

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Mon	4 Dec	Aussie of the Month Lunch 12.30pm
Tues	5 Dec	Rainbows Celebration 2.15pm Student Council Lunch
Wed	6 Dec	Presentation Night
Fri	8 Dec	Campion Booklist collection 8-9.30am Reports on Connect Book Awards Assembly
Mon	11 Dec	YR 6 Graduation K1A Concert /Lunch 12.30pm
Tues	12 Dec	YR 2 Block party
Thurs	14 Dec	Last Day for students YR 4 Movie Excursion YR 5 Pt Walter Excursion YR 6 Holey Moley

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to students, parents, staff and community members and welcome to the last edition of the newsletter for 2023. It has been another busy fortnight at Forest Crescent with lots of teaching and learning programs coming to a conclusion as we start to transition all students to their new year level for 2024. The year is quickly coming to a close, but we still have lots to do! Student reports have been finalised and all classes are preparing for our Concert Night which will be held next Wednesday, 6th December. I have been proud of the students' 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.

Band Assembly: I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our School Band who performed at yesterday's senior assembly. This year they have been practicing hard under the guidance of Ms Britten and their music teachers and it reflects in their performance yesterday. As part of the arts curriculum our students get the opportunity to participate in music, visual arts, drama, choir and band!

Fathering Project: Last Friday evening we held our

inaugural Fathering Project Big Camp Out – and it was BIG! As posted by Jeff Albert on The Families of FCPS Facebook page “ Thank you to the Dads, Father figures and kids for the awesome time at the Fathering Project Big camp Out on Friday night. We had a great turn out with 36 adults and 56 kids. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Holmes for all the support to make this event a great success, you ensure the kids have the best school and build great memories. Also to Abby Galvin, Abby Albert, Katie Gordon and the Dads for helping out, and a shout out to Ryan Jenkins, the P&C, Woolworths and Coles to make this a free event.” I would also like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Mr Albert who is the coordinator of the Forest Crescent Dads Group who ensured the evening was a great success and will probably become an annual event! The Fathering Project is an important program within our school community, helping connect Dads, kids and school.

Concert Evening: This year our concert evening will have some minor changes. The concert 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 7.30pm. Year level items will also be moved around however the evening will conclude with our Choir 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.

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 class teachers.





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The announcement of Head Boy, Head Girl, Student Councillors and Faction Captains will also be announced during the afternoon together with the Head Boy and Head Girl end of year speech. We look forward to trialling the Book Award Assembly as a formal way to acknowledge all of our wonderful award winners.

Year 6 Graduation: This celebration will take place on Monday 11th 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 approximately 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.

Semester Two Reports: Parents will be provided with an online link to access their child's report on Friday 8 December. This report is based on the work your child has covered throughout the year. It shows their final achievement of the expected standard for each year level. Since the Western Australian Curriculum aims to challenge students, a **C** or **Satisfactory Achievement** rating (achievement of the standard) is one to celebrate! Teachers also provide comments for English and Mathematics and it is important to read these in the context of their achievement level. Please take time to read through the report with your child and discuss points for celebration as well as any points for improvement in 2024. If you have any concerns, please follow up with your child's classroom teacher before the conclusion of the term.

Aussie of The Month Lunch: Congratulations to the final Aussie of the Month recipients from our last Senior Assembly. They will join other Term 4 Aussies of The Month for a special lunch with myself on Monday 4 December in the staffroom. A letter providing information about ordering their special lunch from the canteen with their \$15 voucher. The Aussie of the Month Award is a significant award for students to be awarded at Forest Crescent, and I would like to congratulate all winner this year for your outstanding citizenship and behaviour at school. At our final whole school assembly on Thursday 14 December Mrs Lee from The Property Pod will draw 2 Junior and 2 Senior Aussies of the Month to each receive a \$50 book voucher. Thank you Mrs Lee for sponsoring this award.

Class Lists 2024: Class lists have now been completed. All class lists will be on display on Monday 29 January from 12.00pm in the undercover area. Teaching staff committed a great deal of time and effort in developing the classes throughout fourth term 2023 according to the following criteria:
Classes are to 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 has been previously communicated in newsletters, at P&C meetings and School Board meetings, individual requests for moving classes in 2024 will be considered in collaboration with the appropriate staff based on reasonable educational grounds and requests relating to individual staff members will not be considered. The current class structure indicates some year levels are nearing capacity and movement between classes will be quite difficult.

Students returning late in 2024: School commences for students on Wednesday 31 January 2023. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model, will take place on Friday, 16 February 2023. 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 we 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, 17 February, please email the school forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au before the end of the school year.

Staff Changes 2024: As this is the last newsletter for 2024 I would like to acknowledge several staff members who are retiring or leaving Forest Crescent Primary School at the end of the year.

- Mrs Garic is retiring after a long and distinguished career in education. She commenced work at Forest Crescent in 2000 and has been the Literacy Specialist Teacher over a number of years and a junior primary teacher.
- Mrs Cann is also retiring after a long and distinguished career in education. She commenced work at Forest Crescent in 2012 and has held many roles, most recently the Learning Support Coordinator.
- Mr Milligan has been in education for over 40 years and retires as our LOTE teacher after joining us in 2001. Ray has worked throughout the state and has been a passionate teacher at Forest Crescent.
- Mrs Waller is retiring as an Education Assistant after joining us in 2005. Karen has been an outstanding EA working with students and staff across the school over many years.
- Miss Albertyn has won a permanent teaching position at East Kenwick Primary School. Durrah joined us in 2019 and has worked in the pre primary over this period.

I wish these staff members all the best for 2024 and beyond.

I would like to take this final opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas, however you celebrate with your family and friends. It has been another busy and successful school year at Forest Crescent and I look forward to working with you again in 2024 to make it another outstanding year.

School Watch: Over the coming Christmas break, I am asking all members of the Forest Crescent community to keep an eye on our school. Traditionally, this period has the potential for much unwanted graffiti and vandalism and I would like to ask that any instances of loitering/damage be reported to School Watch: 1800 177 777 or the Police: 131 444.

Term Dates: Our Office will be fully operational from Wednesday 24 January, (closed on Friday 26 January due to the Australia Day holiday) with teachers beginning work on Monday 29 January. Students begin Term One on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

Junior Award Winners
23 November

Zuha A	Ryan C	Wyntah D	Tashi D
Tyson F	Mariah J	Wasifa L	William N
Asher P	Thandeka P	Andre Q	Izza R
Afia R	Phoenix R	Conor S	Margarette R
Harrison W	Casey Y		

Senior Award Winners
30 November

Lida A	Charli B	Mackenzie B	Gavin C
Aria F	Alfie G	Abbey G	Lincoln H
Man Yu H	Brayden L	Nancy L	Marlowe M
Rehan N	Iris O	Kelli P	Mia P
Yuchen Q	Summah S	Romana S	Jacob S
Sienna V	Stephanie W	Liam W	



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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.

