratulations to Lachlan Fry and Benjamin Fry for being selected in the Peninsula 10-12 Years Boys Hockey team. They will now represent the region at the Queensland

State Schools 10-12 Years Hockey Championships to be held here in Toowoomba in June. Well done boys.

Also, to Isabella Stevens, Chelsea Wainwright and Amelia Scholefield for being selected in the Peninsula 10-12 Years Girls AFL team. They will now represent the region at the Queensland State Schools 10-12 Years AFL Championships to be held here in Cairns in June. Well done Girls.

We are very proud of you all!!

Naplan Online Update & Timetable

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in Naplan testing online from Tuesday the 11th May – Thursday 20th May. Writing, reading, language conventions (spelling and grammar) and numeracy will be assessed. Classes will be timetabled to complete the tests during the eight-day window. Tests will be conducted by the class teacher with support from Naplan coordinators Sue Fuller and Russell Spanner and our support team. Students who are absent for tests will do a catch up test the following day. If parents have any questions, they are encouraged to contact their child's teacher.

2021 AEDC

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Sharon Jones at Principal@freshwaterss.eq.edu.au

Hookin2Hockey Program

Please see below the link to register for Hooked in2 Hockey:

<https://cairnshockey.com.au/hookin2hockeyafterschoolt2/>

TCN 10-12 YEARS FOOTBALL

Gender	Date	Time	Location
Boys	Wednesday May 5	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Holy Cross School
Girls	Tuesday May 4	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Holy Cross School

Kids Yoga Course