

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!

Tues	29 Oct	Photos Staff Meeting 3.15pm
Wed	30 Oct	Photos Pre-Kindy 9-11am Festival of Perth YR 5 School Board 7pm
Thurs	31 Oct	Photos Massed Choir HBF Stadium
Fri	1Nov	Bike Month Your Move Events Fire Safety Incursion 11.05am
Week 5		PP – YR 3 Swimming
Tues	5 Nov	Interschool Jumps & Throws
Wed	6 Nov	Pre-Kindy 9-11am
Thurs	7 Nov	Interschool Athletics
Week 6		PP – YR 3 Swimming

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings to staff, students, parent and community members and welcome to the first edition of the school newsletter for Term 4. Apologies that the newsletter is a week late, it was supposed to be out last week, but the first fortnight really got away being super busy! Term 4 promises to be a very busy term with many teaching and learning opportunities happening across the school. The Term 4 planner has been sent home and also published on the school website. Please keep it handy as it outlines all of the events this term. I look forward to catching up with many parents over the coming term during our events and happenings.

Year 6 Camp: I have just spent the last three days down at Woodman Point with the Year 6 students and staff participating in their Year 6 Camp. We took 85 students, 8 staff and 2 parent helpers for a week long camp. I would like to first acknowledge the commitment of the staff – Mrs Davies, Miss Sandhu, Mrs Brown, Miss Doran, Mrs Bransby, Mrs Kinsella and Mrs Craven and parent helpers Mrs Ibbitson and Mr Booth. There are not many primary schools who commit to a 5 day camp and while we were at Woodman Point we had a school commence Monday and left Wednesday morning and then another school come in on Wednesday lunchtime and were leaving the same time as us on Friday. Thank you staff for being on duty 24/7 with eighty-five Year 6 students!

The students were also amazing and participated in a full on activity week commencing at 7.00am getting organised for breakfast until 10.00pm when lights out. Their efforts in all activities and working together as a team meant many student overcame some fears, especially height completing the Flying Fox, sleeping away from home for the first time or trying new foods. I must say that it was one of the most enjoyable group of students to be on camp with as Principal and thank you as parents for supporting your kids coming to camp.

Class lists: Staff have commenced developing class lists for 2025. As the school structure is still in draft, and will be right up until the start of 2025, class placements will not be advertised until the office reopens towards the end of January. I have received some parent requests that will be taken into consideration, when placing students in classes, based on educational grounds. As per previous years, classes will 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.

Anticipated Classes for 2025

Total Classes P – 6 - 24 Total Numbers – 661

Classes	Numbers	Classes	Numbers
3 x kindergarten	3 x 20 (60 - kindy) – currently 58	4 x Yr 3	2 x 20 2 x 21 (82 Yr 3)
4 x P	3 x 21 1 x 20 (83 PP)	3 x Yr 4	2 x 30 1 x 31 (91 Yr 4)
4 x Yr 1	2 x 23, 2 x 22 (90 Yr 1)	3 x Yr 5	3 x 29 (87 Yr 5)
3 x Yr 2	2 x 20 1x 21 (61 Yr 2)	3 X Yr 6	3 x 30 (90 Yr 6)
			Total 642

Athletics Carnival: The last Friday of Week 1 we held our annual whole school athletics carnival. We were blessed with the weather, which ensured that all events scheduled could be run. The feedback to me from all involved highlighted the outstanding behaviour of all of our students combined with the sportsmanship and participation exhibited throughout the carnival. A full list of medal winners and winning factions is published further on in the newsletter. Whole school events require an enormous amount of planning and coordination and I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Horan in organising the carnival. I would also like to thank the year level teachers who over the Term 3 sport program trained the students in the team games and made sure that runners were placed in the right divisions. On the day there were a number of people who assisted....

- Staff and parents who arrived early to set up and volunteer on the day.
- Mrs Davies and Mrs Rankine who collated all of the scores
- Ms Britten for her enthusiastic announcing.
- The canteen staff who ensured all lunches were delivered on time and the wonderful cake stall held on the oval.
- Mr Combes as starter.
- High School students from Thornlie Senior High



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If I have missed anyone I apologise and thank you for your efforts. Mrs Horan and the PE staff have a hard task now to select the Interschool Team to compete in jumps and throws on Tues 5 November and running and team games on Thursday 7 November.

School Photos: Photo order forms were handed out in Week 10, Thursday, 19th September, for all families. Kindy 1A and 2A forms were handed out in Week 1, Tuesday 8th October. Students who haven't received a photo order form (if you are new to the school in the last few weeks) can get one from the front office. Complete the form and hand it to your child's teacher on the morning of class Photo Day (see the schedule on the school website). Students will hand their forms over to the photographers on Photo Day. Please return the form regardless of whether you are ordering prints or not. Keep your forms safe. Spare forms are available at the front office but are limited in number.

On Photo Day, Could Parents:

- Please ensure your child has returned the Order Form.
- Advise your child that 3P will be taking photos today.
- Please ensure the correct and neat uniform is worn.
- Their hair is neat. Preferably, no large side/high ponytails; it may be cropped out.

Sibling Photos:

- Sibling Photos will be taken in the photography area at the school (Undercover Area-Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning), with sibling photo times being before school, 8:15-8:45am (Tuesday, Wednesday) and 8:00-8:45am (Thursday), and after school, 3:00-3:15pm (Tuesday and Wednesday) **THERE IS NO SIBLING PHOTO SESSION ON THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL.**
- Please note that students will not be collected from class.
- Students must present themselves in the photography area-undercover area.
- Order only on the eldest child's form unless ordering multiple sibling packs.

Forest Crescent Primary Choir, Band, TAGS ART, and TAGS DRAMA are scheduled for Tuesday, 29th October, with class and graduation photos taken from Tuesday to Thursday.

Swimming: Swimming is happening from 4th November to 15th November. The schedule for in-term swimming lessons for our Pre-Primary to Year 3 students is found on our website. The parent information letter provides more information about swimming lessons. The website provides details of times and whether your child's class has different recess or lunchtime breaks. Apologies for the lateness in sending the permission forms, and a BIG thank you to parents who have returned them by 25th October; it does help so much with the organisation.

Before and After School: Our school's policy is that students should not be arriving prior to 8.30am as adequate teacher supervision cannot be guaranteed. Students who do arrive early are directed to the Undercover Area where supervision will be provided from 8.00am. Prior to this time, there may be no-one to supervise children. **When parents are accompanying children during this time, they too, are asked to assemble in the Undercover Area, and not outside classrooms.** From 8.30am, all gates will be opened and class teachers will be in their room, ready to assume Duty of Care for their students. Parent support is required as the safety of your children is extremely important to us. When children arrive at school (after 8.30am) they should go directly to their classroom. The 8.30am - 8.45am period is used for children to prepare for the morning lessons. Outside play is not permitted during this time. At the end of the school day, children should not remain at school after being dismissed nor play on the equipment as, again, adequate teacher supervision cannot be guaranteed. Camp Australia offers a before and after school service here at Forest Crescent. Parents can register online at: www.campastralia.com.au or phone Ellie our wonderful coordinator, on 0422578313.

Fathering Project: Forest Crescent Dads group is calling on all father figures to come and join with their kids in The Dads and Kids Great Camp Out on Friday 22 November at Forest Crescent Primary School. Our Term 4 Fathering Project is a camp out, so come and join us for pizza, camp out and breakfast from 5.30pm Friday 24 November until 9.00am Saturday 23 November. Last year's event had over 100 dads and kids enjoy a great evening of camping and fun! Please register by emailing Jeff at fcpssthefatheringproject@gmail.com or contact the school on 92323550. You must be registered by Friday 15 November to attend this event. We would love to see fathers and father figures attending with their kids to celebrate the end of a great year. Thank you to Jeff Albert for coordinating the Fathering Project.

Pre Kindergarten Session: Our Pre-Kindergarten program for 2024 commences next Wednesday 30 October for our 2025 Kindy students. Our Pre-kind program provides an opportunity for families to get used to our school, and also for us to familiarise ourselves with students and their families prior to the commencement of the new school year. A big thank you to all the parents who came along, it was an enjoyable morning with mat time, some fun activities and a story to finish. Thank you to Mrs Whitney who is coordinating our Pre-Kindy program.

Concert Evening: This year our end of year concert will run similar to last year being streamlined to ensure that it doesn't run for more than 90 minutes. The evening will be held on Monday 2 December. This is our major whole school event which signals a conclusion to our year of school and provides our school community with an opportunity to celebrate each year's success, and farewell our Year 6 students. A Book Award Assembly will be held on Friday 6 December in the undercover area from 9.00am – 10.30am (including the presentation of incoming Student Councillors). This is to reduce the length of the evening to allow all students to stay for the evening without the necessity for an intermission. Current planning has the evening commencing at 6pm, with students being seated from 5.45pm with the evening to conclude no later than 8pm. Year level items will also be moved around however the evening will conclude with our Year 6 students and the whole school song. All students are expected to stay for the duration of the evening.

Year 6 Graduation: This celebration will take place on Monday 9th December. The Year 6 graduation consists of two parts. The formal ceremony will take place in front of the undercover area. The ceremony will start at 5:20pm and will conclude at 6:50pm. We ask that your child arrive by 5:10pm for a punctual start. All graduating students are to be dressed in smart attire in the theme of black and white. Parents are invited to attend the ceremony to see the awards presentation, graduation proceedings and short presentation from the Year 6 students. The second part of the evening for the students is a Dinner Dance at Gosnells Golf Club. Students will travel there by bus and parents are to pick them up from the golf club at 9:30pm. We ask that all parents are punctual at this time. I look forward to sharing the last formal school event with a wonderful group of students who have represented our school over a number of years. A permission note will be sent home next week.

Semester Two Reports: Parents will be provided with a link on Connect to access their child's report on Friday 6 December. This report is based on the work your child has covered throughout the year. It shows their final achievement of the expected standard for each year level. Since the Western Australian Curriculum aims to challenge students, a **C** or **Satisfactory Achievement** rating (achievement of the standard) is one to celebrate! Teachers also provide comments for English and Mathematics and it is important to read these in the context of their achievement level. Please take time to read through the report with your child and discuss points for celebration as well as any points for improvement in 2025. If you have any concerns, please follow up with your child's classroom teacher before the conclusion of the term.

I look forward to catching up with you over the next fortnight!

Athletics Carnival 2024



	Championship	Spirit
1st	Quokkas	Echidnas
2nd	Echidnas	Kangaroos
3rd	Kangaroos	Wombats
4th	Wombats	Quokkas



	Champion	Runner Up
Yr 1	Aylah C Samuel L	Lily R Rachel R Gioele D
Yr 2	Hannah G Archer V	Addie G Tyler C
Yr 3	Viana L Lebron V	Abuk P Seerat M Milani C Hayden C
Yr 4	Romana S Heath G	Ermelia N Brayden L
Yr 5	Layla V Hunter S	Olizma O Mangar P
Yr 6	Chelsea L Blake O	Riya G Andrew G



Hello Kindy!

GosTalks Free Event

Are you worried about how your child will manage in Kindy in 2025?

Come and join us for an engaging session with an Occupational Therapist and Speech Pathologist to explore ways we can support our children during this important transition.

Thursday
24 October 2024
9.30am - 11.30am

Thornlie Park Centre
30 Thornlie Avenue
Thornlie

Creche available
Bookings essential

Book Here

For further information: parenting@communicare.org.au 08 9251 5777



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- Learn strategies that support teens to develop their identity and the skills needed to successfully transition into adulthood.

It is recommended participants attend both sessions.

Access to a device with sound and video enabled is essential.

DATES
Tuesdays
12 & 19 November 2024

TIME
6.00pm - 8.00pm

LOCATION
Online (Teams link will be forwarded to you after registrations have closed)

COST
Free

CRECHE
Not available.

BOOKING DETAILS

08 9251 5777

parenting@communicare.org.au

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUMYQ>





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- » Baked beans
- » Pasta sauce
- » Oats and cereal
- » Gluten free items
- » Spreads and jam
- » Washing products
- » Meal bases
- » Nappies
- » Vegan items
- » Toilet paper



All non-perishable items not past their expiry date are accepted.

Junior Award Winners 12 September

Jorawar B	Oscar B	Taj B	Quinn B
Noah C	Ryker D	Sofia F	Cohen F
Oliver G	Enzo I	Mariah J	Chase K
Wasifa L	Charlie L	Mathew L	Ivneet M
Maisie M	George Q	Noah R	Kaidan S
Conor S			

Senior Award Winners 10 October

Ella-Louise B	Zara C	James D	Bayley E
Blake F	Lola F	Alfie G	Charlotte G
Gil H	Jiah L	Tina L	Jedd M
Blake O	Lilith P	Andre Q	Caleb R
Gunkar S	Charlee S	Joahna T	Lydia Z

BIKE MONTH

FCPS is celebrating BIKE MONTH as October finishes with a couple of opportunities for students to be involved in.

If you participated in 'Riding 4 Hope with Greg Hire', you must hand in your logbooks to the front office by Friday 25th October. The following week, Miss Sandhu will get letters out to those students about the Sausage Sizzle lunch on Friday 1st November.



How else can you get involved in Bike Month?

We will be having TWO Wheel or Walk It Days Week 4 on Wednesday 30th November and Friday 1st November.

If you ride your bike and show it to our Your Move student champions, they will punch your star card twice! If you walking and scoot Your card will be punched once. They will be located near the Undercover Area in the morning. PLUS everyone getting their star cards punched will also get a raffle ticket for our special Bike Month raffle which includes canteen vouchers and bike accessories.

REMEMBER: Riding or Walking to School has great benefits. It means less car pollution and it helps keep you fit. Do it with your family or friends for a nice way to start and finish the day. Finally stay safe and remember to stay on the paths and look both ways before crossing the road.

Thank you to DOT and Westcycle for sponsoring our events through our grant.



GIVE OUR STRAYS A CHANCE

Dean Morris, a former FCPS student, founded GOSAC when he was 10 years old, to support animals in need and the people who care for them.



GOSAC provides aid to strays e.g. cats, dogs, birds and other wildlife, while also educating both youth and the public about animal welfare.

We're seeking donations of blankets, bedding, dog or cat food, toys, collars, and leashes to support the animals at 'Give Our Strays A Chance' (GOSAC). Let's make a difference together!

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