

North Fremantle Primary School

A Small School with Big Ideas



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2022 TERM 3 WEEK 4

Dear North Fremantle Community,

Congratulations to the students who represented NFPS at our recent Interschool Cross County. As Mrs Wilmott wrote in the Connect notice, we were very proud of the way in which all the students demonstrated persistence, resilience, and the great team encouragement of their fellow students. Thank you to all of the people who made the day possible including our school staff, particularly Mrs Rosser, Mrs Duffy and Mrs Wilmott, student leaders who were helpers on the day, and of course our students and their families.

Throughout this term our students are all working together learning the different events that will feature in our school and interschool athletics carnivals later this term. It would be wonderful if families could support our students by helping them to practise their throwing and catching skills and encouraging their passion for athletics.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

It was a wild and wet day on Monday but that didn't stop our families from coming to participate in our Three Way Conferences. Thank you to everyone who supported our students to celebrate achievements and work together to set goals. North Fremantle Primary School has now been hosting Three Way Conferences for six years. Each year I have been impressed with the student's growth and ability to articulate their goals. Please remember to review and celebrate the goals and actions that everyone has committed to make. I look forward to hearing celebration stories



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15 August

Play and Learn
(Kindy 2023)
Early Close: 2:30pm

Thursday 18 August

World of Maths

Friday 19 August

P&C Disco



Monday 22 August

Early Close: 2:30pm

Tuesday 23 August

Book Week Dress Up

Thursday 25 August

Great Book Exchange

Friday 26 August

Spelling Bee Grand Final

Monday 29 August

Early Close: 2:30pm

Friday 02 September

P&C Family Breakfast
(Father's Day)

Monday 05 September

Early Close: 2:30pm

Friday 09 September

P&C Informal Meeting
3:15pm
(Outdoor classroom at the
back of school)



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Throughout the year there are many special events and days that we celebrate. In the next couple of weeks, we will celebrate another two of our curriculum areas. Two such great opportunities to celebrate and encourage a passion for learning.

Next week is **Science Week**. The theme for 2022 is **Glass: More than meets the eye**. Students will be participating in a range of activities in their classrooms; all related to sight and glass. Classes will have an opportunity to share their learning with a buddy class as students move around the school on Monday afternoon, 13th August. You may like to question your child/children on this day to hear about the different ways that our classes have celebrated science.



As I mentioned in the newsletter last week we will be celebrating **Book Week** during Week 6. On Tuesday 23rd August we will have our annual **Book Parade** and Thursday 25th August we will host **The Great Book Exchange**. You can read more about these events in this newsletter and via the Connect notices that will be sent out very soon. The theme for 2022 is 'Dreaming With Your Eyes Open!'. I have already created my costume for 2022 and can't wait to see what others create for this occasion.



While we celebrate Book Week Mr Adams will also be hosting our annual **Spelling Bee** challenge. At recess times students are invited to participate in year level challenges leading up to our Spelling Bee Grand Final which will occur on Friday 26th August. I look forward to more students having the privilege of wearing a special bee pin as they embrace this challenge.



Celebrating learning does not stop there In Week 7 we will continue with our Mathematics focus as World of Maths visits our school ... In Week 8 we have more athletics ... the fun continues. In between these school events our P&C has already begun advertising the Disco and will soon be sending out information for our P&C Family Breakfast to celebrate Father's Day. Thank you to our amazing staff and community who go above and beyond organising these special events for our students. Stay tuned to Connect notices for information, forms, booking links etc.



OPEN DAY

Please remember to mark **Saturday 5th November, 3.00 – 5.00pm** in your diary for our Annual School Open Day. There will be many opportunities for our whole school community to be involved in for this event as we celebrate with NFPS community members, past, present and future!!!

Don't forget, to support all students and staff to keep as fit and well as possible to attend school, if your child/ren are unwell, please remember to keep them at home and notify us via a phone call, email or use Connect if there is an illness.

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2023?

Thank you to families who have returned their 'Where will you be in 2023?' forms. If your circumstances change or you see new families in our neighbourhood who are looking to enrol for 2023 please make contact with our school office on 9432 1300 or northfremantle.ps@educaton.wa.edu.au so that we can keep on track with our predicted student numbers and class grouping for 2023. Acceptance of enrolment letters have been sent to our new Kindergarten students and our Pre Primary students for 2023 have begun their re-enrolment process. Thank you to everyone for your support promoting our small school with big ideas!

In newsletters throughout the year each class will have the opportunity to share their educational journey with the school community. In this fortnight's edition of the newsletter we will shine the spotlight on Room 7. Our Year 5/6 students have been working hard with Mr Adams; we hope that you enjoy reading about their experiences.

Thank you for your ongoing support of North Fremantle Primary School.

Linda Chandler
Principal



Room 7 Mr Adams

It was lovely to see so many parents at the 3 Way Conferences this week. As our class is burgeoning along to 33 students now, it was not possible to meet with everyone, so if anyone missed out or was unable to make it you can arrange a time after school in the weeks ahead.

We have welcomed our two new students this term and welcomed back another who left Room 7 earlier in the year. After camp, the students have settled back into our usual routines. A lot of the camp activities were focused on team building and creative thinking. I have decided that we will be continuing some of these activities as part of our Health curriculum over the next few weeks, hopefully helping our new students to connect with the class and foster positive relationships in general.

Another few things I'd direct parents to are:

- Please check diaries each Thursday and return on Friday for me to sign.
- Yes, there is homework (see note above)
- Many students are starting to wear clothes — jackets especially — that are not our school uniform. I very much encourage students to wear school dress, especially while on school grounds.
- If you want to check up you child's results, in their Connect classrooms there are Marksbooks (visible in the left hand margin). Maths and English especially, I record results here upon completion of tasks. It will provide you with scores as well as position their result relative to the rest of the class.

Finally, thank you very much for everyone's diligence with regards to keeping children home when they are sick. While many students have had Covid, it hasn't really broken out in the class and I haven't picked it up, for which I'm very grateful.



Book Week Dress Up Parade – Tuesday 23th August

North Fremantle Primary School will be turned into a magical world of famous book characters on Tuesday, 23rd August. All students, teachers and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book they have read.

The theme for 2022 is *Dreaming with eyes open...* Reading gives us the opportunity to escape into other worlds, look into places we can only dream of and explore our imagination...the list goes on. Our school library has the shortlisted CBCA book covers on display. If you are stuck for ideas please visit <https://cbca.org.au/cbca-childrens-book-week>. I know many students will start creating their own costumes very soon!

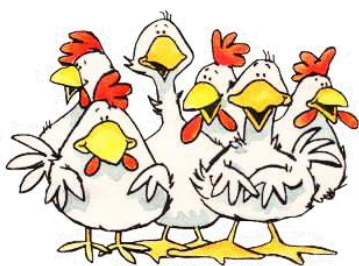


Book Week Exchange – Thursday 25th August

North Fremantle Primary will hold a book exchange on Thursday 25th October to raise funds for our library. This book exchange will be in celebration of the 2022 Book Week and to encourage a lifelong passion for reading! We are asking for donations of as many children's books as possible to help facilitate our exchange. Drop your children's book donations to the office. Students will be asked to bring a gold coin on Thursday 25th and each will be able to choose a donated book to take home. All funds raised will help our library purchase new and exciting books.



Foster a Flock – Looking for Volunteers!



A way in which your family may engage with the school is by fostering our flock of chickens. We love having our chickens at the school but require your support to help care for them.

When the students are at school they assist with daily care but we need families to oversee the care of our chickens and help keep their coop clean. This commitment may take as little as half an hour each weekend, and a five minutes check-in mid-week. During the school holidays it would be great if two families worked together sharing the responsibility.

In the office or outdoor notice board is a sign-up sheet asking for families to commit to a month of care. We are looking for volunteers over July, August and September. Members of the P&C are available for support and will let you know how to care for our chickens. Please come in, email northfremantle.ps@education.wa.edu.au or call the office on 9432 1300 to sign up for your family to foster a flock for a month:



Interschool Cross Country 2022

Students from Years 3 to 6 proudly represented the school in the Interschool Cross Country on Thursday 4th August, demonstrating persistence, resilience, and the great team encouragement of their fellow students that North Fremantle is renowned for. The six schools comprising our sporting network participated, with North Fremantle placing fourth overall; a great result as there were only 5 points the difference between the schools placing third, fourth and fifth.



Congratulations to Neri and Olli who were awarded champion girl and boy overall. Thank you to all of the people who made the day possible including our school staff, particularly Mrs Rosser and Mrs Duffy, student leaders who were helpers on the day, and of course our students and their families.



SCHOOL NEWS

Fire Truck Visit at NFPS

We had an incursion from Fremantle Fire Station. The firefighters brought their fire truck and our Year 3 students spent time learning about the day in the life of a fire fighter, home fire safety and even had a go blasting the fire hose. This incursion went through a few key learning points.

- 1 metre from the heater (all objects including toys, clothes and people) need to be one metre away from the heater at all times to avoid fire danger. We will be using this rule with our classroom heater too.
- Have a fire evacuation plan for each house you live at. (A template was sent home today and we talked about how to create a fire safe evacuation plan - if you could create one and run through the evacuation drill that will put students' minds at ease).
- Charge devices on solid non flammable surfaces and store them away from beds and bedding at night. (Students are encouraged to give devices - ipads, switches and phones - to parents for safe storage and charging overnight.)
- Check power outlets for safe electrical use. Unplug and turn off electrical appliances when not in use.
- Identifying safe fires and unsafe fires (stove tops and contained heater fires can be safe if used with adult guidance).

This was a very informative and valuable learning experience for our class. We also practised the fire drill for school today. Sometimes conversations about emergencies can be unsettling for students - please be aware numerous questions about "what if..." came up and some related to their own homes - it would be wonderful if you could talk through these scenarios to answer questions I couldn't.



COMMUNITY NEWS

VacSwim Swimming Lessons

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Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

VacSwim offers fun lessons at pool locations across WA. Not only is VacSwim a great school holiday activity, it also teaches valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Your children can start as young as five years old.

Places are limited, so get in early. Enrol your children in VacSwim now at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

