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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings to parents, students, staff and community members, welcome to the commencement of another exciting school year! I would like to formally welcome Kate Toop, Jenny Davis, Jenny Hegney, Sam Bell, Dillon Mason, Heidi Virgin, Jayde Brown and Amanda Horan, I trust that you have a rewarding 2018!

We have started the year with 732 students (K – 6), which is very close to the prediction provided to the department for initial planning in August. We have 4 kindergarten classes, 4 pre primary classes and 22 classes from year 1-6. Our class numbers across the school are reasonably high and several out of boundary applications for enrolment have been refused.

We have had many new families move into our area and I would like to welcome them to our school community. On Tuesday 27th February, we will be holding a Welcome Parent Afternoon Tea in the Kindy area, commencing at 3.15pm to welcome new families. I look forward to meeting many of our new families during this afternoon, and wish you the best for your educational journey with us. Invitation to the afternoon tea will be out shortly.

Thank You. Over the holidays gardening and cleaning staff have worked hard to ensure that staff and students come back to a clean and green school. It is amazing how Sandra Hillson and John Hamill, our hard working gardeners have managed to get the surrounds looking so good so quickly! Also to Debbie Baptist, Nyoman Foster, Lloyd Solver and Diane Ray our hardworking cleaners who ensured that classes and surrounds were clean and ready for staff to prepare their rooms before students arrived back – THANK YOU. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the office staff Donna Caniglia, Carol McLagan and Sue Gross who worked prior to the commencement of the school being open to ensure that all beginning of the year processes were carried out. This led to an extremely smooth start to the year!

Parent / Teacher Class Meetings: All teachers are in the process of holding their Parent Information sessions. The purpose of these meetings is to outline to parents the teaching and learning programs planned, together with organizational structures to be used in the room. Teachers will discuss Curriculum, Behaviour Management, Homework, Communication and other day to day operations of the class. These meetings are not designed to allow time for parent/teacher interviews, however these could be scheduled at a later date. Staff have been asked to plan for a meeting to accommodate as many parents as possible and all parents are encouraged to attend where possible. Your child's classroom teacher will communicate the time and date of these meetings.

Before and After School: Our school's policy is that students should not be arriving prior to 8.30am as adequate teacher supervision cannot be guaranteed. Students who do arrive early are directed to the Undercover Area where supervision will be provided from 8.00am. Prior to this time, there may be no-one to supervise children. When Parents are accompanying children during this time, they too, are asked to assemble in the Undercover Area, and not outside classrooms. From 8.30am, all gates will be opened and class teachers will be in their room, ready to assume Duty of Care for their students. Parent support is required as the safety of your children is extremely important to us. When children arrive at school (after 8.30am) they should go directly to their classroom. The 8.30am - 8.45am period is used for children to prepare for the morning lessons. Outside play is not permitted during this time. At the end of the school day, children should not remain at school after being dismissed nor play on the equipment as, again, adequate teacher supervision cannot be guaranteed. Camp Australia offers a before and after school service here at Forest Crescent. Parents can register online at: www.campaaustralia.com.au or phone Louise, Camp Australia Coordinator on 0422 578 313.

Upcoming Events

- Room 8 Class Mtg 2.30pm—13 Feb
- Staff Meeting 3.15pm—13 Feb
- P&C Mtg—13 Feb
- RM 10 Class Mtg 8am—14 Feb
- RM 26 Class Mtg 8am—14 Feb
- RM 7 Class Mtg 2.30pm—14 Feb
- RM 14 Class Mtg 2.15pm—14 Feb
- Captains Morning Tea—15 Feb
- RM 4 Class Mtg 8.45am—16 Feb
- RM 21 Class Mtg 10am—16 Feb
- RM 12 & 13 Class Mtg 12.30pm—16 Feb
- Zero Waste Week—Week 4
- Captain's Leadership—19 Feb
- Travel Smart Tuesday Begins—20 Feb
- Board Mtg 7.15pm—21 Feb



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Attendance: Regular attendance at school is fundamental to your child's social and academic learning. In Semester 2 2017, we had 77% of our students (498 students) who attended school greater than 90% of the time which is great, however we also had 19% of students (121 students) who attended less than 90% with 28 of our students identified as being "at moderate to severe risk" due to absences from school. As parents, or legal guardians of an enrolled child, you are responsible under the School Education Act 1999 to ensure the attendance of your child at school every day. It is important to assist your child's achievement and learning by making regular school attendance a priority in your child's life. The Department of Education's Student Attendance policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school principal for any absence of their children. Principals must authorise all absences. The Act defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as "authorised" by the principal. Families who are taking family holidays during school term should also write to the Principal with the length of intended absence. Family holidays during term time cannot be authorised by the Principal and will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. I will be reviewing absences at the end of each term to reward those students who have 100% attendance.

School Parking and Traffic: Safety around schools remains a high priority for the City of Gosnells Ranger Services. To bring about long term changes to parking and traffic behaviour among school communities, effort between schools, parent communities and the City to educate and monitor driver behaviour will have a greater benefit. As part of its ongoing commitment to the school community, the City's Rangers will inspect every school at the commencement of each term to ensure the correct parking signage is in place and determine its priority level with regards to parking issues and driver behaviour. Schools that are determined as a high level of importance will be given priority for Ranger attendance. Rangers at the City of Gosnells use the City's *Parking Local Law 2012* to ensure parking remains safe, lawful and allows traffic to flow. Don't risk a fine for parking illegally around the school – many parking infringements are \$100. If you can't find anywhere around the school, consider parking further away and walk the rest of the distance. Better still, if it's possible, leave the car at home and walk or cycle to school to improve your health and reduce congestion on the roads.

School Bike Racks: It is wonderful to see so many students who ride, scoot or walk to school. As a sustainable school the less car trips we have, the less our carbon footprint, and the less traffic congestion we have before and after school. Just a reminder that bikes in the bike racks should be locked, as even though we lock the gates after 9.00am, there are still opportunities for someone from off site to steal a bike (this happened this week!)

P&C : Tonight, our P&C will be holding its AGM, commencing at 7.00pm in the staffroom and all parents are welcome. Please refer to the information attached to today's newsletter for further information about our P&C.

I would like to thank everyone in the Forest Crescent School Community for such a wonderful star to the year. I look forward to working with you again in 2018, to continue the educational journey.

Regards
 Andrew Holmes

Chaplains Chat

Welcome to New Year filled with new hopes, dreams, and opportunities. I have been at Forest Crescent since 2012. My role at the school is to provide pastoral support for students, parents and staff. I am available on Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Appointments can be made by phoning the school, leaving a message with the Carol or Sue in the office or email Louisep@youthcare.org.au Students can be referred through their class teacher, admin team or a parent. They can also make their own appointments at the front desk or drop into my office at recess or lunch. If I have concerns about a student I will notify the class teacher or their parent.



Travel Smart Tuesdays start next Tuesday. Walk, ride or scoot to school every Tuesday and see Ms Davies in the undercover area to get a star card. Prizes for every 10 stars you collect!

Bike Week – March 19-23 – more details coming soon!





School Parking 2018

Welcome to another fantastic year of all things 'sustainable' at Forest Crescent Primary School. My name is Tanya Smith and I am the Sustainability Coordinator. You can find me in room 25 on Mondays to Thursdays.

You may be wondering what is meant by sustainability education. Sustainability education is futures-oriented, focusing on protecting our environments and creating a more ecologically and socially just world through informed action. Actions to improve sustainability are individual and collective efforts, shared across local and global communities. At our school, we aim:

- to reduce our ecological footprint (negative impact) in the areas of water, energy, air, plant and animal biodiversity and waste.
- to increase our social handprint (positive impact) in the areas of indigenous cultures, cultural diversity, community partnership, built environments and student and staff wellbeing.



Several of our programs have started up already including the worm farms, paper recycling and recycling of our recess/lunch waste where possible.

Next week sees the start of the Waste-free Wednesdays and Travelsmart Tuesdays programs. Our first whole school zero-waste lunchbox challenge will run from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February.

Safety around schools remains a high priority for the City of Gosnells Ranger Services and Forest Crescent Primary School. To bring about long term changes to parking behaviour among school communities, a combined effort between schools, parent communities and the City to educate and monitor driver behaviour will have a greater benefit.

Parking around schools—did you know?

It is an offence to park on a footpath. Blocking pathways gives pedestrians little choice but to walk on or near the road, increasing the risk of an accident. If you are parking near a school please consider the safety of children.

Parking on private property or a verge opposite the private property is unlawful unless the property owner has given permission. Don't risk getting a fine and be considerate of residents who live around the schools.

Walk or ride to school if you can. Research has shown that exercise has many positive effects including improved health and wellbeing and better learning outcomes at school. Walking or riding to school instead will help relieve congestion and reduce your carbon footprint through less car emissions. If it's too far to travel on foot or bike, consider being dropped off at a safe place closer to school and walk the rest of the way.



THORNIE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



HAVE A GO DAY
Being held on Thursday 1st March
On the FCPS Oval at 3pm
Come along and have some fun



Please contact Sharon on 0417 226 115 or
registrar@thorniejfc.com.au

For further details.

www.thorniejfc.com.au





Gosnells District Cricket Club Zone Carnival 2018 Sutherlands Park, 5th March

Sign up for the zone cricket carnival for developing players (girls and boys) who are interested in playing at a representative level. Games will be played on the 2 **TURF WICKETS** at Sutherlands Park, Huntingdale.

DATE: Monday 5th March 2018 (Labour Day)
VENUE: Gosnells Cricket Ground, Sutherlands Park, Gay St, Huntingdale
TIME: 7:00am for a 7:30 start
ELIGIBILITY: Current u11's, u12's & u13's playing this season and not currently playing District Cricket
COST: \$15 per player (to be collected on the day)

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations: Submissions prior to Friday 23 February 2018. Either click on the link "Online Registration" below, or email cricketdburah@gmail.com with the following details:

Full Name:
Date of Birth:
Playing age group:
Community Club/School name:
Contact Mobile:
Contact Email:

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CONTACTS:
Dinesh 0416 644 717
Bernie 0417 957 660

South East Metro Parenting Support Service Jump Start Group

A 5 week playgroup style program supporting parents to prepare children for starting school! Parent's attend with their 3 year old and each session includes a short discussion and children's activities on topics such as building social and emotional skills, developing independence, understanding and managing behaviour.

Date: Friday 16, 23 Feb & 2, 9, 16 March

Time: 10am—12pm

Where: Thornlie Community Centre,
39 Coops Avenue, Thornlie

To register contact: 9251 5745

Email: parenting@communicare.org.au

Bookings are essential



COMMUNICARE



Save the Children

Registering with Camp Australia

We hope you and your family had a fantastic school holidays! The new school year has arrived and with it plenty of adventures in OSHC.

Have you registered with Camp Australia yet? Even if you do not plan on using the OSHC program at your school there are many benefits for your family.

What are the benefits of registering?

Some of the benefits to registering with Camp Australia are:

- A stress free back up plan for 'just in case'
- Flexible access to our programs
- Will ensure we have all the information for your kids to ensure they have the best time possible

How do I register?

Registration is simple and hassle free! To register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

How do I find out more about the OSHC service at my school?

To find out more about our program as well as view and fees, please visit www.campaustralia.com.au and search for your school on the homepage.

Otherwise, feel free to come visit the program and see what it is all about.

We look forward to seeing you and your family in soon.

The Camp Australia Team



5 ONE 4 Brookdale Community Co-op

To relieve the burden for families struggling to meet their day to day needs. To assist families to get back on their feet again by providing low cost food.



To impact our community for good by helping families to connect with each other and increasing self esteem. Must hold a valid pension concession or health care card.

Co-op Days

21 February—12.30pm –1.30pm

7 & 21 March —12.30pm –1.30pm

4 & 18 April —12.30pm –1.30pm

2 & 16 May—12.30pm –1.30pm

Address: Armadale Guide Hall (near bowling club and tennis courts) Millman Way, off Forrest Rd, Armadale. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

Contact: Diane Smith **Phone:** 0419 948 980 (text only) **Email:** diane.smith@westnet.com.au

P & C Important Dates

P & C MEETING

The P & C AGM Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 13th February

7pm in the staff room.

All parents are always welcome. Come and have a coffee and be involved in helping to make the school a better place for your children.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates in Term 1, 2018

Thursday 15 February 8.45am—9.45am

Thursday 22 February 8.45am-9.45am

Thursday 1st March 8.45am—9.45am

Thursday 8 March 8.45am-9.45am

Thursday 15 March 8.45am—9.45am

Please remember the Uniform shop is run by parents (from the P&C) on a voluntary basis. Order forms can be obtained from the office or downloaded from the school website. Completed orders maybe paid in the office and will be distributed to classrooms at the during each fortnight, subject to availability of P & C volunteers.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

Various items and sizes available for \$2—\$5 each. All proceeds go to the P & C. Visit Uniform Shop when it is open to view items or drop off any donations of uniforms.

SCHOOL BANKING

**8.15am Medical Room
Term 1 2018**

Wednesday 14 February

Wednesday 21 February

Wednesday 28 February

Wednesday 7 March

Wednesday 14 March

Wednesday 21 March

Wednesday 28 March

Wednesday 4 April

Wednesday 11 April

