



Forest Crescent News

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IMPORTANT DATES!

Mon	3 June	WA Day Public Holiday
Thurs	6 June	Junior Assembly RM 10 & Citizen of the Month Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Bike Ed YR 3 Workshop School Nurse—Kindy
Fri	7 June	EALD Report Parent Workshop
Wed	12 June	P&C 7pm
Thurs	13 June	Senior Assembly RM 5 & Citizen of the Month Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am YR 3 Bike Workshop School Nurse—Kindy Staff Mtg 3.15pm
Fri	14 June	School Cross Country Fathering Project Movie Night

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members and welcome to our last autumn edition of the school newsletter. It has finally happened, we have had a week of wet weather! The rain has been a welcome relief to end a very dry spell. Our lake was the driest I have seen it in my time at Forest Crescent, (seven and a half years!) and it is great to see the return of the birdlife to the lake now that there is water flowing into it. Mrs Rigby is keen to see our turtle population in the lake and will be coordinating a school turtle watch program in the near future as part of our environmental program. I know that Mrs Rigby has just finalised the borrowing of equipment from CREEC (Canning River Eco Education Centre) to support this program and will be providing all students information about what they can do at our junior and senior assemblies.

Social Media: Over the last fortnight I have been involved in dealing with friendship and bullying issues at school that are playing out on social media and coming into school. I am really disappointed in what I have been shown on social media and what our kids are saying and doing to each other online often without the knowledge of their parents! Each social media site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements. Most sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can

register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13. The sites that I have seen our kids access are these sites that require kids to be 13 years or older! I'm not asking you to make sure that your child is not accessing these sites, but I am asking that you monitor the sites and content that your child is being exposed to. I have asked all teachers - from kindergarten to Year 6 to reinforce being responsible on social media using our social media curriculum. As parents I ask that you access the e Safety Commissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/> which provides excellent parent support information on navigating the social media world with kids. I have also attached a document – 5 Tips to Keep Your Family Safe Online from the eSafety website. Miss Sandhu, with support from the P&C has booked Kirra Prendergast from Safe on Social an online safety expert to conduct a parent workshop on Thursday 15 August and student workshops on Friday 16 August for Years 4-6 students. More information about the parent workshop will be provided early next term. I thank the P&C and Miss Sandhu for coordinating this event.

EDUDANCE: All of our students from P-6 have been involved in Edu Dance lessons. Edu Dance is a creative hip-hop dance program designed for primary school students. It provides children with the opportunity to be part of a fun and energetic dance program that fulfils the Physical and Health outcome requirements (Dance element) for students and covers many other aspects such as coordination, musical appreciation and self-confidence, and gives many children the opportunity to experience the excitement of performing in front of an audience. Most importantly it is a program for fitness and fun. All students participating in Edu Dance will perform their routines in a concert during weeks 10 or 11. The concerts are always a highlight of the school year and well attended by parents, caregivers and grand-parents. Students have really enjoyed their lessons. Parents have been provided with their child's costume requirements and I look forward to seeing their continued development leading up to the concert week!



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Cross Country: Students from Year 1-6 are also well and truly into training for the annual Cross Country carnival to be held on Friday 14 June. Mrs Horan has been working with our students during the first part of her phys ed lesson building up their stamina to be able to complete the course while classroom teachers are also providing opportunities for students to run the course or around the oval during sport and morning fitness time. To finalise our training, Ms Spencer and her daughter Yasi have been coordinating before school Thursday morning running club with about 90- students from Years 3-6 weather permitting. On Cross Country day Years 1 / 2 have to run 700m, Years 3 – 900m, Years 4/5 – 1400m and Year 6 – 1600m. These distances from Year 3-6 are the same distance that the interschool competition is run over. I would like to congratulate all students who are trying their best to improve their time and get under Mrs Horan's expected time of 12 minutes. I look forward to seeing our runners compete for the faction on carnival day.

Fathering Project: Forest Crescent Primary School has an active dads group coordinated by Jeff Albert and supported by the P&C.

The Fathering Project helps dads to be the best dads they can be, for themselves, their children and their families. We partner with individuals and communities to change lives for the better, by:

- Undertake high-impact research to understand how fathers impact their children's lives from the perinatal period to adulthood and how they can connect with them to prevent and reduce demand for high intensity and crisis services in the future.
- Deliver prevention and early intervention programs and services to improve father and family relationships and connectedness.
- Build community awareness about the crucial impact fathers have on their children's lives, through awareness campaigns, prevention and research-based information and resources.
- Provide tools and resources to support fathers, families and communities and prevent and reduce numbers experiencing high rates of suicide, domestic violence, anti-social or extremist behaviour and poor mental health.
- Provide support and outreach services to vulnerable and at-risk fathers and communities to prevent issues such as abuse, neglect, disengagement and trauma.
- Advocate to governments and industry, for increased awareness of fathers' changing roles in society, work and family and for funding and resources to invest in prevention and early intervention evidence-based programs, which offer the best long term outcomes for children and families.
- Support professionals who work with fathers, children, and families to prevent long term social and emotional issues and build strong and enduring relationships in families and between fathers and children.
- Build family and community resilience and capacity to prevent long term negative impacts.

- Our next Fathering Project event for Term 2 is a Dad's and kids event. Come and join us in the undercover area for a movie night at the school on Friday 14 June 2024 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Please RSVP by emailing Jeff at FCPSthefatheringproject@gmail.com or call the school on 9232 3550 by Monday 10 June.

Mr Albert also recently sent me a link to the P&C Voice magazine where our Fathering Project Big Camp Out was featured! An early warning for dads to put aside Friday 22 November as our Dads and Kids Big Camp Out event. Click on the following: [FP Big Camp Out](#)

Your Move – Bike Safety Education : Thanks to a grant received by the Your Move program Miss Sandhu has coordinated a Year 3 Bike Education and Safety program. Last week all Year 3 students were given the opportunity to bring their bikes to school for a free safety check and repair. Over 30 bikes were assessed and given the once over to ensure their safety. The Year 3 students now participate in a series of practical riding lessons over the next 3 weeks teaching about bike safety while on the roads. This is a very important part of our health curriculum, a program that Ms Jarvinen commenced a few years back and has been sustained by Miss Sandhu. Thank you to the Year 3 parents who have bought in their child's bikes and also to the educators from People on Bikes who are conducting the course and providing bikes to those students who don't have them.



Semester Reports: Student reports will be available online through Connect from Friday 21 June (end of Week 10). Reports will not be emailed or printed for parents. Since the Western Australian Curriculum aims to challenge students, a **C** or **Satisfactory Achievement** rating (achievement of the standard) is one to celebrate! The Semester 1 report is based on the work your child has covered in the first half of the year. It shows their current progress and what they are on track to achieve by the end of the year. Teachers also provide comments for English and Mathematics and it is important to read these in the context of their achievement level. The assessment on your child's report may, however, change in December depending on their performance in the latter half of the year. Please take time to read through the report with your child and discuss points for celebration as well as any points for improvement. If you have any concerns, please follow up with your child's classroom teacher.

Have a great fortnight.

Senior Award Winners
7 March

Angel A	Holli B	Mackenzie B	Harper F
Cole F	Thomas F	Spencer G	Phoebe G
Samuel J	Elizabeth K	Chase L	Tannayah M
Logan M	Saber M	Tenuun M	Olive M
Sienna Q	Nasaym R	Georgia R	Alaric R
Laylaa S	Ella S	Josiah T	Davin T
Anthony W	Huiyu W	Casey Y	

Junior Award Winners
28 March

Aylah C	Tyler C	Isaiah C	Aubrey C
Olivia F	Joshua G	Indiana G	Alistair G
Millie H	Henry K	Kelly K	Talea L
Aden L	Samuel L	Alyssa M	Finley P
Ryder P	Naomika R	Sana R	Alexandra R
Victoria U	Yeshey W		

Senior Award Winners
18 April

Elyas A	Lilianna B	Damien B	Harper C
Amelia E	Heath G	Andrea I	Nate J
Mia J	Matilda J	Cooper J	Dashmeet K
Erin K	Ellyse M	Nash M	Dylan M
Jie N	Iris O	Tenzin P	Chelsea P
Ozman R	Nicholas R	Amity R	Nihal S
Pavithra T	Yusuf U	Layla V	

Forest Crescent P&C presents

DISCO NIGHT

Friday 21st June

TICKETS \$10
INCLUDES A TREAT & DRINK

JUNIORS	SENIORS
KINDY - YR 2	YR 3 - YR 6
5PM - 6.30PM	7PM - 9PM

PURCHASE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS APP BY JUNE 14TH.
DOOR SALES AVAILABLE BUT DO NOT INCLUDE TREAT & DRINK

The Fathering Project Movie Night—Dad’s and Kids

Friday 14 June from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Undercover area

Pizza and popcorn will be provided

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P&C Appreciation Day