

# Freemans Reach Public School

## Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8

17 March 2020



### Upcoming Events

- 21 March Harmony Day
- 25 March NAPLAN Practice for Years 3 & 5
- 30 March Parent/Teacher/Carer Interviews all week
- 8 April P&C Meeting - 6:30pm

### POSTPONED

- Stage 1 Calmsley Hill Farm Excursion
- Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
- Premiers Debating Challenge

### CANCELLED

- Grandparents Day
- Easter Hat Parade
- Term 1 Spirit Morning Tea
- School ANZAC Service
- PSSA Sport Representative Days

### *From the Principal's Desk ...*

Freemans Reach Public School continues to place the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, as a priority. I have been very humbled, watching our students, staff and community respond with support and understanding to the COVID-19 pandemic around us. Whilst I am disappointed that several planned extra-curricular activities and whole school community events need to be postponed or cancelled, I thank you for the support and for accommodating the necessary changes to routines and term planning. We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and the Department of Education. I have sent out many updates for our community via our ENews app and on our Facebook page and will keep our community informed with any developments as they arise.

### COVID-19 UPDATE (summary from yesterday's ENews & Facebook posts).

Thank you for keeping your child at home if he/she is sick. The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount. If children are unwell with respiratory illness, they should remain at home until symptoms resolve and, where appropriate, seek advice from a medical practitioner (and call ahead first). In some cases, we will require a clearance certificate from your doctor before they can return to school. If a member of staff or a student shows signs of being unwell, they will be sent home. I sincerely thank the community for their support with this.

### Other strategies will include:

- Supervising hand sanitation, particularly for younger children
- Promoting cough and sneeze etiquette
- Encouraging hygiene rules e.g. to discourage touching face
- Introducing regular hand washing schedules throughout the school day
- Regularly checking soap dispensers are full in all bathroom facilities

### School Assemblies

From Monday 16 March 2020, we will not be holding formal, indoor school assemblies.

### School Excursions

**Stage 1 excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm** is postponed until further notice. In the event of it being cancelled, payment for that excursion will go into your "Fees In Advance" account to be used for another event.

**Stage 3 excursion to Bathurst** is postponed until further notice. In the event of it being cancelled, payment for that excursion will go into your "Fees In Advance" account to be used for another event.

**Premier's Debating Challenge** planned for 8 April, is postponed.

### Whole School Community Events

Our planned **Grandparent's Day** and **Easter Hat Parade** planned for 9 April, is cancelled. Purchasing/selling of raffle tickets has been suspended. If you have already purchased raffle tickets, our P&C will refund families. If you have donated any Easter eggs to the front office, you may come in to collect them. If they are not collected, we will organise a visit from the Easter Bunny to distribute to students on the last day of term. The P&C and I, thank you for supporting our school.

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Relieving Principal: Lisa McGrath

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Our Term One Spirit Morning Tea for students and their families, is postponed.

School ANZAC Day service - 8 April, is cancelled.

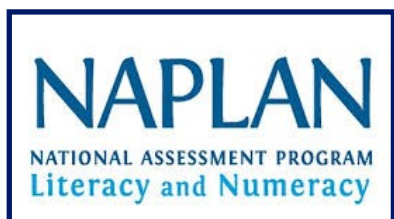
Allowah Day - 7 April, status is yet to be confirmed.

PSSA Sport representative days are all postponed, including the Sydney West Regional Swimming.

Harmony Day planned for Friday 20 March, is still going ahead. Students are encouraged to come in mufti orange (red or yellow) coloured clothes at no cost. Within classrooms, students will participate in Harmony Day activities.

### **2020 NAPLAN**

This year our school will be completing the NAPLAN assessments in the online format again. Teachers have been trained in its implementation and students will have the opportunity to complete some practice activities before the official assessment in May. We will be holding a trial session on Wednesday 25 March. This trial session is designed to test our systems, computers and the Department of Education's online platform. Actual online assessments will be of a practice nature and will not be assessed. Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the processes of logging on and entering required assessments and manipulating the online functions in order to answer the assessment questions.



### **AFL PAUL KELLY CUP**

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls who represented Freemans Reach PS last week in the Paul Kelly Cup. I was very excited to visit the teams in action! They demonstrated great teamwork and admirable sportsmanship qualities. Well done to the girls who won all of their games and made it to the finals on the day! Thank you to Mr Carroll and Ms Clair who accompanied and coached the teams on the day.

### **PARENT/CARER/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent/Teacher Interviews are planned for Monday, 30 March through to Friday, 3 April 2020. This is an opportunity for the teachers to discuss specific programs the student may be working on and how best this work can be consolidated at home. It may also give the parents and carers an opportunity to discuss any concerns they may have in regard to their child's progress and wellbeing. Parent and carers are reminded to return their preference slips to the teacher as soon as possible to secure their interview time from the class teacher. In the event that the school is deemed Non-Operational during the time of interviews, we will make arrangements to reschedule in Term 2.

### **CONTINUITY OF LEARNING**

In the event that our school should be made non-operational in the weeks ahead. We will keep families informed of any changes via ENews and Facebook. Teachers are planning for continuity of curriculum in the event that students are unable to attend school.

The teaching and learning will consist of:

- online learning overviews for each stage that will be posted on ENews and Facebook,
- non-digital (on paper) learning overviews,
- Literacy Planet set tasks,
- Mathletics set tasks,
- Paper booklets of Key Learning Area activities.
- Google Classroom, where students and teachers can communicate, post lessons and respond to feedback. Students can access their Google Classroom through their student portal or via their education email. For example **firstname.lastname@education.gov.au**
- Some of our families may not be familiar to this online learning platform so instructions for families will be posted on our ENews app and on Facebook.

More information can be found at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

Warm Regards,

Lisa McGrath  
Relieving Principal



### **HARMONY DAY**

This week our classes will spend time discussing what it means to live in harmony with one another. This includes celebrating and accepting each other's differences and uniqueness, forming positive relationships and including their peers in activities.

This has complemented our term's study on positive relationships and anti-bullying strategies. All classes have been engaging in a variety of lessons across the term on how to be a good friend, what to do when they are concerned about others and how to keep themselves safe in relationships. This Friday 20 March, students are able to wear orange to recognise this important day.



**KC** – Harper M, Bonnie S, Ethan B, Lachlan P

**1J** – Charlotte W, Hamish T, Jacob M, Eveline F

**2C** – Lockie M, Immogen T, Lily B, Adysen B

**3/4R** – Kane M, Lily W, Isabella T, Jordan F

**3/4L** – Chloe G, Cody J, Hunter R, Alexander B

**5/6A** – Kahlee A, Ava B, Corey E, Chelsea D

**5/6M** – Ethan G, Lucia B, Isaac V, Eliza F

## P&C NEWS

**Next meeting - Wednesday 8 April, at 6:30pm  
Staff Room – FRPS**

The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Freemans Reach Public School Parents and Citizens' Association was held last Wednesday 11 March.

We were very please to have a wonderful turn out to our meeting, with all positions filled.

- President - Kim Winston
- Vice President - Kirsty Martin
- Secretary - Tammy Micallef
- Treasurer - Jane Attard
- Contact Officer - Jade Testone

Congratulations to all elected members and the entire P&C and we look forward to a very productive year.

As a result of the Department of Education and NSW Health, we have had to cancel our end of term Grandparent's Day and Easter Hat Parade. We are still hoping to receive a special visit from the Easter Bunny to Freemans Reach PS!

## SCHOOL BANKING

**There will be no banking this week.**

**School Banking has temporarily  
close until further notice.**



## SCHOOL ENEWS - Our main source of communication



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.

## LEARNER DISPOSITIONS @ FREEMANS REACH

### **I am Open-Minded**

\*to getting new ideas

\*to listen to the ideas and opinions of others

### **I am a Risk Taker**

\*by trying new ways of doing things

\*by not being afraid to make mistakes

### **I am Patient and Persistent**

\*by putting time and thought into making my creations better

\*by not giving up when things go wrong

### **I am Flexible**

\*by looking at problems from different angles

\*by changing my plan if it doesn't work

### **I am Resourceful**

\*by thinking of clever ways to overcome difficulties and solve problems

\*by finding something else to use when I don't have what I need.

### **I am a Ubiquitous Learner**

\*I can think, create and learn anywhere, anyhow and anytime.

### **I am Reflective**

\*I think about my thinking

\*I think about my learning

\*I use feedback to improve

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# AFL Gala Day

On Tuesday 10 March 27 Year 5/6 students competed in the Paul Kelly Cup. The girls team went through to the final undefeated which showed how competitive the team was and how well they worked together. The boys team had some hard-fought contests and were in every game, highlighted by the fact that they would go out and win the second half in a number of games, which is a great credit to them. The girls team demonstrated great skill and tenacity as they won all of their games on the day. They qualified for the final, though not winning, played with heart. The level of teamwork displayed by both teams and the skills demonstrated, which they have been practising during the AFL sporting school's initiative, was of a high level. The school is very proud of their efforts and parents from other schools commented on the level of sportsmanship displayed by Freemans Reach students.

A big thank you to Mrs Clair for all your help on the day.  
Mr Carroll



As part of the Paul Kelly Cup Amy wins a Giants Scarf for being the fastest girl



Freemans Reach AFL team



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# Parents & Citizens Association

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## General Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
**Attendees & Apologies:** See sign in sheets  
**Chairperson:** Kim Winston  
**Minutes:** Tammy Micallef

- Meeting opened:** 6.30pm
- Minutes of previous meeting:** Accepted. MOVED: KW, SECONDED: TM
- Business Arising from previous meeting:** None
- Correspondence:** Accepted. MOVED: KW, SECONDED: TM CARRIED

| From                      | Description        | From                   | Description        |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| P&C Federation            | P&C Journal        | Australian Fundraising | Marketing Material |
| Crocodile Creek Shirts    | Marketing Material | Cadbury Fundraising    | Marketing Material |
| The Fundraising Directory | Marketing Material | Everything Glows       | Marketing Material |

- Business arising from correspondence:** None

**6. Motions Carried Between Meetings:**

MOTION: Purchase 365 Day Data Plan from Aldi Mobile for P&C Use \$95.00

MOVED: TM SECONDED: JS MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Purchase Aldi Sim Card \$5

MOVED: TM SECONDED: JV MOTION CARRIED

**7. Canteen Coordinators Report:** Nil Report

- Lisa thanked the canteen volunteers for moving to daily banking as requested by the schools auditors.
- Rebecca has been researching flavoured straws to use with plain milk, cost is roughly \$1 for straw and milk which is the same as our current milk supplies.  
MOTION: Trial flavoured milk straws this term and evaluate profits and popularity  
MOVED: RL SECONDED: JS CARRIED

**8. Fundraising Coordinator Report:** Nil Report

- Grandparent's day
  - All Notes for GP Day have been sent home and we are starting to see orders come through.
  - A reminder will be sent out over the next week on eNews & Facebook for donations
  - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April is wrapping day, if anyone is available please let Carmen know
  - Canteen will be open for counter sales only with Pies and Sausage roles being added to the menu.
  - Lisa's Son will be the Easter Bunny on the day
- Mother's day
  - Carmen has ordered all Mothers Day stock
  - Suggested price increase to sale price of gifts to be motioned at next meeting
  - Each class to come out 1 at a time, starting with senior classes. Seniors can grab younger siblings from their class to join them
  - Call for Volunteers, if you are available to help out on the day please let Carmen know

**9. Uniform Coordinator Report:** Accepted. MOVED: TM, SECONDED: KW CARRIED

- Revenue for period between meetings \$1,526
- Current Cost of Inventory: \$21,851.49 Current Retail Value: \$27,638
- New design surf/brim hats are still on back order due to significant delays this time of year from supplier, should arrive within next fortnight.
- Have only sold 15 Bomber Jackets this year
- In the process of updating costings in vend as they are appearing incorrectly.
- Uniform coordinators suggest reviewing prices over the next several months once a new supplier has been confirmed.

**10. Treasurer Report:** Nil Report

- All new office bearers to obtain an 8 digit Westpac number in order to access the bank account.
- New Executives to be added as signatories on accounts

MOTION: To make the following changes to Westpac banking on all account:

Remove: Trudy Gray, Mary Sultana, Nicole Testone

Add: Treasurer – Jane Attard Administrator & Approver, Kim Winston – Administrator & Senior Approver, Kirsty Martin – Senior Approver, Tamara Micallef – Senior Approver

MOVED: TG SECONDED: CH CARRIED

**11. Principals Report:** submitted thank you

**12. General Business:**

- District Cross Country will now be run through the school instead of the P&C, David Coordinating
- David has requested the use of P&C equipment, David to provide list to Kim for organising.

MOTION: School permitted use of P&C equipment

MOVED: DB SECONDED: KW CARRIED

- General Meetings have been set for the next committee period. MOVED: TG SECONDED: LM
  - 08/04/20
  - 13/05/20
  - 10/06/20
  - 12/08/20
  - 09/09/20
  - 14/10/20
  - 11/11/20
  - 09/12/20
  - 10/02/21
  - AGM 10/03/21
- Tammy has suggested we look into Active Kids / Creative Kids vouchers as a way to raise funds for the P&C. Additional research is required, Tammy to report back to P&C when she has more information.
- Year 6 Shirts – Have been ordered and should be available soon. Lisa to provide update if they have not arrived by the next meeting. Suggested that we order the shirts at the end of each year so students have them from the beginning of year 6.
- Tidy up P&C documentation, Tammy will be compiling & simplifying all documents and storing them centrally within OneDrive for everyone to access
- Tammy has suggested we start using our P&C Federation affiliate email address, to be investigated and motioned at next meeting.
- Feedback on P&C Handbook to be forwarded to Tammy for compiling and reviewing at next P&C meeting, including listing new Executives on front of handbook.

**Next Meeting will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Meeting closed: 8:30pm**



# Parents & Citizens Association

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## *Annual General Meeting Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020*

**MEETING OPENED:** 6:30pm  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Kirsty Martin  
**ATTENDEES & APOLOGIES:** See Sign In Sheet  
**MINUTES:** Trudy Gray

**1. Minutes of previous meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019: ACCEPTED**

MOVED: Rebecca Lippold      SECONDED: Kirsty Martin      MOTION: CARRIED

**2. Auditors Appointed for 2021: MTwo Partners \$385.00 inclusive**

MOVED: Trudy Gray      SECONDED: Kirsty Martin      MOTION: CARRIED

**3. Chairperson hands over to Returning Officer: Lisa McGrath, Principal**

### **All 2019 Positions are declared vacant**

**4. Nominations for Executive Committee**

**A. PRESIDENT      Nominated: Kim Winston**

By: Rebecca Lippold      Seconded: Jane Attard      MOTION: CARRIED

**B. VICE-PRESIDENT      Nominated: Kirsty Martin**

By: Jade Testone      Seconded: Rebecca Lippold      MOTION: CARRIED

**C. SECRETARY      Nominated: Tammy Micallef**

By: Jo Sullivan      Seconded: Jo Vassallo      MOTION: CARRIED

**D. TREASURER      Nominated: Jane Attard**

By: Kim Winston      Seconded: Tammy Micallef      MOTION: CARRIED

**E. CONTACT OFFICER      Nominated: Jade Testone**

By: Kirsty Martin      Seconded: Carmen Hili      MOTION: CARRIED

**F. UNIFORM SUB-COMMITTEE      Nominated: Tammy Micallef & Hayley Williams**

By: Tammy Micallef      Seconded: Rebecca Lippold      MOTION: CARRIED

**G. FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE      Nominated: Carmen Hili, Jo Sullivan, Lorelle Dombrowski**

By: Lisa McGrath      Seconded: Kirsty Martin      MOTION: CARRIED

**H. CANTEEN SUB-COMMITTEE      Nominated: Rebecca Lippold**

By: Lisa McGrath      Seconded: Tammy Micallef      MOTION: CARRIED

**5. Set Next Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 6:30pm**

**6. MEETING CLOSED: 6.45pm**

# Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

**1** Wet hands



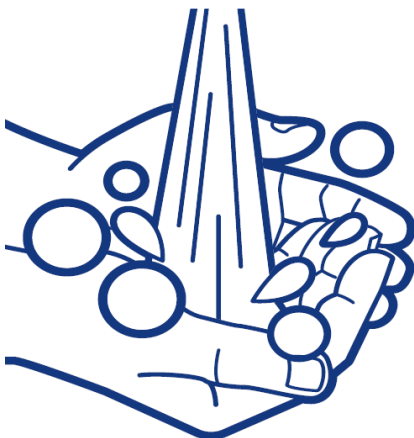
**2** Apply soap



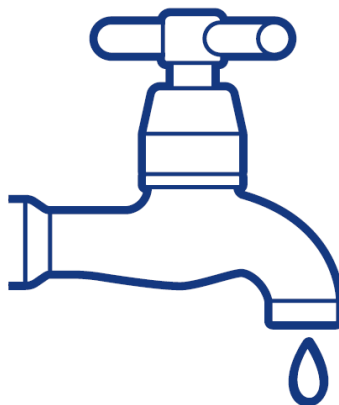
**3** Lather & scrub



**4** Rinse hands



**5** Turn off tap



**6** Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.

# Remote learning guidelines for students and parents



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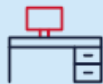


## Ask questions



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If you don't understand something, ask your teacher or classmates online.

## Workspace



.....  
Work in a quiet area, at a desk or table and try to limit distractions.

## Use classroom language



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Talking to your teachers and in class is different from how you speak to your friends online. Use proper grammar and avoid excessive emojis.

## Focus



.....  
During calls with your teacher, stay focused on the call. Avoid reading chats or looking at other tabs.

## Take breaks



.....  
Take breaks away from screen. Move around and try not to sit all day.

## Your normal routine



.....  
Eat breakfast, brush your teeth and get dressed in the morning.

# Some activities and ideas for home for parents of primary and early learners

Make or do a jigsaw puzzle



Try some origami

Create an obstacle course

Bake or cook something

Learn a magic trick

Paint or draw a picture



Make a joke book

Take photos of 10 living things



Build a blanket fort

Plan and hold a picnic

Make your own kite

Try a new board game



Play indoor mini-golf



Play Limbo

Write a letter to your future self

Potato sack race with pillow cases

Hold a tea-party



Make a time capsule

Hold a Karaoke concert



Play hide and seek

Open a pretend store

Blindfolded taste test

Look at photo albums

Have a paper plane contest



Play Pictionary

Play dress up



Play Restaurant

Try Yoga

Make a shoebox diorama

Learn a new card game



Put on a play

Make or play an instrument



Create a treasure hunt

Write or recite poem

Have a talent show

Make handmade presents

Choreograph a dance



Read a new book from the library

Play water bottle bowling

Play life-size Noughts and Crosses

Build the tallest tower



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# Transport for NSW provides students with **free** school travel

In return, we ask that you tap on and tap off every time when travelling on public transport to and from school.



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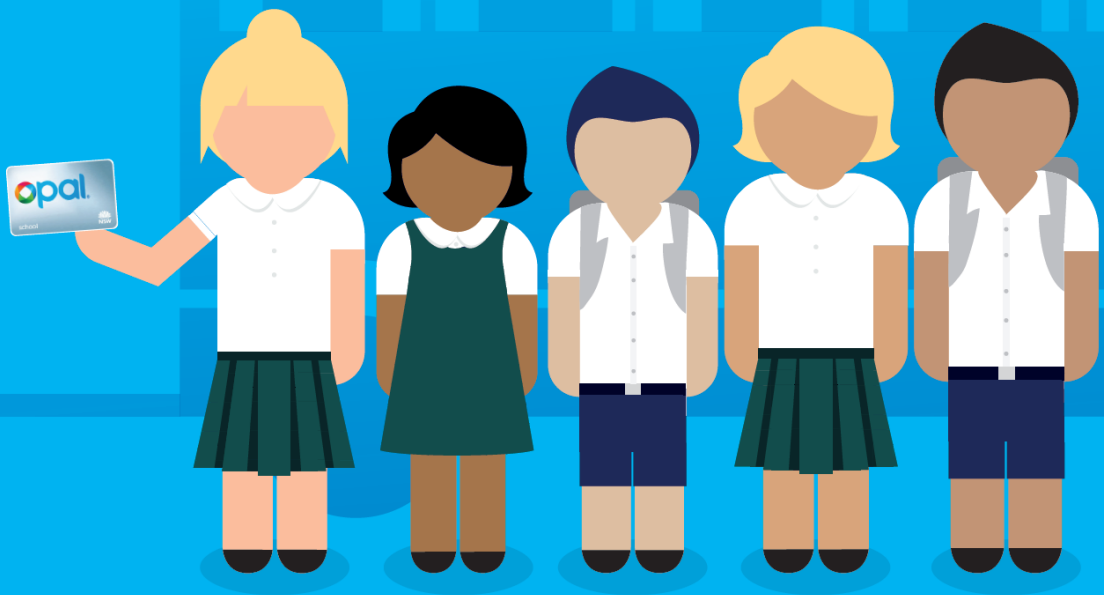
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because it tells us how many people are using the public transport service. This allows us to better plan buses and trains for you.



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