

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Mon	20 Nov	Kindy 1A & 4A Incursion
Tues	21 Nov	YR 4 Zero2Hero
Wed	22 Nov	TSHS SAER Orientation P&C Mtg 6.30pm
Fri	24 Nov	Kindy 1B & 4B Incursion Fathering Project Big Camp Out
Tues	28 Nov	Indigenous Students Ear Screening YR 4 Zero2Hero
Wed	29 Nov	School Board 7pm
Thurs	30 Nov	Foodbank Drive TSHS YR 6 Orientation
Fri	1 Dec	Kids For Kids Fair Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to students, parents, staff and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. It has been another busy fortnight at Forest Crescent with lots of teaching and learning coming to a conclusion as we start to transition all students to their new year level for 2024. I have been proud of the student's behaviour throughout this term, with Behaviour Management Pink Slips and entries in the classroom behaviour books being kept to a minimum. I look forward to the positive behaviour continuing for the remainder of the term.

Interschool Athletics: Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the recent interschool athletics competition. All of our students competed to their best and displayed outstanding sportsmanship, both on Tuesday at the jumps and throws, and Friday carnival day. In an extremely close carnival we competed all day to come second to Harrisdale by just 68 points, which spread over 156 events is not a big margin! Congratulations also to our individual medal winners which you will find further on in this newsletter.. Thank you to Mrs Horan, Miss Sandhu, Mrs Sellick and classroom teachers for preparing our students to perform so well and to all of our

parent helpers on the day. Results can be found further on in the newsletter.

Presentation Evening: This year our Presentation evening will have some minor changes. The Presentation evening will be held on Wednesday 6 December. This is our major whole school event which signals a conclusion to our year of school and provides our school community with an opportunity to celebrate each year's success, and farewell our Year 6 students. For 2023 we will be trialling Year Level performances only, with no speeches or Book Awards. A Book Award Assembly will be held on Friday 8 December in the undercover area from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. This is to reduce the length of the evening to allow all students to stay for the evening without the necessity for an intermission. Current planning has the evening commencing at 6.00pm, with students being seated from 5.45pm with the evening to conclude no later than 8.00pm. Year level items will also be moved around however the evening will conclude with our Year 6 students and the whole school song. All students are expected to stay for the duration of the evening. We look forward to your support as we trial this format for 2023.

Student Pick Up: It is becoming a regular occurrence where staff and parents are trying to locate a student well after the siren has gone to conclude the school day. This causes stress and anxiety to a number of people. I have previously communicated in the newsletter that if parents need to pick up their child and not come in to school then the Kiss and Drive is the only area in the school that is fully supervised for the safety of our students. The Year 1 car park near the Year 1 block is not a Kiss and Drive area, but is regularly used as such. Parents should park around the school and come in to the school to pick up their child. Students should not be waiting on the edge of the oval or under a tree to be picked up in case you are running late. Thank you to parents who ring through to let us know they are running late. Please reinforce with your child that if at pick up time there is no one there as per their normal practice, that they come to the office so we can make a follow up phone call.



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Book Award Assembly: The Book Award Assembly will be our formal awards ceremony to be held on Friday 8 December commencing at 2.00pm in the undercover area. Parents of Book Award recipients will be notified by class teachers. The announcement of Head Boy, Head Girl, Student Councillors and Faction Captains will also be announced during the afternoon. We look forward to trialling the Book Award Assembly as a formal way to acknowledge all of our wonderful award winners.

2023 Student Councillor/Faction Speeches: Last week, the Year 5 students nominated themselves to become Student Councillors or Faction Captains for 2024. This involved nominated students preparing a campaign poster highlighting their qualities and attributes as well as preparing a speech to be given in front of the Year 4 and 5 students and staff who were voting. It was great to see so many students participate in this process as it is quite a scary thought to stand in front of 200 students and staff and talk about yourself! I was amazed at the quality of speeches that were prepared, and all nominees should be very proud of themselves. Unfortunately there can only be 5 girl and 5 boy Councillors and a male and female captain for the 4 factions. These positions, together with a Head Girl and Head Boy will be announced at the Friday Book Award Assembly. I would like to congratulate all students who nominated for their wonderful effort and thank Miss Sandhu for coordinating the voting process.

Pre-Kindergarten Session: Our Pre-Kindergarten program for 2023 is now running for our 2024 Kindy students. A big thank you to all the parents who came along, it was an enjoyable morning with mat time, some fun activities and a story to finish. Thank you to Mrs Whitney and Mrs James who are coordinating our Pre Kindy program.

Year 6 Graduation: This celebration will take place on Monday 12th December. The Year 6 graduation consists of two parts. The formal ceremony will take place in our undercover area. The ceremony will start at 5:25pm and will conclude at 6:50pm. We ask that your child arrive by 5:15pm for a punctual start. All graduating students are to be dressed in smart attire in the theme of black and white. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony to see the awards presentation, graduation proceedings and short presentation from the Year 6 students. The second part of the evening for the students is a Dinner Dance at Gosnells Golf Club. Students will travel there by bus and parents are to pick them up from the golf club at 9:30pm. We ask that all parents are punctual at this time. I look forward to sharing the last formal school event with a wonderful group of students who have represented our school over a number of years.

Students returning late in 2024: School commences for students on Wednesday 31 January 2024. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model, will take place on Friday, 16 February 2024. There are very strict protocols around students we can count and it is important that if students are returning late from the holidays (mainly from overseas) that they have information about the date of return and reason for absence otherwise they will not be included in the census.

If your child will not be in attendance by Friday, 16 February, please email the school forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au before the end of the school year.

Fathering Project Big Camp Out: I met with Jeff Albert the Forest Crescent Fathering Project Dads Group Coordinator today to discuss the big camp out to be held at the school next Friday 24 November. The closing date to RSVP for the event was today and at the time of writing we have 35 dads and 52 kids registered! It promises to be a big event. The Fathering Project Big Camp Out will run as follows

- 5.30pm – Dads and kids arrive to set up tents on grass quadrangle. (Cars can be parked on the grass area near the bike racks)
- 5.30pm – 7.00pm – sports equipment will be out, giant connect 4, giant jenga and chess sets.
- 7.00pm – 7.30pm – pizza dinner (supplied) Please bring your own drinks.
- 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Undercover area – movie or video dance competitions (TBC)
- 9.00pm – 9.30pm – All kids to bed.
- 9.30pm – 11.00pm - Dads only conversations.
- 11.00pm – Dads to bed.
- No dads or kids out of tents prior to 5.30am.
- 6.00am – 7.00am – Breakfast (bacon, eggs, sausages and toast provided)
- 7.00am – 8.00am – Pack up and leave.

At the Fathering Project we recognise that fathers, and father figures, play a vital role in children's lives. The evidence demonstrating fathers' potential to positively influence their children's health and mental health, social success and academic achievements is now robust, indisputable, and compelling. The Forest Crescent Fathering Project Dads Group is an evidence-based organisation that aims to promote positive fathering behaviours and fathers' engagement with their infants, preschool, primary school and adolescent-aged children. A huge thank you for Jeff to coordinate and to the P&C for supplying dinner and breakfast.

School Board: Our School Board met recently and discussed a range of areas, including a review of the school's academic, results, and planning for 2024. The Board also confirmed the School Development Days for 2024:

Term 1: Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30 January (Mandated)

Term 2: Monday 15 April (Beginning Term 2)

Term 3: Friday 30 August (Week 7 Term 3) – Nicholson Network Day

Term 4: Monday 7 October (First day of Term 4) & Friday 13 December

Parent Class Requests: The class placement process for 2024 is now complete and written parent requests to the Principal have been taken in to consideration. As this process is now complete further written request for class placements will not be considered unless under extenuating circumstances. Class lists will be published in the undercover area on Monday 29 January from 12.00pm.

I look forward to a busy and productive conclusion to 2023, and look forward to catching up with many of you at our upcoming events.

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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 Flexischool must be placed by Wednesday's 5pm to receive the order on Thursday's.

DON'T FORGET YOUR WATER BOTTLES!

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

