

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!

Tues	27 Aug	Father's Day Stall Zero2Hero
Wed	28 Aug	P&C Mtg 7pm
Thurs	29 Aug	Kindy B Father's Day Event Kindy B Father's Day Stall Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Junior Assembly RM 13 Staff Mtg 3.15pm
Fri	30 Aug	Student Free Day
Mon	2 Sept	Kindy A Father's Day Event YR 6 Camp Parent Info Night
Tues	3 Sept	YR 1 Kalamunda History Village Excursion Zero2Hero
Wed	4 Sept	School Board 7pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a very busy term that has seemed to fly by with the students working very hard and the staff even harder! Some of our recent and upcoming events include...

- Interschool Cross Country
- Book Week Parade
- Zero2Hero Yr 5/6 resiliency program Hero Day – Wed 18 Sept
- Father's Day Stall – Tues 27 Aug.
- Open Night – Tues 10 Sept
- Fathering Project Hike – Sun 15 Sept
- Yr 1's – excursion to Kalamunda Historical Village
- Yr 2's Fremantle Prison
- Yr 3's Scitech
- Jumps and Throws – Tues 17 September
- Massed Choir Festival Rehearsal – Wed 11 Sept
- Rotary Club Southern River – Peace Pole assembly – Fri 20 Sept

As you can see there has been a lot happening around our school over the last term and I look forward to a busy Term 4. I would especially like to thank the P&C for their contributions to the many events held this term to provide our students with extra opportunities both during the school day and after hours.

ATTENDANCE: Going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills for future learning. At Forest Crescent we want your children to do their very best. To get the best education, they need to go to school every day. By working together, our school community can support your child's attendance. Last week I conducted a mid term audit of student attendance for Term 3, which provided some cause for concern. Our attendance rate target is 94 % of students attending regularly. Currently we have an attendance rate of 90.8% regular attendance, up until the end of Week 6, which is below our expectations. More importantly we have 26 students at severe risk, attending school less than 60% and a further 55 students who are in the moderate category attending between 60%-80%. A closer look at these figures in the severe category show that 14 of these students have reasonable cause while 12 students are in the severe risk category. Miss Sandhu as Deputy Principal of attendance is working with teachers and parents to ensure that students attend school on a regular basis. I have attached two documents from the Department with regards to regular student attendance and the importance of attending school every day. I look forward to seeing a sharp improvement in student attendance over the last 4 weeks of this term and into Term 4.

SAFE ON SOCIAL: Last Thursday evening the P&C organised national speaker Kirra Pendergast, founder of Safe on Social, to come to Forest Crescent and present to parents. Enhancing online safety and promoting digital wellness is crucial in today's interconnected world. As an industry pioneer and cybersecurity expert, Kirra Pendergast has been at the forefront of information security since 1991. With a wealth of experience and a passion for empowering individuals of all ages, Kirra's innovative approach focuses on education and awareness rather than fear tactics, guiding organisations and internet users towards safe and responsible engagement with technology.

In Kirra's highly informative presentation she provided information on:

- Terms and Conditions Explained - Get to know what you're signing up for.
- Safeguard Your Personal Data - Understand the importance of keeping personal information private in this age of Gen AI and other emerging technologies.
- Nurturing Respect - Online Relationships in the Age of Sextortion, Sexting, Image-based Abuse.



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- Spotting Online Grooming - Learn how to identify potential threats, and what to do.
- Scams, Hoaxes, Deepfakes, and Misinformation - Understanding how to differentiate between fact and fiction.
- Better Group Chat Management - Strategies to keep group chats enjoyable and drama-free.
- Say no to Cyberbullying and yes to Building Online Resilience.
- How to share photos online with respect for our kids privacy.
- Protect Against Identity Theft.
- Legal Responsibilities Online.
- Safe and respectful Online Gaming.
- Create a Positive Online Presence

As part of the presentation Kirra offers free parent access to online parent resources. All FCPS families can download the cheat sheet library for free (usually \$49) by using this link

<https://www.safeonsocial.com/product-page/ultimate-parents-cheat-sheet-library-for-online-safety>

You will see the "Ultimate Parents Cheat Sheet Library for Online Safety". Click on add to cart and when checking out, use the promo code KPCHAC and the resources will download for free. We encourage all parents to download the documents and keep them somewhere so they can be used when and if they are needed. These resources will greatly benefit students and families, providing the necessary tools to thrive online. The resources are updated every 6 months to ensure their relevance (we have a free 12 month subscription!) It will download as a zip file and you may need to extract the files to be able to open them.

Thank you to the P&C for this wonderful opportunity. Miss Sandhu and the P&C will continue to look at guest speakers to offer support to our school community in ensuring safety while online.

OPEN NIGHT: Our annual Open Night will be held on Tuesday 10 September (Week 9). Our arts program, music, and visual arts will be presenting their work in the undercover area from 5.00pm – 5.30pm, followed by the classrooms open from 5.30pm – 6.50pm. To conclude our Open Night the TAGS Drama class will be performing from 7.00pm – 7.30pm in the undercover area. Parents and staff are most welcome to view the Drama performance! The Open Night is an opportunity for families to come and have a look at the wonderful work of students and see our great facilities. Teachers will be available to say hello and introduce themselves if parents / caregivers haven't met before. The Open Night is a time to celebrate all of the outstanding teaching and learning opportunities implemented across the school, it is not a time for parent / teacher interviews. Should you wish to have a more in depth conversation with your child's classroom teacher, an appointment can be made for a later date. I look forward to seeing many families taking the opportunity to come in and look at our wonderful work. The P&C has a Subway Meal Deal that you can order through the Flexischools app. Orders can be picked up on the night from the Art Room between 5.00pm and 5.45pm. Orders will close 9am on Thursday 5 September.

BOOK WEEK PARADE: The Book Week Parade was again a highlight of our school year even if the weather created a bit more of a drama! It is so important that we take every opportunity to celebrate the reading of books. This year's theme was *Reading Is Magic* and it was wonderful to see so many students and staff celebrate their love of literacy! The variety of costumes was amazing and I am in awe of the creativity of many of our parents (and staff). I would like to acknowledge Mrs Wybenga and her Literacy Committee for their wonderful coordination, Miss Auld as announcer, Ms Britten for the music and Mrs Burke and Miss Sandhu for taking the many photos!

Why do children need books?

- Books create warm emotional bonds between adults and children when they read together
- Books help children develop basic language skills and profoundly expand their vocabularies
- Books are interactive; they demand that children think. Fiction and nonfiction books widen our consciousness
- Books entertain and offer a great escape.
- Books inspire us to dream.

Our 2024 NAPLAN data is an indication of our successful literacy teaching and learning programs together with targeted support for those students identified as at risk of not reaching their full potential. I'm sure that you will enjoy seeing the photos Mr Combes will publish on our website.

FATHERING PROJECT: Our Fathering Project event for Term 3 is a Dads and Kids event. Come and join us for a picturesque walk along the Ellis Brook Valley trail, followed by a sausage sizzle breakfast on Sunday 15 September. RSVP to Jeff at FCPSthefatheringproject@gmail.com or contact the school on 9232 3550. We would love to see you.

At the Fathering Project we recognise that fathers, and father figures, play a vital role in children's lives. The evidence demonstrating fathers' potential to positively influence their children's health and mental health, social success and academic achievements is now robust, indisputable, and compelling. Absent, disengaged, ill-equipped or busy fathers is a significant social issue damaging the lives of Australian children and young people. We're living through a time of rapid social change, where community views of fatherhood are actively changing. Many fathers and father figures are struggling to fulfil the joys, challenges and responsibilities of being an engaged dad. Many Dads are struggling alone, contributing to poor mental health outcomes and higher rates of suicide and domestic violence. Delivering engaging prevention and intervention programs and research-based resources will equip fathers with the skills to be the best Dad they can be and improve the lives of fathers, children and families for generations to come. The Fathering Project is an evidence-based organisation that aims to promote positive fathering behaviours and fathers' engagement with their infants, preschool, primary school and adolescent-aged children. If you would like more information please contact Jeff at FCPSthefatheringproject@gmail.com or log into the Fathering Project website at www.thefatheringproject.org to join our Forest Crescent Dads group.

BOOK WEEK



Junior Award Winners 8 August

Muhammad A	Tiah A	Imona B	Felix C
Addison F	Temuun G	Zach G	Bahar H
Trisha H	Sarah J	Jack J	Aiden Rui K
Jiyu L	Kelly L	Aden L	Amora P
Sophie P	Afia R	Akshaja R	Bodhi R
Rachel R	Delilah-Mae S	Ronika T	Archer V

Senior Award Winners 15 August

Jake B	Baileigh B	Milani C	Hayden C
Eli C	Kaden C	Caitlyn F	Riya G
Benjamin G	Edward G	Noah H	Grace H
Chelsea H	Jaxon H	Maxwell H	Abby L
Mia M	Yousaf M	Emily N	Raven N
Olizma O	Harrison O	Bryan P	Joshua P
Gaige P	Jaismeet S	Tyler S	Ilaria S
Ashton S	Margarette T	Amelia T	Uzna U
Kayden W			





SUB, DRINK & COOKIE MEAL DEAL

10th September ☆

Order cut off 9am 5th September ☆



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“Riding for Hope” with Greg Hire

As you are aware, our school has had numerous mental health and wellbeing incursions since 2019 with A Stitch in Time. This year, the program branched from upper primary to Year 1 to Year 4 having a session too, which was supported by Telethon. This year, students have had sessions from facilitators including Greg Hire and Brad Robbins (ex- Perth Wildcats), Blair Evans (Olympian), Marksman Lloyd (Music Artist), Ben Popham (Paralympian) and Michelle (Mental Health and Wellbeing Counsellor). A Stitch in Time is also our Kids 4 Kids fundraising charity.

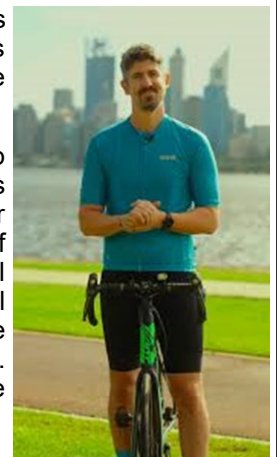


ASIT’s founder, Greg Hire, is about to launch on an epic adventure, all in the name of raising awareness and support for Youth Mental Health. Aply named, ‘Riding for Hope’, Greg will be heading to Kununurra to start his journey on the 28th August, to ride on his bike back to Perth, arriving on 27th September. In all, he will pedal for 3674kms. He hopes that raising this awareness will also help to raise more funds for A Stitch in Time, so that more programs can be provided to schools across the state.

As a partnership school, FCPS hope to support Greg in his ride. Of course, we can’t be on the road with him, but we have another idea. Together with the ‘Your Move’ student leaders, Miss Sandhu is encouraging students who ride to school to keep a log book. In this log book, students with their parents write how many kms the child has ridden each day. Students then take their log book to the Your Move student leaders who will be set up in the undercover area each morning before school. They get their log book stamped, and the number of kms written will be stamped into our bog FCPS logbook. Whether a child rides 1km or 10kms, all will be added to help us achieve a school goal of 3674kms ridden. We hope to achieve this goal by the school holidays, starting on 28th August. As Greg is riding on the weekends, we will count any kms ridden on the weekend too. It’s a great way to encourage going for a ride.

The school’s logbook during the day will be kept in the library for students to see our school progress. Mrs Lambert has set up a display of Greg’s journey, including a map which will follow his progress. For parents to follow along Greg’s ride, head to A Stitch in Time’s Facebook and Instagram pages for updates and a link to donate to his ride if you like.

Hope, connection and to help make everyone feel their best is what its all about. We hope your child can join us in this project. If they are interested, the special ‘Riding for Hope’ log books will be available in the front office from Tuesday 27th August. Remember ride safe and have those helmets on.



This term, dad’s (or father figures) are invited to bring their children down to Ellis Brook Valley Reserve in Gosnells, for a leisurely group walk and breakfast.

This event will be held on Sunday 15th September 2024 from 8am to 10am in celebration of Father’s Day.

This event is sponsored by the Forest Crescent Primary School P&C.