

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Mon	23 Oct	YR 6 Camp
Tues	24 Oct	YR 4 Zero 2 Hero
Wed	25 Oct	P&C Mtg 7pm YR 4 Perth Zoo Excursion
Thurs	26 Oct	Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Senior Assembly RM 23 & Aussie of the Month Green Team Mtg 1.20pm
Mon	30 Oct	YR 3 Fire Safety Incursion
Tues	31 Oct	Interschool Athletics Jumps & Throws School Photos YR 4 Zero 2 Hero
Wed	1 Nov	School Photos School Board 7pm
Thurs	2 Nov	School Photos
Fri	3 Nov	Interschool Athletics
Week 5		PP-YR 3 Swimming

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members, welcome to the first newsletter for Term 4. Term 4 promises to be very busy as staff prepare students to transition to their new year level, complete student reports and continue the teaching and learning program. Please keep the term planner handy as it provides information about our activities this term. I look forward to seeing all of our students continue their outstanding work and completing all activities to the best of their ability. I also look forward to working with the school community to ensure a smooth transition to 2024.

Thank You: I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Baptist and the cleaning staff over the holidays who ensured that staff and students returned to classrooms on Monday that were exceptionally clean, and our gardeners, Mrs Hillson and Mr Hamill for ensuring that our grounds are kept to the highest standard. I don't think that you would find a better rose garden as an entrance statement to any school in the state! Last Wednesday we celebrated National Cleaner Appreciation Week with a lovely breakfast for both our cleaners and gardeners.

Athletics Carnival: Last Friday we held our annual whole school athletics carnival. We were blessed with the weather, which ensured that all events scheduled could be run. The feedback to me from all involved highlighted the outstanding behaviour of all of our students combined with the sportsmanship and participation exhibited throughout the carnival. A full list of medal winners and winning factions is published further on in the newsletter. Whole school events require an enormous amount of planning and coordination and I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Horan in organising the carnival with assistance from Miss Sandhu and Mrs Sellick. I would also like to thank the year level teachers who over the Term 3 sport program trained the students in the team games and made sure that runners were placed in the right divisions. On the day there were a number of people who assisted....

- Staff and parents who arrived early to set up and volunteer on the day.
- Mrs Davies and Mrs Rankine who collated all of the scores
- Ms Britten for her enthusiastic announcing.
- The canteen staff who ensured all lunches were delivered on time and the wonderful cake stall held on the oval. (The P&C raised just over \$1700 !)
- Mr Combes as starter.
- High School students from Darling Range and Thornlie

If I have missed anyone I apologise and thank you for your efforts. Mrs Horan and the PE staff have a hard task now to select the Interschool Team to compete in jumps and throws on Tues 31 October and running and team games on Friday 3 November.



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School Board: All parents were emailed a nomination letter for our School Board 2024 – 25 as an attachment to the last newsletter. There were **THREE** positions available for parents to fill for a term of two years. The School Board plays a major role in overseeing the implementation and monitoring of our School Business Plan. We value diversity within our School Board and proactively encourage women and parents with a multicultural background to nominate. Nominations to the Board **close today at 4.00pm and can be done by sending the nomination form via email to forestres-cent.ps@education.wa.edu.au Successful nominations will be advised by Friday 27 October.**

National Water Week Poster Competition: Congratulations to Aardhra from Year 6 who has been chosen as the State winner in the Year 5 / 6 category. The Water Corporation were very excited to receive a number of high level entries and Aardhra should be very proud to have won this age group. Mrs Coupar from the Water Corporation came to yesterday's assembly to present Aardhra with \$150 Boola Boordip Museum pass together with a voucher from Dawsons Nursery for \$350 worth of waterwise plants for the school Aardhra's poster now represents WA in the National competition – well done Aardhra.

Year 6 Camp: Next week the Year 6 students head to Woodman Point to participate in their camp experience. Students will be participating in a range of activities at Woodman Point. The program at Woodman Point will include team building, adventure and water-based activities run by qualified instructors from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Health and wellbeing sessions will also be run by A Stitch in Time. I would like to recognise and acknowledge the Year 6 staff and a couple of parent helpers who will be supervising the students throughout the week long camp. Camp is a privilege and we are lucky to have staff who are willing to commit to a week long experience and I thank them sincerely for the huge responsibility of being on duty 27/7. I am attending camp from Monday to Wednesday morning and I am really excited to also share the camp experience with this group of students.

Staff Professional Develop—Mathematics: During last Mondays Pupil Free Day the staff were involved in a mathematics day coordinated by Mr Combes. Our first session was facilitated by Dr Paul Swan. Dr Swan is an inspirational mathematics consultant who shares exciting ideas, videos and resources to support fostering mathematics literacies to improve communication and vocabulary. Current research indicates that students who are given opportunities to work on their problem-solving skills enjoy the subject more, are more confident and are more likely to continue studying mathematics or mathematically related subjects beyond the age of 16. The staff were immersed in rich tasks can enable students to work mathematically by allowing them to:

- Step into activities even when the route to a solution is initially unclear
- Get started and explore because the tasks are accessible to pupils of wide-ranging abilities
- Pose as well as solve problems, make conjectures
- Work at a range of levels
- Extend knowledge or apply knowledge in new contexts
- Work successfully when using different methods
- Broaden their problem-solving skills
- Deepen and broaden mathematical content knowledge
- See and make sense of underlying principles or make connections between different areas of mathematics
- Work within includes intriguing contexts
- Observe other people being mathematical or see the role of mathematics within cultural settings

The afternoon of maths concluded with Mr Mason leading the staff to become masters in Numero– a mathematical card thinking game.

Numero® can quickly become an integral part of any class mathematics program, from junior primary grades through to secondary mathematics classes. In its early levels, **Numero®** develops:

- basic number recognition from zero to 15
- basic number facts of all four operations
- speed of recall.

As the game develops and players move to more difficult levels with the introduction of Wild Cards, additional concepts and skills are developed and reinforced including:

- fractions
- decimals
- percentages.

At its higher levels, with the introduction of more wild cards and scoring, **Numero®** continues to challenge minds and develop concepts such as:

- squared and cubed roots
- multiple equations
- point scoring.

At all levels of **Numero®** there is a high level of problem solving and understanding of strategy which develops from basic stages with young students to complex moves that will challenge the brightest mathematical mind. The maths committee are planning for Numero Challenges to be implemented in classrooms in 2024!

Class Lists: Staff will soon be involved in developing class lists for 2024. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2024, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that will be taken into consideration, when placing students in classes, based on educational grounds. Should you have a request, please do not approach classroom teachers, but place your request in writing to the Principal. **Parent requests close on Friday 10 November.**

As per previous years, classes will be formulated according to the following:

- mixed ability classes - spread of IEP / SAER students;
- behaviour management - class dynamics;
- gender balance where possible;
- friendship groups - try for at least 3 peer friends.

As you can imagine, placing 670 students across the school is a complex process, however parent requests will be taken in to consideration where possible.

Presentation Night: This years Presentation Night is on Wednesday 6 December. There will be a change to the format this year, (which we will trial) with the night comprising of year level performances, the Choir and the announcements of Student Councillors and Faction Captains. There will be no speeches or Book Awards. This is to reduce the length of the evening and make it appropriate for all pre primary to Year 6 students to stay for the evening. There will be no intermission or break time. A Book Award Assembly will be held on Friday 8 December from 1.50 – 3.00pm in the undercover area to recognise all of our book award winners. More information regarding the Presentation Night will be provided in coming newsletters.

I look forward to working with you as we race towards the end of the year.

Athletics Carnival 2023



	Championship	Spirit
1st	Kangaroos	Echidnas
2nd	Quokkas	Wombats
3rd	Echidnas	Quokkas
4th	Wombats	Kangaroos



	Champion	Runner Up
Yr 1	Hannah G Archer V	Kelly K Tyler C
Yr 2	Kiara D Lebron V	Abuk P Hayden C
Yr 3	Romana S Heath G	Lexie B Harley T
Yr 4	Olizma O Hunter S	Charlee S Mangar P
Yr 5	Chelsea L Andrew G	Riya G Blake O
Yr 6	Ivy R Braden C	Charlee S Jacob E



Senior Award Winners 12 October

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| Isaac A | Aldric A | Lachlan B | Michael B |
| Baileigh B | Aliza C | Torah D | Ava D |
| Corey D | Ryan G | Scarlett J | Mason K |
| Kalais L | Ryden L | Ashton M | Mangar P |
| Pritisha R | Jemma R | Mikayla R | Skyla R |
| Kayla R | Emma S | Chloe S | Connor T |
| Harley T | Yusuf U | Reagan V | Lisa W |
| Kathie W | | | |

Junior Award Winners 19 October

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| Tharaah A | Leah B | Tyler C | Otto C |
| Adeline G | Annabelle G | Samuel J | Lily K |
| Olly L | Jiyu L | Samuel L | Millah M |
| Yousaf M | Nathan M | Xander M | Winter N |
| Zeeria S | Naunihal S | Ronika T | Lebron V |

CITY OF GOSNELLS

Gostalks

presents

Parenting 101: Regaining Calm from the Chaos

**Thursday
26 October**
5.30pm – 8pm

Don Russell Performing
Arts Centre
Murdoch Road, Thornlie

free event

Helen Davidson

Child and family mental health author, advocate and speaker Helen Davidson explores the reasons behind school avoidance and provides tips on how to support children during their primary school years.

Helen has co-authored 16 books with her co-director of BEST Programs 4 Kids, Claire Orange, and draws on over 30 years of working with children and their families.

Refreshments, speaker presentation followed by Q&A opportunities

Scan for more details and to book:

gosnells.wa.gov.au | 9397 3000 | [f/CityofGosnellsChildrenandFamilies](https://www.facebook.com/CityofGosnellsChildrenandFamilies)



Street Meet and Greet



Host a local neighbourhood event to get to know your neighbours

The City of Gosnells and Neighbourhood Watch are encouraging members of the community to get to know their neighbours by hosting a Street Meet and Greet event, with funding and other assistance from the City.

Host a barbecue, plan a picnic in the park or organise another activity to start connecting with your immediate neighbours. Hosts will receive a Street Meet and Greet kit, which includes invitations and 'stay in touch' neighbour cards. A limited number of hosts will also receive funding of up to \$200. In partnership with Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch, sporting equipment is available for hire to attract more guests.

For more information or to apply, call 9397 3000, email council@gosnells.wa.gov.au or scan the QR code.



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IF YOU CARE... LEAVE ME THERE!

I'm a Fledgling
I didn't need your help.
My mom was helping me.



The process of fledging begins with jumping out of the nest. It then takes me 3-4 days to learn how to fly. Well meaning people often "rescue" me however this is the time in my life when mom teaches me how to fear, forage and fly. Yes, there are dangers living in the wild, but growing up wild is a critical part of the learning process.



DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER BOTTLES!

Children are allowed to fill their water bottles from the drink fountains so please remember your water bottle.



UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop, you can download the Flexischools app or put in an order on the paper order form and drop to the office door or visit the uniform shop. Orders on Flexischools must be placed by Wednesday's 5pm to receive the order on Thursday's.