

Freemans Reach Public School

NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk ...

Good afternoon families and friends,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2019!

New Principal 2020 - As you may be aware, a merit selection Expression of Interest has recently been run to appoint the new Principal of Freemans Reach Public school for Term 1 2020. It is with great pleasure that I can now announce that Mrs Lisa McGrath has been successful in this process and will begin as the Relieving Principal next year. Mrs McGrath comes to us from Richmond Public School, where she has been relieving as Principal for extended periods over a number of years.

Mrs McGrath brings a wealth of enthusiasm, experience in curriculum development, outstanding interpersonal skills and knowledge of wellbeing processes to the position, and I am sure that she will be made feel most welcome by our students, community and teachers as she leads Freemans Reach Public School into the next phase of growth and development.

Thank you for a wonderful term - It has been my great privilege to share in the learning journey of the students of FRPS throughout Term 4, 2019. During this short period of time, I have witnessed the dedication of the families, teachers and administration staff, who often go well and truly above and beyond to ensure our students receive the absolute best education possible.

In 2019, we have celebrated successes in spelling bees, writing competitions, debating, sport and the arts. We have engaged students in 21st century learning through STEM and been a strong presence in the Hawkesbury Learning Community.

Our teachers are constantly engaged in professional learning, honing their craft in an effort to improve on the already existing standard of excellence present every day in their classrooms.

From the Principal's Desk ... Cont'd

Above all though, is the real sense of community present here at Freemans Reach. This has been evident through the support of our P&C, as well as community events such as colour explosion fun runs and our recent Family Christmas Disco. Throughout the year, our P&C have co-ordinated many fundraising events including the Easter Raffle, Mother and Fathers Day stalls and Canteen events to name a few. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our canteen and uniform shop volunteers for your hard work and dedication, as well as our teachers and staff for their support of all community events. Without each of you, none of the events which support our children would be possible. To our parents, thank you for your generous support of fundraising efforts by using the canteen, purchasing uniforms, buying raffle tickets and meal deals. These fundraising events have raised approximately \$9,000 to date this year, which is hugely impressive for a school our size. In 2019, over \$40,000 from this, as well as funds raised in previous years has been allocated towards new play equipment, water stations and a CPR course for staff which adds to the safety of all students and adults on site at our school.

2020 promises to be even more exciting, with an increase in numbers and a few more faces introduced to the learning community at FRPS. While some faces may change, our core business remains the same – helping students achieve their personal best.

2019 has been a year where there is much to be celebrated, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honour of sharing a small part of the learning journey with your children at Freemans Reach this term. Please enjoy a peaceful Christmas and a safe holiday break with family and friends. Finally, congratulations to our P&C, our administration staff, our teachers and you, the adults who support these amazing children as they grow to become the lifelong learners we all want them to be...

Mr Allan Ison
Relieving Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 4

Wed 18th Dec Last day of Term for students
Tenpin Bowling Day

TERM 1 2020

JANUARY

Tues 28th Jan Staff return to school
Wed 29th Jan Students in Years 1 – 6 return to school
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments begin
Fri 31st Jan Kindergarten Best Start Assessments conclude

FEBRUARY

Mon 3rd Feb Kindergarten Students First Day,
Kindy 1st Day Starts @ 9:15am
Wed 12th Feb P&C Meeting
Thur 13th Feb Swimming Carnival
Thur 13th-Fri 14th Feb Leadership Camp

Freemans Reach P&C

Our P&C meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the months that occur in the school term.

Meetings start at 6:30pm in the school staff room and everyone is welcome to attend.

The first meeting for 2020 will be on Wednesday 12th February.

If you would like to contact the P&C with questions, concerns or information about the canteen or uniform shop, their email is:

freemansreachpandc@hotmail.com

P&C UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will re-open on Friday 30th January 2020 from 8:15am – 9am



P&C ASSOCIATION

UNIFORM SHOP

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

KO – Jack A, Tilly N,
Charlotte W and Jacob M

1J – William H, Bethany S,
Georgia W and Amelia S

2/3R – Emanuel B, Cayleb H,
Ella R and Daniel M

3/4C – Lucia B, Ashley C, Max G and Cody J

3/4L – Jordan F, Kye P, Rachelle D, Patrick M,
Tahlia M and Brianna W

5/6A – Tyler E, Xanthia L, Eliza F and Lily Rose T

5/6M – Ethan G, Paige B, Queen T and Lucius W



Mathletics Awards

Silver – Jordan F, Chantel S and Lochey J

Gold – Lochey J

Amazing Mathletics Points:

Lizzie C, Madi C, Lochey J, Jordan F, Ashley C,
Jacinta S and Eva G

Bronze Medallion – Ashley C

Silver Medallion – Madi C

Gold Medallion – Jordan F



MERIT AWARDS

Bronze – Madison C

Silver – Tyson B

BUS PASSES FOR 2019

We have been advised by NSW Transport that School student bus pass applications for 2020 open from Friday, 11 October 2019. Further information from NSW transport is below: Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued.

For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

SCHOOL ENEWS



Thank you to all families who have subscribed to School ENews. You should now be receiving this newsletter direct to your emails or direct to your mobile device. If you know of people who are not receiving the newsletter, please encourage them to contact the office to be signed up for ENews.

Remember that this is our main source of communication in an emergency along with our Facebook page.

Hawkesbury School Sports Association



Join our Hawkesbury area PSSA Facebook page for the latest information regarding event details, upcoming competition dates and results!

Search Hawkesbury PSSA on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest information!

Our Website also contains lots of useful information

<https://hawkesburypssa.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

HAWKESBURY HIGH SCHOOL



As we work in partnership with our local high school I wanted to share with you Hawkesbury High School's website which also gives you access to their newsletters.

Please take time to share the wonderful achievements and events of our partner school where many of our past students are now attending

<http://www.hawkesbury-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Please share and tell your friends. It is a great way to keep informed of school events, successes and achievements.

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- 1 Scrapbook – Term 1 Homework
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- 1 Library Bag
- USB – 8G – on a lanyard
- 1 Descant recorder (purchase from school)

Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

- 6 HB lead pencils
- 4 whiteboard markers
- 1 Eraser
- 1 enclosed sharpener
- Coloured pencils or roll-up crayons
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- A4 lined homework book
- 30cm wooden ruler
- Scissors
- 4 Glue Sticks (Bostik preferred)
- 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 roll paper towel
- 1 pack of wet wipes
- 1 Library Bag
- USB – 8G – on a lanyard
- Headphones in a cliplock bag - not ear buds
- 1 pack of wet wipes
- 1 scrapbook

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

- 30cm wooden ruler with cm and mm
- Eraser
- Macquarie Pocket Dictionary
- 4 Glue sticks (Bostik preferred)
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- 4 highlighters
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Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)

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School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

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Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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School Community Charter

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Inside The Lines
We Love Tennis

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Tennis Lessons!



- Suitable for all ages
- \$10 per Child per lesson
- Racquets available

Thursday's
7:50am
and
8:20am



If you are interested in Tennis lessons here at school, please call
Gavin on 4578 8999



Wentworth Healthcare, provider of the Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network are excited to announce Round 5 of the Well-Being Grants to Support Farming Communities. Grants are available between \$1,000 and \$50,000 for community-led initiatives that help support the mental health and well-being of drought affected communities. We welcome a variety of applications from a range of community groups and organisations. Applications close February 28, 2020.

Please also see attached flyer. You can read more about the grants [on our website](#).

LOWER PORTLAND FERRY

**Temporary
Closure from
1 October 2019
Approximately 12 weeks
Ramp reconstruction and overhaul**

**Alternate routes available
Sackville Ferry
Webbs Creek Ferry
or West Portland Road**



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