

North Fremantle Primary School

A Small School with Big Ideas



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2020 TERM 1 WEEK 2

Dear North Fremantle Community,

Thank you all for a great start to the school year. We have lots of plans for this year with exciting activities for everyone. The children have settled quickly into routines and friendships. Thank you to our parents and guardians who have sent the children along with their equipment and looking great in their school uniforms. Just a reminder to families that the uniform shop is fully stocked with uniform items endorsed by the NFPS Dress Code, which is attached for your information.

Including our new Kindergarten students, we had 36 new admissions to our school community this year giving us a starting total of 166 for the school year. We also welcomed some new staff to the team. Thank you to everyone for making these people feel welcome. Please refer to the table below for staff across the school.

Principal	Linda Chandler	
Deputy Principal	Pamela Wilmott	
Manager Corporate Services	Katy Elphinstone	
School Officer	Tia Marks	
Library Officer	Kerrin Downs	
Head Cleaner	Tony Rodrigues	
Gardener	Tony Gangemi and Moshi Sadiki	
School Psychologist	Natasha Rodgers	
Chaplain	Joyce Barrett (Wednesday)	
ROOM	YEAR LEVEL	CLASSROOM STAFF
1	Kindy	Lisa Miller
2	Pre-primary	Renay Knowles
3	Year 1	Lizzie Smith
4	Year 3	Sandy Chambers
5	Year 2/3	Monique Weinman
6	Year 4/5	Susie Grigson
7	Year 5/6	Carolynne Thomas
EDUCATION ASSISTANTS		
Early Childhood Team		Lidia Bruno, Laura Lelong, Liz Magry and Vicki Foote
Special Needs Team		Bec Grant, Rikke Durr Lindgren and Vicki Foote
SPECIALIST STAFF		
PE		Blair Riseborough
Language - French		Laura McIntosh (Madam McIntosh)
Music		Kelly Branch
Visual Arts		Margie Campbell – Victoria Wyatt (until Week 8, Term 1)

Unfortunately, following an accident during the holidays, Margie Campbell had knee surgery last week. She is doing well but unfortunately will not be back with us until the end of term. Ms Victoria Wyatt has stepped into this role and we thank her for taking on the Visual Arts program until Mrs Campbell returns.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 13 February

Leadership Speech Assembly Y3-6
Regis Visit Room 3

Friday 14 February

Garden Club 9am

Monday 17 February

Early Close 2.30pm

Wednesday 19 February

P&C AGM 6.30pm

Friday 21 February

Garden Club 9am
Welcome New Families
P&C Picnic 5.30pm

Monday 24 February

Early Close 2.30pm

Tuesday 25 February

Parent Information Meetings
(PP-Y6)

Wednesday 26 February

Kindergarten Parent
Information Meeting

Thursday 27 February

Assembly Room 5
Regis Visit Room 5
Magpie Café
School Board Meeting

Friday 28 February

Garden Club 9am



P&C PICNIC and AGM

We are looking forward to gathering our community on **Friday, 21st February** in the evening for our annual P&C Welcome Picnic. Please remember that this event is BYO everything and children remain in the care of their parents/caregivers throughout the evening. We appreciate and value the ongoing involvement and contribution of the parents and community members in the life of our school. Please remember our P&C AGM will be held on **Wednesday 19th February** at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone can be a member and there are sign-up sheets on the P&C notice board for anyone who would like to volunteer for an office bearing role. This is a great opportunity for people to be part of a great team who work together to support our school.

CHAPLAINCY

Over the past few years we have had a school chaplain that has only had an allocation of half a day to work with our school community. At the end of 2019 I applied to see if we could have a full day allocation but we were unsuccessful. After expressing our disappointment to YouthCare I had an unexpected telephone call in the last week of school saying that a local group had closed down and, whilst they usually donated to High School Chaplaincy, they wondered if there was a small school in the area in need. The decision was made that they would redirect these funds to North Fremantle Primary School to enable our chaplain, Joyce Barrett to be available for a full day for 2020. Joyce will be working at NFPS on a Wednesday and is available to talk with students, staff and parents via referral from classroom teachers, Mrs Wilmott or myself. Joyce's role is to be a listening ear, encouraging them to solve their conflicts and problems in the best way they can and so build their resilience and self-esteem and to also reinforce the school's values. Now that we have a full day, Joyce may also run targeted programs to support students across the school. Parents will be informed of these programs as they occur.

CONNECT

We have already had some parents come into the office for assistance with setting up Connect, which is fantastic. Please remember that this will be the main form of communication across the school community. We aim to keep our term planners as accurate as possible with updated copies being sent through Connect along with paper versions being available at the office. We will also endeavour to keep everyone informed and reminded through notices. Please make contact with the office if you have any questions or require support.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend our upcoming parent information meetings; Pre Primary to Year 6 on **Tuesday 25th February** and Kindergarten on **Wednesday 26th February**. We would ask that you please be punctual to the meetings and when collecting students as there is a tight time schedule so that most meetings can occur on the same day.

During these meetings teachers will present information about their teaching / learning program, class routines, expectations and school policies. These meetings are to provide an opportunity to meet the classroom teacher and learn general information about classroom routines and the school. Within the meeting format teachers will be unable to appropriately address issues specific to individual children, please make an alternative time with the teacher if required. I look forward to seeing those who are able to come to these meetings. In addition, if you would like to nominate to be the parent representative for your child's class to be a part of our Parent Liaison Group, please let your child's class teacher know.

AC/DC HIGHWAY TO HELL – Sunday 1st March

Highway to Hell is presented by Perth Festival in partnership with the City of Melville, City of Fremantle and Town of East Fremantle, and is supported by the State Government through Lotterywest and Tourism WA. It is a one-off event for 2020 which celebrates all things AC/DC through many different genres and ways. The North Fremantle Primary School Community is invited to be a part of this special event. Bon Scott attended North Fremantle Primary School so we thought it appropriate that our school featured singing 'School Days'. 'School Days' was originally written by Chuck Berry and sung by Bon Scott.

"In 1956, the family moved to Fremantle. Scott joined the associated Fremantle Scots Pipe Band, learning the drums. He attended North Fremantle Primary School and later John Curtin College of the Arts until he dropped out at the age of 15" from Wikipedia.

North Fremantle School Community will be singing in the "Rainbow Zone" (May Street, East Fremantle to the Rainbow between the bridges in Fremantle) somewhere between 5.00pm – 7.00pm with timing to be confirmed. Mrs Branch is teaching all the children the song and we would love as many families as possible (including adults) to join us for this special event. Save the date, Sunday 1st March, and stay tuned for further information via Connect.

Thank you for a great start to 2020!

Linda Chandler
Principal



SCHOOL NEWS

Attendance

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so that your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. This is why we strongly urge you not to go on family holidays during school time. Whilst it can be tempting to take advantage of discount offers for accommodation and flights, we strongly encourage you to organise holidays during school holiday periods to make sure that your child doesn't miss out on critical learning. If, however, you are considering taking a holiday during the school term for more than four days you will need to inform Linda Chandler, Principal, in writing. The School Education Act 1999 does not allow principals to give permission for families to take holidays during the school term.



Magpie Cafe

Parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, neighbours, friends and family of North Fremantle Primary School are invited to attend our Magpie Café on Thursday 27th February. Our Year 5 and 6 students will be serving tea, coffee and yummy food to raise funds to support the 2020 Camp. The café will officially open in the new undercover area after our School Assembly which will be hosted by Room 5, Year 2/3 students. We hope that you are able to join in and help raise funds



SPOTLIGHT ON . . . Classrooms

Room 1 Kindy Mrs Miller

Wow! What a great start the Kindergarten children have made to their school journey. It was a testing few days as the weather was so extreme but our littlies took it all in their stride. When the door opened at 8.45 last Tuesday morning there was a lot of nervous but excited smiles from the children, parents and teachers alike!

Ten minutes later the bells rang and goodbyes were being shared as the children made their way onto the mat to make a start to our day. First we had a 'tour' of Kindy with the help of the different coloured sheep from 'Where is the green sheep' and a story about meeting and making new friends at school. It was nice to know that everyone gets butterflies. The rest of the day followed amidst a flurry of painting, playdough, duplo, puzzles and collage gluing. Before we knew it the parents were back eager to hear all about our day. The children were just as keen to tell them about it too!

Mrs Magry, Mrs L and myself are looking forward to an exciting year. Our aim this term is to create and consolidate the routines within the classroom and begin to work together with you all in supporting your child to be the best they can be.

A big focus in our first weeks at Kindy is to develop the children's listening skills, so they are able to learn, take turns and focus on people when they are talking. We have been learning when we need to 'give five'. That is our legs are crossed, hands are still, ears are listening, eyes are watching and lips are zipped. We are getting really good at identifying "give me five" times.

This week we started our 'Friendly Schools Plus' program to help us understand and manage situations that may occur within our environment. Self-awareness skills help us to recognise and understand our feelings, while valuing our strengths and abilities. This week we helped to establish positive peer relationships by describing ourselves to the rest of the class, reading stories and singing songs about making friends. We will continue these kinds of activities throughout the year so stay tuned for more updates.



Room 2 Pre-Primary Mrs Renay Knowles

My name is Renay Knowles and this is the first year I have taught at North Fremantle Primary School. I am very excited to be a part of the school community and look forward to a wonderful year in Pre-primary. The children in Room 2 have had a fantastic start to the term, despite the heat, and did very well attending their first week of school full time. This term we are focusing on the theme of "All About Me" which will include learning about our family and their history, celebrations, how we have grown and what makes us special. The children did an amazing job with their self-portraits and I have enjoyed hearing about the fun activities undertaken over the summer holidays. As a class, we will continue to focus on our personal and social skills, interactions with others and expressing our needs, wants and feelings. As part of our science program we will be welcoming some tadpoles to our classroom and will observe and learn about the life cycle of frogs. The children have been excited to participate in Visual Art, Health and Physical Education, Music and French as part of their learning program. Mrs Magry, Mrs Bruno, Miss Vicki and I look forward to working with you all over the course of the year to support and nurture your child to reach their full potential. It's going to be a great year!



Room 3 Year 1 Miss Lizzie Smith

2020 has started with excitement and joy for the children and I. We welcome Cooper and Ms Vicki Foote into our class, they've both slotted in smoothly. In keeping with our whole school overview of 'Across the World', our topic this term is 'My Beautiful Neighbourhood'. It will be a cross curricular topic encompassing Health, History, Geography, Art and Science and Maths with lots of reading and writing too. I'm hoping to be able to go out on at least one local excursion; we do in fact have our first trip to Regis planned for this week. We are all excited to be continuing this valuable relationship within our greater school community. In these first few weeks we are working hard at establishing school and class routines. There have been some big adjustments for the children to make; joining the rest of the school for recess and lunch for shorter break times. Within the classroom, there has been the excitement of exploring new equipment and resources and beginning to learn how to use computers in the classroom. It's been a magnificent first week and I am looking forward to watching the children grow in skill and confidence as we share our learning journey.



Room 4 Year 3 Ms Sandy Chambers

Hello! For those who haven't yet met me, I'm Ms Sandy Chambers, one of the new arrivals to NFPS this year with the superb Year 3 class. This term we are focusing on developing our cooperative learning (learning together in teams), especially in our focus area of Geography. In Geography, we will be learning all about Australia, including looking at maps of Australia, significant landmarks, features, and towns. Our other focus area will be on persuasive writing. We will be practising developing opinions, understanding and discussing differences of opinion, and writing in a way that convinces the reader of our own opinion. Thank you for the very warm welcome to the school, and I'm looking forward to seeing the fantastic learning that the term and year brings



Room 5 Year 2/3 Miss Monique Weinman

We have had a wonderful first week together. It has been lovely getting to know the students in our class. We are very happy to welcome our three new students to Year 2 and everybody is settling in well.

Our first part of Term 1 will be forming relationships and developing consistent and structured routines. This will help the students feel comfortable following our class expectations and be able to focus their energy on learning. Many students have already earned BUGS for excellent behaviour.

This term Room 5 will be learning all about the continents of the world and having a detailed look at Australia. We will delve into some of the countries in Asia and research cultural events and customs. In Maths, our learning will be focused on Place Value of two and three digit numbers and becoming confident in ordering and comparing numbers. Students are practising how to count forwards and backwards beyond 100. Our Reading Rotations are beginning to take shape, with our first goal being finding an appropriate and engaging book. Students are identifying what and how they like to read, and our classroom is building a strong reading culture.

Our assembly item will be performed in the morning on Thursday 27th February. It will take place in the undercover area and children will need to be at school before 8.45am. More information will be posted on Connect closer to the date.



Room 6 Year 4/5 Mrs Grigson

Welcome to the new school year. Everyone seems happy and have settled well into Room 6 after some initial nerves of facing a new classroom, teacher and peer group. During all activities, students are encouraged to strive for their personal best. Learning tasks conducted across year levels can, at the beginning, seem a little challenging when working with people they may not have worked with before, navigating new routines and problem solving. However, they are developing and refining effective teamwork skills, turn taking, listening and speaking skills, and positive communications with their peers; I have been very impressed with the wonderful start we have all had. During Term One, Literacy activities will include: short novel studies, persuasive and narrative writing, homophones and speech marks. Maths concepts include place value, am and pm time, problem solving and place value in large numbers. During Chemical Science we are looking at the properties of materials and the 3 states of matter. HASS studies include first contact and world explorers; and Australian Colonies and the patterns of colonial development and settlement. Health lessons include building resilience and persistence, using our new wellbeing program: Friendly Schools Plus to respond positively to everyday challenges and learning strategies that promote a safe and healthy lifestyle. As always, please contact me before or after school, or through email if you have any queries. I look forward to a rewarding year with your children as they navigate their learning journey.

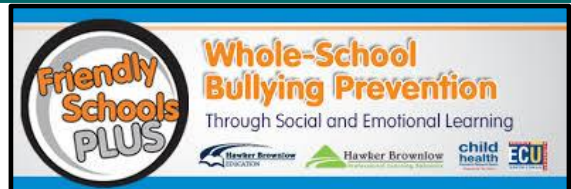


Room 7 Year 5/6 Mrs Carolynne Thomas

What a great start to the school year Room 7 has had. The Year Sixes have been busily writing their Leadership speeches which they will present to staff, parents and students from Year 3 on Thursday morning. It also took some time but the Year 6 students have voted, revoted and revoted again to get a majority of 2 votes for the colour Azure for their Leadership jumpers. The Year Fives have been hard at work critiquing the Year 6 speeches; playing a valuable role as support and advisors. We have been focusing on Democracy and the voting system in Australia during HASS Civics & Citizenship sessions. This will culminate in the Australian Electoral Commission coming to North Fremantle Primary to set up Polling Booths for the Leadership election this week. This will provide a firsthand experience on how the election system works in Australia.

Next, we are focusing on the Curriculum learning about the immigration process and will be visited by the RED Cross, presenting 'In Search of Safety', an interactive incursion to build awareness and understanding about people impacted by migration. The program aims to improve critical thinking skills and develop empathy while challenging the common misunderstandings around the movement of people in our world.

To further develop Science, Design Technologies and HASS we will be learning about the impact of the current bushfires occurring both in Australia and overseas. Our Design Technologies project will be based on analysing different materials and using the most appropriate to make bat wraps to send to native animal agencies to rehabilitate bats injured during the bushfires. Within this learning we are continuing to develop Literacy skills with an emphasis on narrative and persuasive texts. As a whole school we are implementing the Friendly Schools Plus focusing on student relationships and safety including cyber-safety.



Mathematics Blocks will be challenging students to engage with and understand larger numbers and to further develop students problem-solving skills. This includes selecting and applying efficient mental and written strategies and appropriate digital technologies to solve problems involving all four operations with whole numbers.

With a very full curriculum, we will also be hosting the annual Magpie Café in Week 4 to raise funds for the Year 5/6 camp to be held at Bickley Camp School in Week 7. With all this and more ahead it is going to make for a highly memorable Term 1.



Languages - French Madam McIntosh

Bonjour et enchanté! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few days teaching French at North Fremantle and I already feel very much at home. My name is Madame McIntosh and I will be teaching French from PP to Year 6 on Thursdays and Fridays. I am originally from England, where I completed a four year Combined Honours degree in French and Spanish. Following this, I graduated as a primary teacher with a Postgraduate Degree of Education, specialising in French. Since then I have taught both in the UK and here in Perth, where I now live with my husband and two children. I am looking forward to an exciting and fun learning journey with your children.



North Freo Primary P & C welcomes you back!

P&C Annual General Meeting - next Wednesday 19 February in the Staff Room at 6.30pm

North Freo Primary P&C welcomes all parents and carers to our first meeting of the year. Come along and find out a bit about what we do. During the year the P&C runs heaps of fun events for the kids like Tuckshops, the Disco, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day breakfast, and lots more. We also raise money to help the school to make playground improvements and other things that add fun to your kids' lives at school. Nomination Posters are on display at the school if you are interested helping us in a role on the Committee. The meeting on Wednesday will run for less than an hour, free babysitting is provided by YMCA, and wine and nibbles will be provided at the meeting. Come along and connect with your community.

Welcome Picnic – 5.30pm Friday 21 February

The P&C present the annual Welcome Picnic next week on Friday 21 February on the lawns at the front of the school from 5.30pm. Bring your own everything for the picnic. This is your chance to enjoy your picnic feast, watch your kids free play with all their friends as evening falls, and chat with families and teachers in a relaxed setting. A lovely way to start the year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tennis Lessons

North Fremantle Primary School TERM 1 TENNIS LESSONS

- Orange Ball (Year 4-6) - Wednesday 7:40-8:40am
- Red Ball + FMS (PP-Year 3) - Thursday 7:55-8:40am
- \$100/child
- Free Saturday Match Plan invitation
- Free 30-minute introductory lesson*

* New clients only

The start date for tennis lessons is Wednesday 12 February and Thursday 13 February and the program runs for 8 weeks. For further information visit www.primetennis.com.au or email admin@primetennis.com.au



Red imported fire ants (RIFA)

A flyer was sent home recently providing information about the red imported fire ants. Everyone in the Fremantle area are being asked to keep an eye out and report any new or suspicious ants via the MyPestGuide™ Reporter app or online at mypestguide.agric.wa.gov.au, or contact their Pest and Disease Information Services on 9368 3080; padis@agricdpird.wa.gov.au.



YMCA

THE Y WELCOMES YOU ALL BACK!



Great to see all the children smiling, fresh and so much taller!!!!

You must have been watering them lots!!

We hope you have had a very enjoy-able break with your families and

Ready for a fun-filled and exciting year

with The Y.

We welcome your input into our experiences.

We also are always on the lookout for recycled materials and ideas for cooking, activities & experiences. Both programs offer a daily plan of activities that are play-based, child-centred and inclusive experiences, focusing on the developmental, social and recreational needs of all the children. Please come in and see us, drop us a line, have a chat, or send an email.

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