

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Tues	7 May	P&C Mother's Day Stall
Wed	8 May	YR 6 Hamburger Day
Thurs	9 May	Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Senior Assembly RM 20 YR 1 Safety House Excursion P&C Mother's Day Kindy Stall
Fri	10 May	National Walk to School Day Kindy B Mother's Day event YR 4 WASO Excursion P&C Mother's Day Sweet Treat
Mon	13 May	Kindy A Mother's Day event
Wed	15 May	YR 6 ASIT Workshop
Thurs	16 May	Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Yirra Yaakin Performances
Fri	17 May	Yirra Yaakin Performances

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members, welcome to another edition of the Forest Crescent Primary School Newsletter. I trust that this newsletter finds you well as we race towards the middle of Term 2. Teachers are currently working hard to collect data on students to complete the reporting process for Semester 1 and students are working hard to ensure that their report is the best it can be! Well done to everyone as we strive to maintain our high academic and social standards! Just a reminder that reports will be uploaded to Connect at the end of the Term. Please ensure that your email address is correct with the front office.

Staff Changes: There have been a few staff changes over the holidays. Mr Miller is currently on extended sick leave and Mr Batskos will be taking the early childhood physical education program for the remainder of the term. Mr Mason continues on his recovery and will be supported throughout the term by Ms Del Rasario. We also have a number of staff who are required to use their long service leave entitlements over the next couple of terms. Year Level Deputy Principals will advise parents when teachers will be taking periods of extended leave. Thankfully Mr Combes has a core bank of experienced relief teachers

who do an amazing job when relieving at Forest Crescent.

ANZAC Day: We held our ANZAC commemorative service last Wednesday and I would like to thank Miss Sandhu for coordinating the service, and Mr and Mrs Johnstone from the Gosnells RSL, Mr Combes for setting up the sound system and Ms Britten and the choir for their singing. Ms Britten had only just recommenced on Tuesday afternoon after an extended period of leave, and with some choir students not present last Tuesday for their only practice, I apologise that not all current choir members got to sing in front of the assembly. Also to our Head Girl Man Yu and Head Boy Davin, and Councillors Iris and MacKenzie led us through the service and Mr Ryan, P&C President who assisted with laying a wreath on behalf of the community.



Premiers Reading Challenge: Embark on an epic reading journey and be in the running to win weekly prizes in the 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program established in 2022 to:



- encourage students to read more books
- enjoy reading
- improve literacy levels.



THE PROPERTY POD *It's your move...*



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The mission is for students in kindergarten to Year 10 to read 12 books over 4 months from 6 May to 6 September. That's right—just 12, students can read:

- books
- short stories
- graphic novels
- eBooks
- talking books
- audiobooks
- Poems
- anything that sparks their interest and gets them reading.

Benefits of the challenge

The challenge will:

- raise the profile of reading and literacy in schools
- give students a focus for their reading
- encourage students to enjoy reading and read more books
- encourage students to participate by being challenged
- offer incentives and prizes for readers
- build self-esteem, pride, school unity and a sense of achievement among students
- increase the involvement of parents in their child's reading
- increase the number of library books borrowed
- contribute to increased literacy levels.

Prizes for participation

- Students will go in the draw to win amazing weekly prizes. With more than 110 prizes drawn at random from those who log at least one book per week during the challenge. Find out more about the [Premier's Reading Challenge prizes](#).
- Schools that have the most students registered relative to their size before 31 May will go into a draw to win an assembly presentation of the Dewey Experience at your school!

How to register : Create an account by selecting the 'Sign up' option. You won't be able to log any books until the 2024 challenge starts on 6 May.

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.**

Kiss and Drive: The Kiss and Drive provides parents and students from Years 1 to 6 with a quick and convenient way of dropping off and picking up. Thank you to all of the parents who use the Kiss and Drive area appropriately, following the rules of the zone and not parking in these designated bays. I have noticed a vast improvement in the correct use of the Kiss and Drive area since the City of Gosnells remarked the bays. I would like to thank the City of Gosnells for completing the line marking, it has greatly enhanced this area, making it easier for everyone to notice the Kiss and Drive area.

Cultural Diversity: I would like to congratulate Mr Stevenson our amazing art teacher (who works alongside our other amazing art teacher Ms Portman) on his art work "Welcome All" which he recently produced and is now on display on the Year 5 block wall. The "Welcome All" sign says welcome in over 50 different languages and is recognition of the 50+ cultures that make up our wonderful school community. The Rotary Club of Southern River has also donated a "Peace Pole" which has been delivered and which we will unveil shortly. I would like to thank Mr Phil Cordery of the Southern River Rotary Club for this donation, and more information about its importance will be shared shortly.



CITY of GOSNELLS

Celebrating and Caring for Volunteers

**Recognising volunteers in the
City of Gosnells**

We invite all volunteers within the City of Gosnells to this event in recognition of the important work you do in the community.

Volunteers will be treated to a massage, entertainment, food and a thank-you bag.

**Friday 24 May
6pm – 8pm**
5.30pm doors open

**Don Russell Performing Arts Theatre
Murdoch Road, Thornlie**

For more information email
community@gosnells.wa.gov.au
or phone 9391 6022



Registrations are essential
and close Friday 17 May

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Forest Crescent P&C invites you to celebrate

MOTHER'S DAY SWEET TREATS

FRIDAY 10TH MAY 3PM TO 4PM

**In the undercover area & lawn
BYO blanket or chairs**

Pre-order some treats & drinks for you and the kids to enjoy together.

Orders will be delivered to child's classroom. No over the counter sales will be available this year

Pre-orders only through Flexischools by 3rd May

Raffle will be drawn at the event

Find us on Facebook: Forest Crescent P&C and the private group 'Families of FCPS'



During National Road Safety week (5-12 May) our school has a few events occurring:
May 10th is National Walk to School day and Thank a Traffic Warden Day.

- For National Walk to School day we are encouraging everyone to wear their wacky/ cool socks to school. For those interested, families can join a walking bus to school. We will meet at Wateredge Road Park (opposite McDonalds) at 8:00am and walk to school together. It would involve one road crossing at Forest Crescent, then walking through parkland to the school. To do this I am looking for some parent volunteers to help a couple of staff with leading the bus and crossing the road. If you are interested, please let me know by getting in touch with the front office. The walking bus will leave the park at 8:10am to head towards the school.
- Families who regularly use the traffic crossings with the wardens may like to choose to thank them especially on Friday 10th May as you see them.

Other Your Move news:

- On Thursday 9th May, our Year 1 classes will be going to the Constable Care Safety House for their excursion which has been secured with funding from our school winning a grant in 2023.
- After winning a Superboost grant this year, our Year 3 classes will be one of a couple of school this term to have a free 4 week Bike Education program which includes bike safety checks. This is conducted by accredited instructors from People on Bicycles. Safety checks: Thursday 23rd May
- Bike education: Friday 24th May and Thursdays, 6 to 20 June (week 8 to 10). We ask Year 3 parents to check the email sent this week about it to enrol their child in the program.