

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Mon	13 Oct	Student Free Day
Tues	14 Oct	Students return
Wed	15 Oct	YR 2 & 4, Band & Choir WASO Incursion YR 3 Drama Excursion Barking Gecko
Thurs	16 Oct	Senior Assembly RM 25 Uniform Shop 8.15am—9.15am
Fri	17 Oct	FCPS Athletics Carnival
Week 2		YR 6 Camp
Wed	22 Oct	Kindy A Group Carnival 2.15pm Kindy 2026 Parent Meeting 6pm
Thurs	23 Oct	Junior Assembly RM 1 Uniform Shop 8.15am—9.15am
Fri	24 Oct	Kindy B Group Carnival 2.15pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

Congratulations! Forest Crescent Primary School, Finalist in the WA Mental Health Awards

WA Mental Health Awards – Finalist Announcement

The WA Mental Health Awards celebrate individuals, initiatives, and organisations making an outstanding contribution to mental health in Western Australia. The nine award categories highlight themes of lived experience, innovation, prevention, education, and inclusion.

We are proud to share that **Forest Crescent Primary School has been announced as a finalist for the Mental Health Education Award**. A Stitch In Time nominated our school for this award. Winners will be revealed at a gala celebration on *World Mental Health Day – 10 October*.

Finalists for the Mental Health Education Award, sponsored by Hope Community Services, are:

- Forest Crescent Primary School
- John Tonkin College
- School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health
- The Y School
- UWA Guild Student Assist

This recognition is a wonderful acknowledgement of the important work being led by our **Health and Wellbeing Committee**: Jessica Sandhu, Debbie Sheehan, Fae Boddy, Jade Brown, Melissa Griffiths, and Joan Rodricks.

Finalists for WA Mental Health Awards dedicate, innovate and inspire | WAAMH

Reporting to Parents

Updates to End-of-Semester Reporting

Last year, the Department of Education clarified the requirements for end-of-semester reports. Schools have since reviewed their practices and updated their formal written reports in line with this guidance.

The Department's requirements are:

- An overall teacher comment must be included, with the content determined by the school.
- Learning area comments are not required.
- Grades at the strand or sub-strand level are not required.

For students with special educational needs, a learning area comment or attachments (e.g. photos) are not required. Reporting instead aligns with the Individual Education Plan (IEP) developed with parents.

From **Semester 2, 2025**, our school will provide a **general teacher comment only** in the written reports to parents. We will continue to ensure that comments clearly communicate student progress and achievement, using language that is easy to understand and helpful for parent-teacher conversations throughout the year. Further discussions with staff will shape the content of the general comment, and we will also seek feedback from the Board and wider school community at an appropriate time.

Student Safety

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we will conduct an evacuation drill early next term, and a lockdown drill is scheduled for Term 1 2026.

Creating our classes for 2026

At Forest Crescent Primary School, our staff are committed to meeting the educational needs of every student. Each year, considerable thought, planning, and time goes into placing children into classes. Our goal is always to ensure that every child learns in an environment that is happy, supportive, and productive.

This year, we are introducing *Class Solver*, a specialised class placement tool that helps create well-balanced classes. This practical improvement supports consistent and thoughtful decisions, with student learning and wellbeing at the heart of the process.

Please note that our classes are **not streamed**. Where more than one class exists at a year level, or where a split-grade class is required, the placement of students will be determined through the professional judgement of the Principal, Administration team, and the child's previous teachers.



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Privacy & security

Class Solver is Safer Technologies for Schools (ST4S) accredited and SOC 2 Type II audited, which means its privacy and security controls are independently assessed. Student data is hosted in Australia and is accessed only by authorised school staff for the purpose of class placement.

Thank you in anticipation of your support - our goal is the same as yours: classes where every student can thrive academically and socially.

Written Requests

Parents who wish to submit a written request with respect to class placements, based on educational reasons, may address these to **"The Principal,"** marked **"Confidential."** Please email forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

All written parent submissions, received by **Friday 7 November**, are considered based on individual and school needs. It is important to note that parent/carer communication with the school does not guarantee a particular outcome. Student placement remains a school decision. We do not accept requests for a particular teacher.

Students Not Returning in 2026

Each year families arrive at our school or leave for a variety of reasons. To assist with our planning, we ask that you notify the school office as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning in 2026. This does not include our graduating Year 6 students. Please email forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au call 9232 3550 or drop into the office.

Regards

Louise Armstrong
Principal



FCPS TAGS Drama 2025

On Sunday, 21 September, the TAGS Drama group participated in the Independent Theatre Association (ITA) YouthFest Competition at Governor Stirling SHS. They performed brilliantly and we are so proud of them all.

A special mention must be given to Harper who has filled in this term as an understudy and performed in both Open Night and YouthFest productions in two separate roles – what a superstar!

At YouthFest, we had a few hiccups but as it was our first time ever, this was to be expected. The children all revelled in the opportunity to perform in an actual theatre with real tech! There were 8 other productions over 2 days with 5 different schools/companies participating. There are 2 divisions – Junior (children aged up to and including 13 years of age) and Senior (children aged up to and including 18 years of age).

The adjudicator is allowed to give out awards for whatever reason they like, and we came away with TWO Adjudicator Awards!

Adjudicator Award for "Stage Presence and Awareness" was awarded to Haider.

Adjudicator Award for "Creative Costuming" was awarded to Forest Crescent Primary School.

At the presentation of the formal awards for the whole of YouthFest, we came away with TWO MORE!

Best Actor (Junior) was awarded to Nicholas – King Dinosaur.

The Terry Hackett Award for Most Innovative Production (Junior) was awarded to Forest Crescent Primary School.

Congratulations to everyone involved in TAGS Drama!



CITY OF GOSNELLS **WEEK 1** Flip over for Week 2

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 23 SEPT	TUESDAY 30 SEPT	WEDNESDAY 1 OCT	THURSDAY 2 OCT	FRIDAY 3 OCT
Public Holiday Please be aware that details may change at short notice. To stay in the loop, head to the City's website and follow us on Facebook.	Holiday Play at the Shops Maddington Central Shopping Centre 1pm – 3pm ● Free (no bookings required) ● Up to 10 years ● All ages A fun, safe space filled with engaging and developmentally friendly toys and equipment for little ones to explore, discover and play alongside their parents.	Park Play Centennial Pioneer Park, Gosnells 9am – 11am ● Free (no bookings required) ● All ages Theme: Teddy Bears Picnic	Movie at DRPAC: A Minecraft Movie Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Thornlie 2pm – 4pm Join us for a magical movie experience these school holidays and let the enchantment of cinema bring joy to your family. ● \$7 per ticket (booking fee included) Both parent/carer and child require a ticket.	Park Play Walter Padbury Park, Thornlie 9am – 11am ● Free (no bookings required) ● All ages Theme: Dinosaur Fun

Bookings
Bookings are required where you see this symbol. Follow the QR code on the program listing.

Baby Play
Meet other new parents and enjoy playtime with your little one in these fun and relaxed Baby Play sessions. Learn new songs with Rhyme Time at the end of the session.

Park Play
Come along to a Park Play session and meet other local families. Join in the fun with sensory play, big games, sports equipment and more. Dress for the weather and bring a drink and snacks.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY
Nida Boonjar there is the earth, Nida Woil there is the sky, Nida Ngany Gondal there are my friends, Nida Ngany there are all Maara (Parks) up, Maara (Parks) down, we are on Whadjuk ground.

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME

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CITY OF GOSNELLS **WEEK 2** Flip over for Week 1

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 6 OCT	TUESDAY 7 OCT	WEDNESDAY 8 OCT	THURSDAY 9 OCT	FRIDAY 10 OCT
Baby Play Huntingdale Community Centre Huntingdale ● 9.30am – 10.30am ● 10.30am – 11.30am ● Free (no bookings required) ● Up to 10 years ● Ages 0 – 18 months	Introduction to Aulon Mills Park Library, Beckenham 12pm – 1pm Join us for a fun and interactive Family Aulon workshop where you will learn basic signs together in a relaxed and supportive environment. ● Free – no registrations required ● Ages 4 – 12 years	Park Play YES at Sutherland Park, Huntingdale 9am – 11am ● Free (no bookings required) ● Up to 10 years Theme: Skate Park Fun	Holiday Play at the Shops Maddington Central Shopping Centre 9.30am – 11.30am ● Free (no bookings required) ● Up to 10 years ● All ages A fun, safe space filled with engaging and developmentally friendly toys and equipment for little ones to explore, discover and play alongside their parents.	Park Play Horneston Park, Thornlie 9.30am – 11.30am ● Free (no bookings required) ● All ages Theme: Animal Fun

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