

## In Learning We Grow

### IMPORTANT DATES!



Week 8		NAPLAN
Wed	20 Mar	YR 6 ASIT Workshop School Board 7pm
Thurs	21 Mar	Harmony Day Lunch/Assembly Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am
Fri	22 Mar	YR 4 Zero2Hero National Ride to School Day
Mon	25 Mar	Aussie of the Month/Citizen Lunch 12.30pm
Tues	26 Mar	Summer Cup 5/6 Fathering Project—Bowling
Wed	27 Mar	YR 6 ASIT Workshop YR 1, 2, 3 Drama Excursion
Thurs	28 Mar	Junior Assembly RM 11 Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am
Fri	29 Mar	Good Friday

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to parents, staff, students and community members and welcome to this edition of the school newsletter. It is amazing that we head into Week 9 next week, with under a fortnight until the Easter holiday break. It has been a busy fortnight with many activities happening around the school, culminating in the end of NAPLAN testing. I would like to thank the school community for your continued support ensuring that your kids are ready for learning each day, turning up with a smile, ready to do their best. I look forward to a busy but productive end of the term.

Please see the following article that was placed in the first newsletter sent home on the 2 Feb this year. I thank all community members who ensure the safety of our students and abide by the current school policies. A reminder about the school expectations when students and parents arrive before 8.30am has been placed on all gates. The Before School Policy has been endorsed by the School Board and the P&C.

**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 or on the playground.** 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](http://www.campaaustralia.com.au) or phone Ellie our wonderful new coordinator, on 0422 578 313.

**NAPLAN Testing:** Students in Years 3 and 5 have really settled into the National assessment in Literacy and Numeracy to be completed from Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March (week 7/8 Term 1). At FCPS we support students to be as well prepared as possible to perform their best during the testing period by viewing the NAPLAN program as part of our normal teaching and learning program. This year all students will be sitting NAPLAN Online (except Year 3 writing will still be written) so students will be completing an online demonstration test during their library time to ensure that they are familiar with the testing environment. An information leaflet has been sent home to all students in Years 3 and 5 who will be sitting the tests. Well done to all students who have sat the first couple of tests this week.

**Ramadan:** This week marked the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan. Currently we have 64 students (almost 10%) of our student population of Muslim Faith. It is important for our school to support all students, but it is especially important to provide extra support to those students who may be fasting. Below is an article providing our school community with information about Ramadan: Muslims around the globe will begin observing the holy month of Ramadan from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March until Tuesday 9 April, a period of deep spiritual reflection and celebration.



## THE PROPERTY POD

It's your move...

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The month of Ramadan will see Muslims fast and pray before breaking their fast at sundown alongside family and friends. Ramadan is the most sacred month of the year for Muslims. It remembers the month the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Mohammed. During its 29 to 30 days, **Muslims abstain from food and drink every day from dawn to sunset** — yes, even water. When the sun sets, there is a communal meal called Iftar, where you break your fast, usually with your family or friends. Traditionally, Muslims break their fast by eating dates to emulate how the Prophet Mohammed broke his fast. But the month of Ramadan is about more than just fasting. **You are also encouraged to do good deeds** such as charity and **abstain from sinful acts** such as gossip. It's also a **month of self-reflection** and a way for Muslims to develop positive habits that can be brought forward once Ramadan is over.

**P&C AGM** : The P&C held their AGM on Wednesday 13 March. It was great to see a large turnout of parents at the P&C (18 members) and all executive positions filled. As I mentioned at the P&C meeting, many schools are finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers to contribute to the P&C and we should be very proud of the wonderful support our P&C provides and the volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to improving outcomes for our students. The P&C gives amazing support to our staff and students, ensuring that curriculum areas, the school grounds and general equipment is of the highest standard. Congratulations and Thank You to all P&C members who were elected to positions for 2024.

- President – Ryan Jenkins
- Vice President – Jeff Albert
- Secretary – Lisa Smith
- Treasurer - Holly Jenkins
- Fundraising – Abby Galvin
- Safety House/ Road Safety – Abby Albert
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- Uniform Shop – Kaylee Furlong
- Fathering Project – Jeff Albert
- Interschool Sports Shirt Coordination – Rachel Stanwyck

I would like to acknowledge Naomi Surin who stepped down as Secretary and Jamie Powers who stepped down as Vice President. The school community thank you for your tireless efforts in supporting our school. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of the P&C members in the uniform shop – Kaylee Furlong, Kim Brown and Michelle Gunter and canteen Tanniell Kimwatan and Beth Johnson. I look forward to working with all P&C members this year.

**Harmony Day**: Each year we celebrate Harmony Day at Forest Crescent. I would like to thank Mrs Rodricks for coordinating our Harmony Day activities. With approximately 200 students from a language background other than English 35% it is an important week of celebration and recognition of our cultural diversity. This year's theme "Everyone Belongs" is a great theme for Forest Crescent where, as an inclusive school "Everyone Belongs". Harmony Day is on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. Australia is proud to be culturally diverse and celebrates Harmony Day every year, a day where people of all cultures come together and spread the message that 'everyone belongs'.

This year is the 24<sup>th</sup> time **Harmony Day** will be celebrated across Australia. Harmony Day is a day when we can wear **orange or our cultural dress** that says 'together we will achieve great things' and a day when we all show more than just respect for each other. It is a day for cultural recognition for all people who call Australia their home. Since the assembly will be in the afternoon, parents are invited to enjoy lunch with their child/children and then spend time with them at lunch time till the assembly. Parents are requested to sign in at their child's classroom if coming in for lunch. A special Harmony Day menu has been planned by the canteen and both students and parents can pre order their multicultural lunch offering. At 2:00pm, we will assemble in the Undercover Area for the special assembly and whole school song. Thank you also to Ms Auld and Ms Britten who have been teaching the students the whole school harmony day song.

**Sculptures By The Sea**: Last Wednesday a group of our gifted and talented artists went to Sculptures By The Sea with Mrs Portman and Mr Stevenson. We were also very fortunate to have Gordon Miller, an artist specialising in sculptures (and a friend of Mrs Portmans!) accompany our students around the sculptures to explain and assist in their knowledge and appreciation. As usual Mr Miller was very impressed with the behaviour and knowledge of all of our students as they walked amongst the sculptures, many other school groups and members of the community. It is always a pleasure when you can see our students the best behaved and most knowledgeable. Well done Mrs Portman, Mr Stevenson and students!

**Fathering Project**: The Fathering Project positively impacts fathering behaviour and fathers' engagement with children through evidence-rich programs and resources that engage, equip and support fathers, families, and the school community. Mr Albert is coordinating the Fathering Project again in 2024. Our first Dads Only activities is the favourite Lawn Bowling at the Thornlie Bowls Club on Tuesday 26 March from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Come and enjoy the company of other dads in a fun (non-competitive!) game of bowls while participating in the Fathering Project – helping dads to be the best dads they can be! If you are already a member of the Forest Crescent Dads Group, please log on to your Fathering Project account for more information and to RSVP, otherwise you can click on the link to be taken to the Fathering Project Home Page where you can register for our dads group [Home - The Fathering Project](#) or text Jeff on 0418763748.

**Kindergarten 2025**: Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken for 2025. If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021 they are eligible to commence Kindy in 2025. Enrolment application forms can be found on our website (<https://forestcrescentps.com/school-information/enrolment-details/>) or you can call through the office to collect.

To commence your application we will need to see the following documents:

- Original Birth Certificate,
- Immunisation History Statement – no more than 2 months old with a status of 'up to date' (from MYGOV website)
- Proof of residence (electricity bill, rates notes, rental agreement)

Please note if you are on a visa we will also need to see this and your passport as part of your application. Kindergarten Enrolment being non-compulsory does not follow the local intake policy, ie all local students are guaranteed a place, however all students who live within a local school intake area will be accommodated where possible.

Should enrolments exceed available placements then the following criteria will apply:

Basically, the ranking is as follows:

1. Students living within the local school intake area with siblings at the school
2. Students living within the local school intake area without siblings at the school
3. Students living outside the local school intake area with siblings at the school
4. Students living outside the local school intake area without siblings at the school

Only applications received before the closing date will be considered as above. **Applications close on Friday 19 July 2024.**

**Dogs on School Premises:** Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds unless they are part of a school event or an authorised assisted dog. The school grounds are designated by the boundary fences. As a shared facility, dogs are allowed on the oval during both drop off and pick up times, however it is requested that you keep your dogs on a lead to avoid them approaching students. Where dogs may be briefly tied to the boundary school fence it is also requested that they are not near the entrance gates to the school. While I acknowledge that the majority of dogs love to be patted and have extra attention, some stunts may be anxious around dogs. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

I look forward to catching up with you over the last couple of weeks.

## Clean Up



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Year 3 students from Rooms 22,23, 24 and 25 worked together to clean up the school grounds as part of the Clean Up Australia program. The main types of rubbish that were picked up were plastic wrappers, tissues, icy-pole wrappers and small pieces of plastic lids.



## National Ride to School Day Friday 22nd March 2024

FCPS is celebrating National Ride to School Day by encouraging you to walk, ride or scooter to school for a star on "Wheel or Walk it" Star Cards.



See Abbey or Lola near the "Your Move" Flag before school to get your star card punched. They are located near the undercover area.



If you ride your bike or scooter, you will also receive a raffle ticket to go into the draw to win a drink, slushie or ice-cream voucher at the canteen.



Show them your bike and you will get a second star punched!

### Senior Award Winners 22 February

Seeret B	Wyntah D	Ava D	Jaxon F
Dulguun G	Haylie G	Alivia H	Muhammad I
Riley L	Adam L	Seerat M	Lucas M
Daisy M	Jeremiah M	Titan O	Isaiah P
Zoe P	Benyamin R	Izza R	Romana S
Lilly T	Jacob W	Olivia W	Mya W
Harrison W	Lara Y		

### Junior Award Winners 29 February

Taj B	Andrew C	Ryan C	Otto C
Tatum D	Tyson F	Adeline G	Mason H
Man Wai H	Charlotte H	Isabella J	Kigen K
R-Jay M	Kersten M	Aryah M	Summer M
Amity P	Zee S	Shubhreen S	Blake S
Harini T	Rufaida T	Maryam Z	



# MISSION XIII PROGRAM

Forest Crescent Primary School

Address: 83 Forest Crescent THORNIE WA 6108

Phone: 0422 578 313 Program Times: 06:45 am - 06:00 pm



## Tue 02 Apr Mission Takeoff XIII: Camp Explorers

Get set for an adventure-packed camping themed day! Master navigation with your handmade sundial and compass. Dive into Aussie tradition with damper bread making. Plus, team up for tent decorating fun with friends!

Full Fee \$98.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$9.81



Project Inursion

## Wed 03 Apr Operation: Pyjama Party

Don your PJs for a day of fun at Base Camp! Let's have a blast with awesome sleepover themed activities as we munch on some classic sleepover snacks and dive into fun dreamy adventures. It's a sleepless party like no other!

Full Fee \$81.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.11



Base Camp Day

## Thu 04 Apr Big Art Day: Umbrella Art Showcase

Get set to explore the theme of belonging through creativity! Dive into an engaging book before unleashing your artistic flair on a blank umbrella. Then, at the end of the day, showcase your vibrant art with a gallery exhibition hosted at Base Camp!

Full Fee \$102.62 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.26



Project Inursion

## Fri 05 Apr Adventure: Wild Trails at Penguin Island Ferry

Let's hop on board the ferry to Penguin Island to explore the nature trails on a guided wildlife walk. Learn about the penguins and the natural history of the island. Can you spot any local animals in their habitat?

Full Fee \$136.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$13.61



Excursion

## Mon 08 Apr Experience Takeover: Forensic Investigations

Put on your detective hat and solve a mystery! You'll learn basic forensic science skills and challenge yourself to crack the case as you race against the clock. Gather the clues, analyse fingerprints, breakdown codes and solve the crime!

Full Fee \$107.62 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.76



Experience Takeover Inursion

## Tue 09 Apr Adventure: Jail Break at Fremantle Prison

With 60 minutes on the clock, will you be able to escape from the prison with your 'inmate' Moondyne Joe Junior (and his pet rat)? Join the guided tour then make your own jail break moment through the history of the prison!

Full Fee \$120.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$12.01



Excursion

## Wed 10 Apr Operation: Spooktacular Spectacles

Let's have a hauntingly good time as we dive into a day of spoooooooky chills and thrills. You could be doing anything from ghost hunts, creepy slime crafts to skeleton building games - it's up to you and your Base Camp!

Full Fee \$81.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.11



Base Camp Day

## Thu 11 Apr Project: Shadow Puppets & Dice Tales

Unleash your imagination and discover the magic in storytelling! Craft your own shadow puppets and story dice and make a special puppet theatre to perform on. Then it's showtime as you breathe life into your creations and perform your stories!

Full Fee \$103.62 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.36



Project Inursion

## Fri 12 Apr Operation: Messy Makers

Time to get messy! Discover a day of delightful chaos where you could play with slime or even try painting without brushes and so much more. Let your imagination run wild and get ready to make some MEGA mess!

Full Fee \$81.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.11



Base Camp Day

## Mon 15 Apr Operation: Jungle Craftopia

Embark on a wild jungle adventure where you might craft paper chain pythons, have some jungle-themed sensory play, and explore the wild safari in various ways. Let the roars of the jungle ignite your imagination!

Full Fee \$81.12 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.11



Base Camp Day

Visit [campastralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://campastralia.com.au/rocketeers) to join our next mission



South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> April.

### EMERGENCY COVER :

3<sup>rd</sup> April BANNISTER CREEK DTC 9451 1761  
4<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> EXCELSIOR DTC 9256 4170

SOUTH THORNIE DTC WILL REOPEN ON 16<sup>th</sup> April.



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.

## Term 2 After School Enrichment Classes



### Forest Crescent Primary School

Every WEDNESDAY starting 24 Apr 2024 to 19 Jun 2024

Select After School Classes

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