

## In Learning We Grow

### IMPORTANT DATES!



Tues	19 Aug	Zero2Hero
Wed	20 Aug	Staff Mtg 3.15pm
Thurs	21 Aug	Book Week Parade
Tues	26 Aug	Zero2Hero
Wed	27 Aug	Massed Choir Rehearsal
Thurs	28 Aug	Senior Assembly RM 20 Uniform Shop 8.15am-9.15am
Week 7 & 8		YR 4-6 Swimming
Mon	1 Sept	Fathers Day Stall
Tues	2 Sept	Kindy A Father's Day Event 2.15pm
Wed	3 Sept	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thurs	4 Sept	Kindy B Father's Day Event 2.15pm

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

Last week, I was fortunate enough to spend time with our Year 6 students in the bush block next to the Kindy. As many of you may already know, these students are taking part in an exciting pilot conservation project, run over two years in collaboration with the Festival of Perth and the University of Western Australia.

This project is much more than just an environmental initiative. It includes a research component that explores both the students' connection to nature and the ways in which teachers are using the natural environment as a powerful teaching tool. There is also a strong focus on the benefits of integrating art and nature into the broader curriculum.

The students have been imagining what the bush block might look like in sixty years' time, and how it might feel to spend time in that space decades from now.

Through a combination of art, storytelling, and

conservation science, the project is encouraging deep reflection and creative thinking.

What strikes me most is how beautifully this work reflects the value of *respect*—in this case, respect for our environment. It's a wonderful example of how our values are not just taught but lived through meaningful learning experiences.

This reflection led me to notice the many everyday ways our students show respect for their surroundings. Whether it's packing away sports equipment, putting lunch rubbish in the bin, or choosing to run across the grass but not through the garden beds, our students consistently show care for their school environment. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge all our students for the many ways—big and small—they demonstrate environmental respect. I'm very much looking forward to following the senior students' progress in the coming months, and to see how their involvement in this project shapes their attitudes and behaviours towards the world around them.

### Privacy Reminder for School Events

As we approach the Spring carnival season, we kindly remind parents and carers to be mindful of privacy when taking photos or videos during school activities and events. While it's wonderful to capture memories of your own child, please refrain from filming or photographing other students without permission. Additionally, we ask that any images or videos taken at school events are not shared on social media if they include other children. Thank you for helping us keep all students safe.

Louise Armstrong  
Principal





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# Gardening Club

The vision for Gardening Club was to create a safe place for our students to make friends and most importantly, learning about the environment by growing tasty vegetables! We have grown carrots, lettuce, parsley and so much more. These plants have been thriving over the last few weeks. The kids are already loving it! In the future, we hope that more students will get to be involved. Gardening Club has been fun and a success so far this year. We appreciate the wonderful help of our gardener, Rob for coming out at lunchtime each Monday and helping purchase our plants, mulch and trellis.

Article made by Layla, Harper and Ella.

2025 Student Councillors.



## DON'T FORGET

The Book Week Parade K1B—Year 6 is on Thursday 21 August 9am—10am. There will also be a coffee van. This year's theme is "Book an Adventure", and I am sure that both students and staff will come dressed up to celebrate their love of literacy! The parade will be held in the undercover area and parents will be able to sit along the parade route. Parents are welcome to take photos of their child as they parade. Please don't take photos of other students. The school will be taking photos which will be published on our website.

Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation, all proceeds go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.



# CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday, Forest Crescent Primary School proudly participated in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival, competing against six other schools. The weather turned out to be ideal for us, creating perfect conditions for an exciting and enjoyable day.

Our students demonstrated outstanding effort, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the carnival. There were many exceptional individual performances, with competitors pushing themselves to achieve personal bests and showing great determination from start to finish.

A highlight of the day was Forest Crescent securing the Year 4 and Year 5 Overall Trophies. This achievement reflects the dedication of our students and the support of our school community. In the overall standings, we placed second, narrowly missing first place in a very close finish. This result is a testament to the collective effort of all our competitors and a source of great pride for our school.

We extend a huge thank you to Rachael Spencer for her 7:45 a.m. morning training sessions leading up to the cross-country event, in conjunction with her Running Club morning shift commitments (ably supported by Kate Williams-Coomer) and for taking the students on a practice run through the cross-country course before the actual competition. Thanks also to Amanda Horan for her work during her phys-ed classes in training and preparing our students for the carnival. Their commitment and expertise played a significant role in the success of our team on the day.

Congratulations to all participants for representing Forest Crescent Primary School.





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**Guiding Behaviours**  
**Wednesday**  
**3 September 2025**  
**11.30am - 1.30pm**

Challis Primary School  
40 Braemore Street  
Armadale

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Number of days: 8 days  
Duration: 45 minutes  
Enrolments close:  
Tue 26 Aug 2025

## October short program

Mon 6 Oct to  
Fri 10 Oct 2025

Number of days: 5 days  
Duration: 35 minutes  
Enrolments close:  
Wed 26 Aug 2025

## Country early start program 1

Fri 19 Dec to  
Tue 23 Dec 2025

Number of days: 5 days  
Duration: 50 minutes  
Enrolments close:  
Wed 15 Oct 2025

## January program 1

Tue 6 Jan to  
Fri 16 Jan 2026

Number of days: 9 days  
Duration: 40 minutes  
Enrolments close:  
Wed 15 Oct 2025

## January short program

Mon 12 Jan to  
Fri 16 Jan 2026

Number of days: 5 days  
Duration: 35 minutes  
Enrolments close:  
Wed 15 Oct 2025

## January program 2

Mon 19 Jan to  
Thu 29 Jan 2026

No lesson 26 Jan 2026  
Number of days: 8 days  
Duration: 45 minutes  
Enrolments close:  
Wed 15 Oct 2025

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**Kids and Anxiety**  
**Wednesday**  
**24 September 2025**  
**9.30am - 11.30am**

Kelmscott Primary School  
River Road  
Kelmscott

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