

## In Learning We Grow

### IMPORTANT DATES!



Wed	22 May	Staff Mtg 3.15pm School Board 7pm
Thurs	23 May	Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Junior Assembly RM 8 Bike Ed YR 3 Check
Fri	24 May	Bike Ed YR 3 Workshop 1
Mon	27 May	Kindy A Group Farm Incursion
Thurs	30 May	Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Junior Assembly RM 8 Kindy B Group Farm Incursion
Mon	3 Jun	WA Day Public Holiday

### 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!

**Farewell:** Our amazing gardener Mr Hamill has announced his retirement effective from 28 May. Mr Hamill is currently on annual leave and will not be returning to Forest Crescent, except for a farewell function next Friday. Mr Hamill has worked in the garden with Mrs Hillson since 2016 and at the age of 86 thought it was time to "smell the roses" and not keep pruning them! Mr Hamill is moving to country Victoria to be closer to his family and we wish him all the best on his well earned retirement ( Mr Hamill also worked 2 days a week as a cleaner at Bateman Primary School!)

**Student Attendance:** Forest Crescent Primary School community values education and has set an ambitious target for student attendance rate at 94% attendance.

Currently we are averaging 92% for this semester which is very pleasing however we still have room for further improvement. Our 92% attendance rate is made up of 438 students who have regular attendance (greater than 90%), 104 students who may be at risk indicated (attending between 80% - 90%), 36 students at moderate risk (attending between 60% - 80%) and 13 students at severe risk (attending less than 60%). Of those 13 students, 5 have been for extended holidays. Miss Sandhu, as Deputy Principal attendance works with teachers to identify students who may be falling below the acceptable levels of attendance.

### Why is going to school so important for your children?

- At school, many concepts such as literacy and numeracy are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important when essential foundation skills are being taught.
- Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.
- Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.
- Going to school each day helps children develop positive relationships with teachers and friendships with other students.

I have attached to the newsletter a Department of Education document outlining "When is it OK to miss school?" At the end of Term 2 I am accountable to the School Board to provide our attendance statistics and outline reasons why we may have not met our target of 94%. Attending school everyday is important and I look forward to working with our school community to reach our 94% target which we did regularly pre covid!



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**P&C Appreciation Day 2024:** I would like to acknowledge and thank our amazing P&C as next Friday 24 May is P&C Appreciation Day. The P&C support our school in so many different ways and this was evident in our 2023 School Review commendation “*An informed Board and dynamic P&C work collaboratively with the Principal to contribute to the school's ongoing improvement.*” Thank you Ryan Jenkins, P&C President, Jeff Albert, P&C Vice President, Lisa Smith P&C Secretary, Holly Jenkins P&C Treasurer, Abby Galvin P&C Fundraising and Social Media, Abby Albert P&C Road Safety and Safety House, Kaylee Furlong, Kim Brown and Michelle Gunter in the Uniform Shop, Rachel Stanwyck Interschool uniform coordinator and Tanniell Kimwatan in the canteen (run by the P&C). You guys are amazing and our school community thank you for everything you do to ensure our kids get the best opportunities! I would also like to acknowledge our amazing P&C who have assisted the school extensively over the last fortnight especially with the Mother's Day Stall and Sweet Treats Afternoon Tea. Abby Galvin together with a band of helpers delivered over 550 Mother's Day gifts and the canteen staff and P&C helpers who provided around 100 sweet treat afternoon teas. Mother's Day Stall Helpers – Abby Galvin, Shay Rochester, Fiona Ellis, Finette Maney, Emma Nuich, Melanie Andrew, Janine Bradley, Holly Jenkins and Leanne Gillies. Sweet Treats helpers – Abby Galvin, Tanniell Kimwatan, Shay Rochester, Holly Jenkins, Abby Albert, Lavanya Avadiar and Desma Thompson. THANKS everyone! We will be celebrating the wonderful P&C with a morning tea next Friday at 10.45am in the staffroom. I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday for a morning tea in the staffroom.

**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 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.

**National Walk Safely to School Day:** Last Friday students and parents had the opportunity to participate in the National Walk Safely School Day. Unfortunately due to the weather forecast of storms our Walking School Bus was cancelled, however we still recognised the day with our usual Wheel or Walk Friday. Now in its 24th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. All information can found at: [walk.com.au](http://walk.com.au)

### The objectives of WSTSD are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of Public Transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Thank you to Miss Sandhu who coordinated the event and leads our Your Move and Road Safety programs. I have enjoyed catching up with many families during the morning and afternoon crosswalk duty, however I'm hopeful that Eddy, our crosswalk attendant will be back on duty on Monday after a bout of COVID! I would like to congratulate all students who use this crosswalk safely and show beautiful manners before and after school with thank you!



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# 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](mailto:community@gosnells.wa.gov.au) or phone 9391 6022



Registrations are essential and close Friday 17 May

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For children aged, 5 - 13 years

Each participant will receive a free t-shirt and gift!

## JULY HOLIDAY CLINIC

9th, 10th, 11th of July 2024

Our 3 day program held at Southern Districts Netball Association is fun and active way to develop netball skills in an enjoyable and friendly environment.

- Accredited coaches
- Age specific games and skills
- Wet weather activities
- Competitions and prizes
- Sausgae sizzle on the last day

Time: 9:30 - 12pm (9th & 10th July)  
 9:30 - 1pm (11th July)

**Cost: \$150.00**  
 + 2.03% transaction fees

To register please see our website [www.southerndistrictsnetball.com.au](http://www.southerndistrictsnetball.com.au)

Registrations close 5th of July.



**your move**  
 more ways to get there

- Bike education: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Thursdays, 6 to 20 June. We ask Year 3 parents to check the email sent this week about it to enrol their child in the program.
- Year 3 students who have had their bike enrolled for checking please bring your bike to school on Thursday 23 May and leave the bike in the bike rack outside the front office unlocked.

## Parenting Across Cultures

Did you grow up outside Australia and are now raising children inside Australia?

Meet with other parents in similar situations and share ideas about how we navigate this change whilst still preserving our family's culture.

(For parents and carers of children aged 0-18 years)



Bookings are essential

**Date:** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Time:** 12:00pm – 2:00pm  
**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre, 26 Brookman Ave, Langford

**For more information please:**  
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