

## In Learning We Grow

### IMPORTANT DATES!

Mon	9 Sept	Camp visit Woodman Point SAER SAER Camp Parent Meeting 2.30pm
Tues	10 Sept	Zero2Hero Open Night
Wed	11 Sept	MCF Churchlands 8.45am-12.45pm Rainbows Windup 2.15pm Staffroom Festival of Perth YR 5
Thurs	12 Sept	R U OK Day Assembly RM 1 Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am
Fri	13 Sept	Festival of Perth YR 5
Sun	15 Sept	Fathering Project—Ellis Brook 8am
Mon	16 Sept	Citizen & Aussie Lunch 12.30pm Staffroom
Tues	17 Sept	FCPS Jumps & Throws Kindy A Kindy Karnival Zero2Hero
Wed	18 Sept	Zero2Hero Run Dress as a Hero Day YR 1-3 Zero2Hero workshop u/cover
Thurs	19 Sept	Whole School Assembly—Drama Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am Kindy B Kindy Karnival
Fri	20 Sept	Peace Pole Assembly 2pm Last day of Term 3
Tues	8 Oct	Students return to school for Term 4

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings to staff, students, parents and community members, welcome to this edition of the newsletter. I trust that your family enjoyed a Father's Day Weekend, however that happens for your family. I enjoyed the weekend with my four boys and extended family with a BBQ dinner on Sunday evening for 16! With just over 2 weeks to go before the end of Term 3 the students continue to work hard to ensure that they are completing their work to the best of their ability. Term 3 is the term where students consolidate their learning ready to transition to their new year level in Term 4. A Term 4 planner is also attached to this newsletter to advise the community of the events happening in Term 4. Please keep it handy so you are aware of the important dates as we head towards the end of the year!

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Yesterday at the Australian Association for Religious Education Awards Evening two of our Special

Religious Education (SRE) teachers were honoured for their long and distinguished volunteer career in teaching SRE in the Gosnells district and at Forest Crescent Primary. Bev Pabedinskas (40 years of service) and Brenda Chester (35 years of service) were recognised for their significant contributions to volunteering in schools to serve and support children and school communities with values education through the Youth Care program "Every Day Matters" Christian Values Education curriculum. Congratulations Bev and Brenda!

**OPEN NIGHT:** Our annual Open Night will be held this Tuesday 10 September (Week 9). Our arts program, band, choir 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 Subway Meal Deal (orders closed yesterday) can be picked up on the night from the Art Room between 5.00pm and 5.45pm.

**SCHOOL BOARD:** All parents will be emailed a nomination letter for our School Board 2025 – 26 as an attachment to this newsletter. There are **TWO** positions available for parents to fill for a term of two years, joining our current Parent Representatives (Paul Swanson, Aaron Hayes and Jack Wilmot.) The School Board plays a major role in overseeing the implementation and monitoring of our School Business Plan. We value diversity within our School Board and proactively encourage women and parents with a multicultural background to nominate. This will ensure both gender and cultural balance are represented on the School Board. Parents wishing to nominate for a Parent position on the Board need to complete the attached nomination form and return it to the Principal by 4.00pm Friday 18 October (end of Week 2). This can also be done via email to [forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au).

If more nominations than vacant positions are received, an election process will be held.



## THE PROPERTY POD

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**CITIZEN OF THE MONTH LUNCH:** Congratulations to the Citizen's of The Month for Term 3. On Monday 16 September we celebrate their award with a lunch in the staffroom from 12.30pm. Students will be given a letter with a lunch order next week. Students will need to make sure that they have ordered their lunch from the canteen by Monday morning. Thank you to Mrs Kimwarten and the wonderful canteen staff who continue to provide excellent healthy lunch choices! I look forward to celebrating with our Citizen's of the Month in the staffroom!

**FATHERING PROJECT:** Weather permitting, our next Fathering Project event for Term 3 is a Dads and Kids event. Meet in the car park at 7.45am and join us for a picturesque 90 minute walk along the Ellis Brook Valley trail, followed by a sausage sizzle breakfast on Sunday 15 September. RSVP on either the Fathering Project website, to Jeff at [FCPSthefatheringproject@gmail.com](mailto:FCPSthefatheringproject@gmail.com) or contact the school on 9232 3550 by Wednesday 11 September. We would love to see you.

**SWOOPING MAGPIES:** As we head in to spring, Magpies are notorious for swooping, which is done to protect the bird's territory when it feels its nest is threatened during nesting season. Nesting season tends to last around 4 – 6 weeks. We have several magpies who nest around the school and even the average swoop is not a fun experience! It is important to take precautions against the possibility of swooping by managing our own behaviour, rather than that of the magpies.

- **Be vigilant** – pay attention and know nesting areas in and around our neighbourhood.
- **Inform others** – let others know where the magpies are swooping.
- **Never harass magpies** – don't throw rocks or sticks. A magpie who has experienced harassment will cease to trust humans.
- **Take evasive action** – Keep calm, walk quickly but don't run. Try to keep your eye on the magpie as they usually attack from behind, **but don't look up!** As you walk away try to maintain eye contact.
- **Try not to return** – magpies have an incredible memory and will attack the same people again and again.

Generally the magpies on school grounds near the bike racks, and the flag pole have not been swooping aggressively, but just letting us know that they are around. If we continue to take the above precautions, we should be able to get through the swooping season! One of the amazing environmental aspects of our school is the variety of birds that use our school to nest. A number of pink and grey galahs have taken up home in the bird boxes built around the school, swallows have made a nest in our undercover area, and several Willy Wagtail nests have also been spotted around the school. Please make sure that we respect all of our wildlife and be careful to not affect their spring breeding season.

**SCHOOL WATCH:** Unfortunately, during the upcoming school holidays schools can become the targets of vandalism. A reminder to all community members that the school grounds, apart from the oval and upper basketball courts are out of bounds over the holiday period. Please be on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour around our school over the holidays as it is distressing for both the students and staff to return and find damage to our school.

#### **WHAT TO LOOK FOR**

- The most important times for you to be vigilant are during school holidays as schools are unattended and therefore more vulnerable than usual to crime.
- Keep in mind that schools are generally large physical areas with multiple "blind spots". If you hear unusual noises from within a school, such as glass breaking or banging noises, this might mean people are up to no good.

- Look for unusual vehicles parked at a school on weekends or during holidays.
- Watch for groups "hanging around" on school grounds. This should not occur and can be one of the starting points for crime to occur.
- Should you see any suspicious behaviour please call **School Watch on 1800 177 777 or police on 131 444.**

**CLASS PLACEMENT 2025:** Appropriate student class placement is a critical school operational process, ensuring the continuing successful performance of our students. The class placement process for 2025 will be very similar to 2024. Initial class placement meetings will be held by staff during year level meetings from Weeks 3 – 6 of Term 4 based on the current class placement policy....

- In general Year 1 - 3 classes are not to exceed 24 students and year 4-6 classes are not to exceed 32 students with grouped (composite) classes having one less student.
- As school populations are generally unevenly spread across grades, these class sizes can only be achieved by forming a number of composite (e.g. 4/5) classes.
- It is recognized that the school administration will determine appropriate class size in consultation with staff given the circumstances and programs at the school level.
- Allocation processes commence in term 4 of the year and involves the recommendation of the current year class teachers who have had the opportunity to evaluate their students and input from previous teachers where necessary.
- Social justice factors as well as academic attainment, social and group dynamics are taken into account.
- Parental consultation will take place in respect to students on Special Needs Programs and the placement of twins or siblings in the same class.
- Parents will be given the opportunity to make submissions to the principal in regards to class placement for the next year during term 4 prior to class lists being established.

**Classes are to be formulated according to the following:**

- **Mixed ability classes – spread of IEP/SAER students.**
- **Behaviour management – class dynamics.**
- **Gender balance where possible.**
- **Friendship groups – try for at least 3 peer friends.**

Parents are requested to email or write to the Principal with any requests for class placement. These requests need to be educationally based and not request a specific teacher. Placement requests close on Friday 1 November 2024.

At all times the determination regarding placement of students will be based on educational grounds. The ultimate responsibility for the placement rests with the principal. As all class lists are draft and could change depending on future enrolments or staff movements, publication of class lists will be on Monday 3 February via class lists being placed in the undercover area. (Students commence on Wednesday 5 February).

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the Open Night next Tuesday.



## R U OK? Day Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

Got a feeling that someone you know or care about it isn't behaving as they normally would?

Perhaps they seem out of sorts?

More agitated or withdrawn?

Or they're just not themselves.

Trust that gut instinct and act on it.

By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up. If they say they are not OK, you can follow the conversation steps to show them they're supported and help them find strategies to better manage the load. If they are OK, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask.

Follow these four steps to have a conversation that could change someone's life.

1. **Ask R U OK?**
2. **Listen with an Open Mind**
3. **Encourage Action**
4. **Check in**

You can visit the website [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au) for more information.



### Junior Award Winners 29 August

Jasmine A	William A	Logan A	Esme C
Grace C	Jack F	Selo K	Armani K
Daniel L	Mana Wai M	Archer M	Chloe M
Jina M	Xander M	Neil N	Junia O
Hudson O	Bless P	Charlie P	Levi R
Harlow S	Manit S	Sienna T	

### Senior Award Winners 5 September

Zak A	Aika A	Fasha A	Lincoln B
Peyton B	Amelia C	Ayla C	Thanvika D
Tashi D	Autumn G	Ryan G	Khadeejah H
Oliver H	Liam J	Jaxon K	Jake L
Bryden L	Zoe M	Verity M	Jack M
Nate M	Farhad N	Haider N	Alyssa P
Jessica P	Skyla R	Levi R	Giarna S
Mitchell S	Alexandra U	Mia V	Bel W



## FAMILY FUN FITNESS



Training at South Thornlie Primary School  
Tuesdays (ages U6 - U17)  
Thursdays (ages U9 - U17)  
5 - 6:30 pm

TRAINING FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON WILL START  
THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

**\*\*TWO FREE TRAINING SESSIONS FOR  
NEW ATHLETES\*\***

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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.

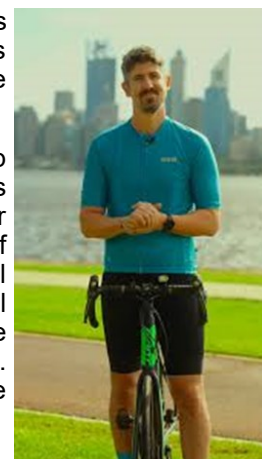


ASIT’s founder, Greg Hire, is about to launch on an epic adventure, all in the name of raising awareness and support for Youth Mental Health. Aply named, ‘Riding for Hope’, Greg will be heading to Kununurra to start his journey on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, to ride on his bike back to Perth, arriving on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> August. Remember ride safe and have those helmets on.



**the fathering project**

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.