

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!

Week 6		PP – YR 3 Swimming
Tues	12 Nov	Kindy Incursion
Wed	13 Nov	Perth Wildcats visit Year 6 1.55pm-2.55pm Pre Kindy 9am-11am
Thurs	14 Nov	Assembly Senior—RM 14
Fri	15 Nov	Kindy Incursion
Tues	19 Nov	Rainbows Windup 2.15pm
Wed	20 Nov	YR 4 Zoo Excursion Pre Kindy 9am-11am P&C Mtg 6.30pm & Dinner
Thurs	21 Nov	Thornlie SHS SAER Transition Assembly Junior—RM 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to students, parents, staff and community members and welcome to this edition of the newsletter. It has been another busy fortnight at Forest Crescent with lots of teaching and learning coming to a conclusion as we start to transition all students to their new year level for 2025. I have been proud of the students behaviour throughout this term, with Behaviour Management Pink Slips and entries in the classroom behaviour books being kept to a minimum. I look forward to the positive behaviour continuing for the remainder of the term.

Early Newsletter / Server Upgrade: Today we are sending out the school newsletter early as we are having our school server replaced from this afternoon 12.00 noon. This process will take until next Tuesday 12 November. During this process (Thursday 7 November to Tuesday 12 November) we will not have our school telephones connected or access to the internet. We do have access to the text messages as per usual (which parents can respond with student absences) and staff can access emails using their own personal devices. This does create communication issues for this period of time. We do have an emergency mobile number which is 0436943872 should you need to contact the school or use the text service 0437205424 (you cannot ring this number!). Otherwise a simple note to the front office or staff member during this time would assist.

School Board Elections: Last Monday 4 November all parents were emailed a link to our School Board elections 2025 -26. There were three nominations for Two positions available for parents to fill for a term of two years, joining our current Parent Representatives Aaron Hayes, Pauls Swanson and Jack Wilmot.

The School Board plays a major role in overseeing the implementation and monitoring of our School Business Plan, including academic achievement, attendance, behaviour and understanding the financial operations of the school. I thank Kelly Ibbistson, Dr Joshua McCann and Virginia Serdev-Patterson for nominating to be on the board. The voting link will close next Monday 11 November at 4.00pm.

Parent Opinion Survey 2024: Feedback from our community is a vital part of our planning and validation process for the school. The Parent Opinion Survey allows us to review our progress, achievements and planned activities against your expectations, and provides a quantitative assessment of how we are meeting the needs of our students. All families were sent a link today to access the Parent Opinion Survey. The survey will close next Friday 15 November. While this is a voluntary process, we do encourage you to respond to ensure that we have enough data to make informed decisions.

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 22 November until 9.00am Saturday 25 November. 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 and the Great Camp Out!

- 5.30pm – Dads and kids arrive to set up tents on grass quadrangle. (Cars can be parked on the grass area near the bike racks)
- 5.30pm – 7.00pm – sports equipment will be out, giant connect 4, giant jenga and chess sets.
- 7.00pm – 7.30pm – pizza dinner (supplied) Please bring your own drinks.
- 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Undercover area – movie or video dance competitions (TBC)
- 9.00pm – 9.30pm – All kids to bed.
- 9.30pm – 11.00pm - Dads only conversations.
- 11.00pm – Dads to bed.
- No dads or kids out of tents prior to 5.30am.
- 6.00am – 7.00am – Breakfast (bacon, eggs, sausages and toast provided)
- 7.00am – 8.00am – Pack up and leave.



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POD *It's your move...*



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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. The Forest Crescent Fathering Project Dads Group 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. A huge thank you for Jeff to coordinate and to the P&C for supplying dinner and breakfast.

Pre Kindergarten Session: Our Pre Kindergarten program for 2024 is now running for our 2025 Kindy students. Our Pre kindy 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 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.

Student Pick Up: It is becoming a regular occurrence where staff and parents are trying to locate a student well after the siren has gone to conclude the school day. This causes stress and anxiety to a number of people. I have previously communicated in the newsletter that if parents need to pick up their child and not come in to school then the Kiss and Drive is the only area in the school that is fully supervised for the safety of our students. The Year 1 car park near the Year 1 block is not a Kiss and Drive area, but is regularly used as such. Parents should park around the school and come in to the school to pick up their child. Students should not be waiting on the edge of the oval or under a tree to be picked up in case you are running late Thank you to parents who ring through to let us know they are running late. Please reinforce with your child that if at pick up time there is no one there as per their normal practice, that they come to the office so we can make a follow up phone call.

Book Award Assembly: The Book Award Assembly will be our formal awards ceremony to be held on Friday 6 December commencing at 9.00 am in the undercover area. Parents of Book Award recipients will be notified by Miss Sandhu. The announcement of Head Boy, Head Girl, Student Councillors and Faction Captains will also be announced during the afternoon. We look forward the Book Award Assembly as a formal way to acknowledge all of our wonderful award winners.

Students returning late in 2025: School commences for students on Wednesday 5 February 2025. The student census, where all students are counted to attract funding from the Student Centred Funding Model, will take place on Friday, 21 February 2025. There are very strict protocols around students we can count and it is important that if students are returning late from the holidays (mainly from overseas) that they have information about the date of return and reason for absence otherwise they will not be included in the census. If your child will not be in attendance by Friday, 16 February, please email the school forestcres-cent.ps@education.wa.edu.au before the end of the school year.

School Board: Our School Board met recently to confirmed the School Development Days for 2025:

Term 1: Monday 3 February and Tuesday 4 February (Mandated)
 Term 2: Monday 28 April (Beginning Term 2)
 Term 3: Monday 21 July (Beginning Term 3)
 Term 4: Monday 13 October (Beginning Term 4 & Friday 19 December

Semester Two Reports: Parents will be able to access their child's report on Friday 6 December through the Connect app. 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 will not be writing comments for English or Mathematics in the learning area, however a brief 1-2 sentence comment for English and Maths will be in the general comment. This change has been made as per the requirements outlined by the Minister for Education Tony Buti to meet our Reporting to Parents responsibilities. 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.

Parent Class Requests: The class placement process for 2025 is nearing completion and written parent requests to the Principal have been taken in to consideration. As this process is now complete further written request for class placements will not be considered unless under extenuating circumstances. Class lists will be published in the undercover area on Monday 3 February from 12.00pm.

I look forward to a busy and productive conclusion to 2024, and look forward to catching up with many of you at our upcoming events.

CITY OF GOSNELLS

WORDS and PLAY

Language Development Program

Mondays
 18 November
 25 November
 2 December & 9 December
 1pm – 2pm
 Gosnells Library

Join Speech Pathologist Jackie at Gosnells Library for a weekly interactive language development program. Through play, shared reading, social interactions and hands-on activities your child will develop their language skills while parents gain valuable strategies for continuing to support language development at home.

Each session will consist of a 45-minute interactive workshop and 15-minutes for parents and guardians to ask Jackie questions and seek support.

Bookings are not required for this program; however, space is limited, and places are allocated via a token system. Please collect a token on arrival (first come, first served).

For children aged 2-5 years with a parent or guardian.

Scan the QR code for more information

gosnells.wa.gov.au | 9397 3000 | /CityofGosnellsLibraries



FOODBANK DRIVE

Place your donations in your block wet area by
Wednesday 27th November

Join my fundraising challenge!

TOGETHER WE CAN GET FOOD TO THOSE IN NEED.

Donate to our food drive today.

Share what you can to help us to support everyday Western Australians who are going without.
Our most wanted items

- › Canned meals
- › Canned veggies
- › Canned fruit
- › Long life milk
- › Canned soup
- › Canned tuna
- › Tea and coffee
- › Pasta and rice
- › 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 17 October

Hana A	Erin B	Nur Khayra B	Arlo D
Adam E	Namuun G	Hannah G	Harvey H
Rhy I	Reeti M	Zac M	Nora N
Winter N	Zahra N	George Q	Cerise R
Manuel T	Ryland T	Mason Y	

Senior Award Winners 24 October

Jaxon B	Thomas B	Lexie B	Lawson B
Arianna C	Ganyi C	Odette D	Corey D
Evie F	Chelsea F	Annalea G	Lucas I
Harper-Lee J	Malaika K	Mason K	Lily K
Jessica L	Zahlia M	Zoe M	Benjamin O
Mangar P	Sahana P	Josh R	Ekamkar S
Naunihal S	Jacob S	Maggie S	Lebron V
Jackson W			

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!

**COLLECTION POINT:
KINDY ROOM 1 & 2**

 **GOSAC**
GIVE OUR STRAYS A CHANCE



<https://www.gosac.info>

Donation drop off weeks 5-6 only

LET'S SEE THE WORLD MORE CLEARLY TOGETHER

Forest Crescent Glasses Drive

Get ready to clear the way for a brighter future! Join us for the annual Forest Crescent Primary School Glasses Drive - a chance to donate your old glasses and help those in need through the Fred Hollows Foundation!

WHY SHOULD I DONATE?

Clear out clutter: Say goodbye to those old frames sitting in the bottom of your draws.



Spread the love: Your donated glasses will help restore sight to those who need it the most. Talk about a vision of generosity!

WHEN?
18/11/2024 TO 22/11/24
WEEK 7

WHERE?
FRONT OFFICE
LOOK FOR THE BLUE BASKET WITH THE SIGN.

ONE PERSON'S OLD GLASSES CAN BE ANOTHER PERSON'S NEW OUTLOOK ON LIFE!

Let's see the world more clearly together!
Any queries don't hesitate to come and see me.
Amy de Rooy

CITY OF GOSNELLS

EQUIP-ME FOR SPORT

Using pre-loved sports equipment to increase access to sport for children

The Equip-Me for Sport initiative makes free, pre-loved sporting equipment available for eligible families living in the City of Gosnells.

Items that can be requested include
Balls • Bats • Rackets • Sports shoes • Pads • Gloves

Two rounds for applications are held each year, to line up with the sporting seasons in winter and summer (March and August).

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