

P&C Principal's Report 20 February 2023

Thank you

I would like to acknowledge and thank the community of Freshwater Bay Primary School for the very warm welcome that I have received this term. This is a truly special community and I look forward to getting to know everybody a bit better.

School Development Days 30 – 31 January 2023

Staff participated in professional learning on Teach like a Champion, which provided a suite of high impact, best practice strategies to deliver teaching and learning to students. A particular focus was provided on strategies to improve results in Writing. The staff engaged in video analysis, reflection, technique study and practice. The professional learning was well-received by all attendees. Many thanks to the P&C for their financial contributions to enable this to occur. A check-in of the implementation of the professional learning occurred at the Professional Learning Team (PLT) meeting Wednesday 15 February. This twice termly meeting is designed to allow further discussion and analysis amongst staff to reflect on the agreed strategies and the extent of their implementation.

Parent Information Sessions

Many thanks to all who attended the parent information session last week. We had a good turn-out and it was nice to see home and school connecting. I hope that parents feel they were provided with an insight onto what the school year looks like for their children and invite any feedback on the sessions.

Edu Dance

Students have been enthusiastically participating in Edu Dance lessons this term. It has been wonderful to see everybody enjoying themselves, and moving to the beat. I look forward to the concerts on 3rd and 5th April.

School Review

We will be undertaking our School Review Wednesday 8th March. The review is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we are going as a school and how we can improve. Simon has led and prepared a self-assessment of our school's performance based on school improvement planning. At the staff meeting Wednesday 22 February, staff will have the opportunity to reflect on this assessment to prepare themselves for the day. On the day of the review, a team will validate the information we provide through interviews with our staff, students, parents and community and a report will be provided. We look forward to the opportunity to share our journey with the review team and will invite members of our community to join us on the day.

Harmony Week

Friday 24 March we will come together as a community to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We will be hosting an assembly led by our student leadership team as well as asking student to dress in the national dress of their family's heritage.

Upcoming extra-curricular events

24/2 T7 Assembly
28/2-3/3 Year 6 Camp
10/3 C3 Assembly
15/3-27/3 Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN
16/3 Year 3-6 House Swimming Carnival
24/3 Harmony Day Assembly

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