From the Principal's Desk

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to all students, families and staff after what I hope has been a wonderful break. A special welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year.

As we start 2016 our school enters a new phase. Our community is growing and we welcome in for the first time our Year 7 Secondary school students. We also have new students who have joined us in the Kindy class, as well as a number of students who have joined us in the Primary School for the first time. To each of them we say a very warm welcome; and we are excited to have you join us in the body of FCC.

We are also part of God’s body. We come together to share a part of our lives, to learn how to read and write, to make friends, to build a great school. The teaching staff, the students, your parents and the families and the local community all come together to work towards a great result. We call that being a community.

The bible tells us that “each one of us is part of the body of Christ, and that we were chosen to live together in peace” Col 3:15.

In Psalm 133:1 it says “How wonderful it is, how pleasant for Gods people to live together in harmony”
SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

The Secondary School opened with its 19 foundation students and the year has got off to a great start. It was very exciting to bring both the Primary and the Secondary students together on the first day. The occasion was marked by a Commencement Ceremony with each foundation student receiving a certificate to mark this day. There will be a formal commissioning of the Secondary School in Term 2 when we move into the new classrooms.

As well as the core subjects of Maths, English, HASS and Science the students have started lessons in Indonesian, Music and Art as well as Marine Science and Physical Education. For Extended Form in week one the class picked vegetables from our Sustainable Garden and made their own bruschetta toast.

SECONDARY SCHOOL INTERVIEWS FOR 2017

As we start planning for our 2017 intake of secondary school students, I have started interviewing prospective students and their parents. If you are considering sending your child to FCC Secondary School in 2017, can I request that you contact the office for an appointment.

MEET THE STAFF

(Front Row) Mr Nathan Hollett, Mrs Sarah McCarthy, Mrs Dale Milliken, Principal Mr Michael Ashton, Mrs Suzanne Jong, Mrs Elisa Wintermann, Miss Gracia Soh.

(Back Row) Mrs Brenda Au, Ms Corinne Handasyde, Mrs Robyn Flemming, Mr Kevin Black, Mrs Alex Pietrariu, Mr Andrew Price, Mrs Pamela Dods, Mrs Susana Leal, Mrs Amy Lew, Mrs Francesca Surijata, Miss Yeap, Mrs Serene Chong.

We start the year with a significant number of new staff as we continue to grow our school.

Primary School:
Miss Soh         Year 5-6 Teacher
Mrs Leal        Year 3-4 Teacher

Secondary school:
Mr Black         Core subject teacher
Mrs McCarthy     English, Visual Arts and 2 days of Admin
Mrs Surijata    Indonesian
Mr Hollett     Music
Mr Price        Christian Education

Chaplaincy and Youth Workers
Mrs Wintermann   Chaplain
Miss Yeap and Mr Gray Youth workers

We welcome these teachers into the school and we are excited as they bring with them a diverse range of skills and passions which will enhance the quality of education we offer at FCC.

Over the next few editions of our Newsletter our Year 5 & 6 students will be interviewing these staff and we will publish their interviews.

Mrs. Leal

Mrs. Leal is a new teacher at Fremantle Christian College. She teaches Year 3/4.

We interviewed a few Year 3/4 students about Mrs. Leal. This is what they said.

One of her students Sienna Ejiguwren, said that she is a very nice teacher. Sienna mentioned that one of the things she likes most about Mrs. Leal is that she doesn’t shout.

Another of her students, Jacob Busby, said that she is best at teaching Math because she makes it fun by making Math problems into games.

We also asked Ayla Jan, and she said that Mrs. Leal is very organised because she always has her lessons planned for the day.

Additionally, we asked Mrs. Leal some questions about herself, and this is what she said.

Mrs. Leal said that English was her favorite subject to teach because you get to improve your writing and talking. Mrs. Leal is from Central America. She loves teaching her students because she gets see how eager they are to learn.

Written by Sierra Ralph and Emily McDonald.
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Hello Everyone,
I am excited to join the Fremantle Christian College community this year in the role of chaplain alongside Nathan (or Mr Nathan as the students call him). My aim this term is to get to know those who are a part of this great community; staff, students and their families. So once you have figured out who I am, please don’t be shy to come and say hi! My part of the chaplaincy will be to offer and provide pastoral support when needed, particularly by students. I see each child and young person as special, created by God, and worthy of love, for this is how our Father in heaven looks upon them as well. When each of us are confident of this truth, we receive freedom to be ourselves and will try our best in everything!
In practical terms, I am at the school Tuesday's and Thursday's after 11.30am, and available to support Fremantle Christian College Primary and Secondary school.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet you soon.
Elisa.
(Mrs Wintermann)

CLUBS

There will be 4 clubs operating this term on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30pm:
Dance Club
Science Club
Knitting Club
Cooking Club

BREAD

Every Tuesday we receive a delivery of bread which we distribute to the FCC community. Please feel free to help yourselves.

BUSY BEE

In January a group of wonder parents came down to the school and set about cleaning, scrubbing, polishing and tidying our school. Apart from this being a good time when the community came together it also makes a huge difference to the physical appearance of the school. A big thank you to all those who helped!
IMPORTANT REMINDER:
SCHOOL TIMES – Drop offs and Pick ups
There are a growing number of students who are being dropped off very early in the morning and collected very late in the afternoon. We would appreciate it if you do not drop off your child before 8.15 am and if you could pick up your child at the end of the day by 3.30 pm.

If you are struggling to meet these times there are a number of Day Care Centers in the area who could assist you.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS

Our early morning tennis program has kicked off and is available to any student. Please contact the office to enroll your child.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DADS AND KIDS CAMP

On Friday 11 March we will be holding our Dads and Kids Camp. The purpose of this activity is to:

- Grow relationships between Dad’s and their kids by providing a fun experience for them to share together
- Grow community between dads so they can be a support to one another

Families will arrive at school around 5.00pm, set up tents around the school premises, cook a meal and share in some activities and then hopefully get some sleep! The following morning there will be a cooked breakfast followed by some great input for dads. This is an opportunity to spend quality time with your children.

More details will follow but we would love to have all dads involved in this event.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Scheduled for Friday 4th March. More details to follow.

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Scheduled for Monday 21st March. More details to follow.

FEES
If you have any queries or concerns about your fees or related issues, please contact Amy Lew via the reception:
Wed - Fri, or email finance@fremantlecc.wa.edu.au