

FRESHWATER BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Freshwater Bay Primary School community,

With just one week before the end of Term 3 and as we embark on two weeks school holidays, I wanted to provide you with an update from the P&C.

I feel it is vitally important that the parents, guardians and overall school community are being communicated to with clear and transparent messaging on a regular basis upon:

- Current and future projects
- Financial overview of P&C
- P&C Events
- Freshie Farmers Markets
- P&C strategy for Term 4 and 2022

The P&C Executive and I are fully committed to continuously improve how we run all operations within the P&C; how we fundraise and where and how we spend the funds to better our school community.

Current and Future Projects:



The installation of the 2.7m x 1.7m LED screen, audio, remote control security screen in the Herbert Hall has been fully completed which was a total spend of \$38,000.

We have now seen this screen in action at the school assemblies as well as the Farmers Market and I am sure you will all agree, this will continue to provide a great service to our school.



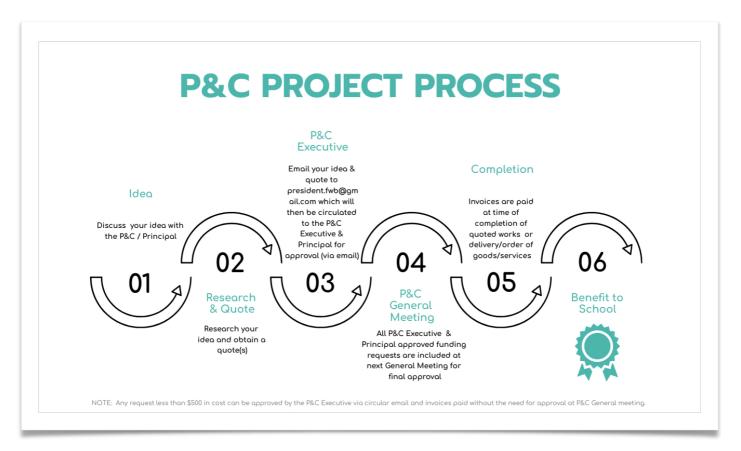
We have 12 projects (above) in progress ranging from the initial 'idea' stage through to 'completion' stage where the P&C have a committed spend of \$65,839.

The solar panels; Herbert Hall LED lights and skylights will be installed in the second week of the school holidays. This project has taken two years at a cost of \$38k and will save the school thousands every years in energy costs. My appreciation goes to Matt Sikirich who has led this project throughout this time and fulfilled a fantastic project that will benefit the school community for years to come!

Work is progressing with the vegetable patch and this is hoped to be completed in early

The kindy shade sails are to be completed in early Term 4 and will make a massive difference to the children as they learn & play in the kindy gardens.

I wanted to take this opportunity to outline the process involved for getting any P&C funding approved. The below process map outlines the key steps involved. Please reach out to me directly if you have any queries on this process.



Financial Overview of P&C:

We currently have \$131,040 cash at bank (on right).

There is \$69,515 which is P&C approved at the most recent General Meeting (15th September) and will result in a cash position of \$61,525 thereafter.

This is a sound financial position and this will continue to improve in Term 4 through the fundraising initiatives we have planned; additional parent contributions and most importantly, the income from the Freshie Farmers Market.

Thanks to everyone who provide volunteering support at our school events (cake stalls/carnivals/markets etc).

The time you invest gives a great return in terms of being able to deliver projects that will benefit our school.

Cash Position 080921	
Cash at Bank	
Term Deposit	\$86,853
P&C General Account	\$21,537
Farmers Market Acct	\$22,649
Total Cash at Bank	\$131,040
Commitments	
iPad Comitt to end of 2021	-\$13,100
Tennis Deposit Refunds	-\$1,205
Solar Panel Installation	-\$29,708
HH Skylights	-\$4,841
HH LED Lights	-\$3,540
Kindy Shade Sails	-\$11,760
Sport Uniforms	-\$2,073
Kindy Equipment	-\$588
FFM GST Estimate	-\$2,700
Total Cash Available	\$61,525

P&C Events:

The recent school carnival was an amazing couple of days and a massive thank you to the teachers, volunteers and all of the school community who attended as the day was a huge success - so many smiling happy children! Special call out to Tara Grant for organising the carnival and well done on getting the weather absolutely spot on!

The cake stall at the carnival was another great success with around \$1700 funds raised. Again, thanks to all those that provided some tasty baked treats! Thanks Lauren and the Fundraising Committee (FC) / class reps for bringing this together.

The Uniform Shop in Term 3 has continued to perform well and thanks again to Lauren and the FC and those who donated uniform items as this raised around \$2000 for the P&C.

The Fathering Project hosted the Father & Kids Quiz Night at the Claremont Bowls Club. What a great night had by all...the kids had an absolute ball! To top it all off, great to see table 11 win the quiz (which I happened to be on!). This generated around \$700 in profits to the P&C! Thanks to Steve Ryan and Nick Burston for hosting a brilliant event.



Thanks to Fundraising Committee for organising the upcoming "Bowling After Dark" night at the Claremont Bowls Club. This will be another night to remember, tickets are almost sold out, so get yours now!

Also coming up in October is the Year 4 school camp which will no doubt be another enjoyable weekend of camping. If you have the camping

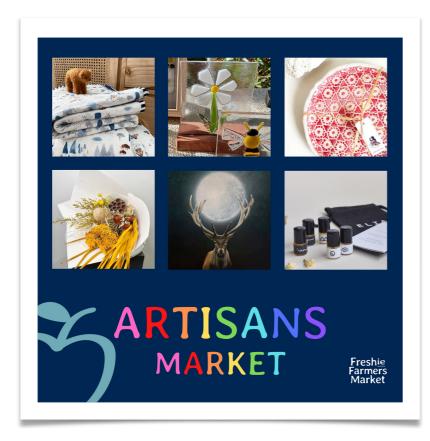
bug, there is also the Fathering Project camping weekend on 19th November. Look out for further communications via Compass / Class Reps over the coming weeks.

Something else for the diary, the inaugural Freshwater Bay Primary School Golf Day is booked for Friday 12th November and tickets (limited to 40) have just gone on sale today:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freshwater-bay-primary-school-golf-day-2021-tickets-173960449387. This event is open to all parents/guardians of the school. Sponsorship is welcome, please reach out to me direct if you are interested: president.fwb@gmail.com.



Freshie Farmers Markets:



The markets have now been running for 12 months and are growing in popularity within the local community. Thanks once again to Shelley & Ernst who put in many hours to support our markets each and every weekend.

The Farmers Market has just been approved to be GST registered and this further enhances the reputation market in being a sustainable and profitable enterprise.

This weekend sees the first of a series of mega Artisan markets at the school and this promises to be a real fun filled market with 50 top quality stalls!

Discussions are continuing to review the way we organise volunteers for set up/down each week and we will update

you shortly on this matter. BIG THANKYOU to all the volunteers who donate their time on a Saturday morning to help with the markets!

The Town of Claremont (ToC) have recently informed me that they will be responsible for the car parking at the next Royal Show as they will no longer utilise local community groups to man the parking. This has an impact to the annual income for the P&C and reinforces the need to support our market as it is a major fund raiser for the school (\$100k-\$150k p.a).

P&C Strategy for Terms 4 and 2022:

At my last monthly coffee meeting with Simon, we talked about providing a clear, purpose driven list of items for the P&C to consider funding in Term 4 and in 2022. In alignment with the schools business plan, this list will also be derived from the information within the recently completed student, teacher and parent surveys. Simon, the P&C and the Board will work together in reviewing this information to agree what the priorities are for the school and the levels of funding required. This is key for the P&C to understand so we can adequately plan ahead in terms of our fundraising strategy and initiatives.

On behalf of the P&C Committee, I wish you all healthy and happy September school holidays!

Kind Regards,

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