

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!

Mon	2 Dec	PP—YR 6 Concert Night
Tues	3 Dec	2025 Kindy meet & greet 3.30-4.30pm A Group
Wed	4 Dec	12.30pm Aussie/Citizen Lunch Staffroom
Thurs	5 Dec	8am-9.30am Champion Booklist Collection Student Council Lunch Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am 2025 Kindy meet & greet 3.30-4.30pm B Group Reports on Connect for Parents
Fri	6 Dec	Book Awards Assembly AM
Mon	9 Dec	YR 6 Graduation
Thurs	12 Dec	YR 5 Pt Walter Excursion Assembly—Whole School Song Last day for 2024
Mon	3 Feb	Uniform Shop open 11am-3pm Class lists from 12pm in the undercover area
Wed	5 Feb	Students return to school for 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings to students, parents, staff and community members and welcome to the last edition of the newsletter for 2024. It has been another busy fortnight at Forest Crescent with lots of teaching and learning programs coming to a conclusion as we start to transition all students to their new year level for 2024. The year is quickly coming to a close, but we still have lots to do! Student reports have been finalised and all classes are preparing for our Concert Night which will be held next Monday 2nd December and our Book Awards Assembly on Friday 6 December. 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.

School Board: We held our final School Board meeting for 2024 last Wednesday. I would like to sincerely thank our School Board Members – Chair Peter Massey, Paul Swanson, Jack Wilmot, Kelly Ibbitson, Aaron Hayes, Jane Rankine, Tenille Nowell, Joanna Whitney and ex officio

Donna Caniglia for their contribution to the governance of Forest Crescent as written in the 2023 Public School Review "An informed Board and a dynamic P&C, work collaboratively with the Principal to contribute significantly to the school's ongoing improvement." I would like to make special mention of Peter Massey who after initially starting on the School Council in 2012 became Chair of the Board in 2018 and has been chair ever since. Peter's last child is graduating from Forest Crescent and therefore is no longer eligible to be a parent board member in 2025. On behalf of the FCPS school community I would like to offer my sincere thanks and wish you all the best as you and your children move on through their educational journey. I would also like to acknowledge Jack Wilmot who also has children leaving school after an 11 year association with Forest Crescent (and 7 years on the Board!). Thank you for your contribution to Forest Crescent Jack! This has created a 1 year vacancy on the board for 2025. As per the constitution, we have just had an election with our 3 vacant positions for 2025 being filled by Kelly Ibbitson and Dr Joshua McCann (for 2025/26) and Virginia Serdev-Patterson for the remainder of Jack's term 2025. We welcome both Joshua and Virginia to the School Board in 2025.

The final School Board Meeting was spent reviewing.....

- The School Board Effectiveness Survey
- Semester Two Behaviour Report
- Semester Two Attendance Report
- Learning Area Reviews in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and HASS.
- School Survey results – Parents, Staff and Students.

The information from the parent Survey will be published in our Term 1 newsletter after being analysed however the Boards initial comments were that the Parent Opinion Survey was extremely positive with most of the questions receiving above 75% while there are a few areas of the survey that fell below this (none markedly) which will be looked at for further improvement in 2025. I would like to thank the 71 families who completed the survey, your honest feedback was anonymous and most appreciated.





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Band Assembly: I would like to acknowledge and congratulate our School Band who performed at yesterday's assembly. This year they have been practicing hard under the guidance of Ms Britten and their music teachers and it reflects in their performance yesterday. Our band consists of nearly 50 students playing 7 different instruments – clarinet, flute, guitar, trombone, trumpet, baritone and drums and they played magnificently. As part of the arts curriculum students get the opportunity to participate in music, visual arts, drama, choir and band!

Fathering Project: Last Friday evening we held our annual Fathering Project Big Camp Out – and it was BIG! Mr Albert as our Fathering Project Dads Group coordinator said “ *Thank you to the Dads, Father figures and kids for the awesome time at the Fathering Project Big Camp Out on Friday night. We had a great turn out with 26 adults and 42 kids. I would like to give a special thank you to Mr Holmes for all the support to make this event a great success, you ensure the kids have the best school and build great memories. Also to Abby Galvin for the raffle prizes and glow sticks and Abby Albert who ensured the pizza's were delivered on time THANKS! Thanks to the Dads for helping out on the BBQ for breakfast, and a shout out to Ryan Jenkins for organising the bacon and sausages and the P&C to make this a free event.* ” I would also like to give a BIG SHOUT OUT to Mr Albert who is the coordinator of the Forest Crescent Dads Group who ensured the evening was a great success. The Fathering Project is an important program within our school community, helping connect Dads, kids and school.

Concert Evening: The concert 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. There will be Year Level performances only, with no speeches or Book Awards. A Book Award Assembly will be held on Friday 6 December in the undercover area from 8.45am – 10.30am. 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 for Monday 2 December is students will need to be at their classrooms by 5.45pm with the evening commencing at 6pm. 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. The Concert Evening will conclude no later than 7.30pm.

Forest Crescent Pay it Forward: As I have said at numerous assemblies and community events, I have never been at a school that is so giving. Even when we are experiencing a cost of living crisis we are giving so much – thank you! In the last week we have helped donate necessary pet items to assist the charity GOSAC – Give our Strays a Chance, which is a not for profit organisation which is coordinated by Dean an ex Forest Crescent student who started his charity as Year 6 Student as part of his extension and Challenge program.

Dean and his dog Otis came to school last week to pick up the donations. Over a 12 year period Dean and GOSAC have raised over 4 million dollars! Thank you to Mrs James and the kindy for coordinating this charity. Yesterday we had FoodBank come to school to collect the food items we had donated. Mrs Martin and the Year 1 staff coordinated this charity and we donated over 380 kilograms of food and staples to FoodBank for those less fortunate than ourselves over the Christmas break. Today the Year 6 students and staff are coordinating the Kids4Kids fun day where all students from P-6 come out to participate in a variety of fun games and activities. Money raised today will go to the Stitch In Time Charity to support Youth Mental Health Programs. Thank you to our amazing community.

Book Award Assembly: The Book Award Assembly will be our formal awards ceremony to be held on Friday 6 December commencing at 8.45am 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 assembly together with the Head Boy and Head Girl end of year speech.

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 our undercover area. The ceremony will start at 5:25pm and will conclude at approximately 6:50pm. We ask that your child arrive by 5:15pm 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.

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 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.

Aussie of The Month Lunch: Congratulations to the final Citizens of the Month recipients from our last assembly. They will join other Semester 2 Citizens of The Month for a special lunch with myself on Wednesday 4 December in the staffroom. A letter providing information about ordering their special lunch from the canteen with their \$12 voucher. The Citizen of the Month Award is a significant award for students to be awarded at Forest Crescent, and I would like to congratulate all winner this year for your outstanding citizenship and behaviour at school. At our final whole school assembly yesterday Mrs Lee from The Property Pod drew 5 Senior Citizens of the Month to each receive a \$20 book voucher and \$20 vouchers to Thornlie Leisureplex. Thank you Mrs Lee for sponsoring this award.

Class Lists 2025: Class lists have now been completed. All class lists will be on display on Monday 3 February from 12.00pm in the undercover area. Teaching staff committed a great deal of time and effort in developing the classes throughout fourth term 2024 according to the following criteria:

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.**

As has been previously communicated in newsletters, at P&C meetings and School Board meetings, individual requests for moving classes in 2025 will be considered in collaboration with the appropriate staff based on reasonable educational grounds and requests relating to individual staff members will not be considered. The current class structure indicates some year levels are nearing capacity and movement between classes will be quite difficult.

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 we 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, 21 February, please email the school forestcres-cent.ps@education.wa.edu.au before the end of the school year.

Senior Award Winners
14 November

Max A	Isaac A	Trae B	Aliza C
Liam D	Kiara D	Pia E	Huud F
James F	Zane G	Indiana H	Grace H
Alisha K	Viana L	Seerat M	Lucas M
Marlowe M	Jesse M	Harrison O	Levi P
Cooper R	Lillian S	Laylaa S	Hunter S
Joash T	Tevaiarii V	Evanda V	Kaelan V
Mia W			

Junior Award Winners
21 November

Abbas A	Aurora A	Amelia A	Emily B
Ezekiel C	Ryan C	Johan D	Zak E
Annabelle G	Eva H	Valerie H	Man Wai H
Tye J	Oscar L	Nathan M	Zack N
Teuku R	Meenakshi R	Mila S	Mikayla S
Luke S	Zahn V	Kennedy V	Leyton W
Danna Y			

Senior/Junior Winners
28 November

Grace A	Ava A	Jordan B	Musa B
Erika E	Aubrey G	Indiana G	Leila G
Arhaa I	Dashmeet K	Riley L	Ryda L
Emily M	Saber M	Bryan P	Dhruv P
Made Rajendra P	Jemma R	Skyla R	Josiah T
Guiliana W	Zihang Y	Han Tong Z	

Staff Changes 2025: As this is the last newsletter for 2025 I would like to acknowledge several staff members who are retiring or leaving Forest Crescent Primary School at the end of the year.

- Mr Miller is retiring after an amazing 36 years at Forrest Crescent first arriving in 1991! Mr Miller has taught 1000's of kids (and some of their parents!) during this time, with his most recent position being Junior Primary Phys Ed. We wish Mr Miller all the best in his retirement and thank him for his commitment to our school community. We will be farewelling Mr Miller at a retirement function next Thursday.
- Ms Bannister will be retiring after arriving at Forest Crescent in 2016. Ms Bannister has taught mainly in the middle primary and was instrumental in coordinating the Zoo Camp (which is no longer run by the Zoo) and the Zoo excursion. We wish Ms Bannister all the best as she embarks on lots of travel – commencing on Saturday 14 December!
- Mrs Hillson our wonderful gardener has been with us for 16 years after commencing in 2009. I would like to thank Sandra who together with Mr Hamill (who also retired during the year!) ensured that our school gardens and surrounds were always well presented and maintained. I know that Sandra is looking forward to her well deserved retirement and becoming a Grand Parent very shortly.
- Mr Mason left school at the beginning of Term 4. Mr Mason taught at Forest Crescent from 2018 in both the Upper Primary and Junior Science roles. We wish Mr Mason all the best as he embarks in the next phase of his educational journey.

Other staff that will not be returning at present include Miss Armstrong, Mrs Bransby, Ms Fortnum and Education Assistants Miss Rossi, Miss Cruite, Miss Clulow and Mrs Vann. Thank you for your efforts in 2024 and I wish these staff members all the best for 2025 and beyond.

School Watch: Over the coming Christmas break, I am asking all members of the Forest Crescent community to keep an eye on our school. Traditionally, this period has the potential for much unwanted graffiti and vandalism and I would like to ask that any instances of loitering/damage be reported to School Watch: 1800 177 777 or the Police: 131 444.

Term Dates: Our Office will be fully operational from Wednesday 29 January, with teachers beginning work on Monday 3 February. Students begin Term One on Wednesday 5 February 2025.

I would like to take this final opportunity to wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas, however you celebrate with your family and friends. It has been another busy and successful school year at Forest Crescent and I look forward to working with you again in 2025 to make it another outstanding year.

Regards Andy

