

## In Learning We Grow

### IMPORTANT DATES!



Mon	27 Oct	Student Council & Faction Capt Noms due 3pm
Tues	28 Oct	Staff Meeting 3.15pm School Photos
Wed	29 Oct	School Photos P&C Mtg 7pm
Thurs	30 Oct	School Photos No assembly Uniform Shop 8.15am—9.15am
Fri	31 Oct	National Bandana Day Dress up your bike day
Wed	5 Nov	School Board 7pm
Thurs	6 Nov	Senior Assembly RM 15 & 16 Uniform Shop 8.15am—9.15am

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Parents,

#### Faction Carnival

The Faction Athletics Carnival is always a highlight on our school calendar — a day when the whole school community comes together to celebrate healthy activity, teamwork and friendly competition. Thank you to our families for your enthusiastic support, to our volunteers for your generous assistance, to the P&C for running the Bake Sale, to our staff for their excellent organisation, and finally to our students for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day.

#### Camp

Our Year 6 students are spending this week at Woodman Point Recreation Camp, enjoying five days filled with challenge, teamwork and adventure. The program encourages students to step outside their comfort zones, developing essential life skills such as collaboration, problem solving and leadership. Each activity is both physically and mentally demanding yet presented in such an engaging way that students are often unaware of just how much they are learning while having fun.

A sincere thank you to the Year 6 staff for taking time away from their own families to make this experience possible. For many students, Year 6 Camp is a

highlight of their time at primary school, and we are grateful for the staff's commitment and support in creating such a valuable opportunity.

#### School Board – Annual Public Meeting

On Wednesday 5 November the School Board will host our Annual Public Meeting. This is an opportunity for parents, carers, and members of the wider school community to learn more about the governance of our school and the role of the Board.

The Board has both an approval and an advisory role but does not participate in the day-to-day running of the school, responsibility for which lies with the principal.

*Good governance helps us to deliver positive outcomes for our students by ensuring that:*

- School resources, including money and time, are used efficiently.
- The rules and policies, for example dress code for students, are relevant to the school.
- The school's priorities reflect the needs of our students.
- We focus our work on these priorities through effective relationships with parents and our community.

*We expect to be calling for nominations to fill 2026 vacancies on the Forest Crescent Primary School Board, early in the new year. If you are interested in learning more about the role of the Board and/or being involved in the governance of our school, please join us on Wednesday 5 November, as this is a perfect opportunity to see the School Board in action.*

**Annual Public Meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 5 November, in the Staffroom.**

**The Staffroom is located in the Administration building**



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### Social Media Ban – Parent Resources

The Australian Social Media Age Restriction will come into effect on 10 December 2025. From that date, social media platforms will be required to take reasonable steps to prevent anyone under the age of 16 from creating or maintaining an account.

As this change approaches, many students and families may be unsure what the new restrictions will look like or how best to prepare. Helpful information and resources are available on the [eSafety Commissioner's](#) website, and a [Parent & Carer Guide to the 16+ Age Delay](#) is also available on our school website.

### 2026- 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](mailto: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/carers 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](mailto:forestcrescent.ps@education.wa.edu.au), call 9232 3550 or drop into the office.

Regards

Louise Armstrong  
Principal

### WASO INCURSION

Traditionally, our Year 2 and 4 students have had the opportunity to visit the Perth Concert Hall to watch the West Australian Symphony Orchestra perform. Unfortunately, the Concert Hall is under redevelopment. This year, we were fortunate that WASO came to visit us at school and the Year 2s and 4s were joined by the Choir and Band students to see "Libby Meets the Orchestra".

These experiences give students the chance to see and hear professional musicians playing a wide range of instruments — sparking curiosity and perhaps inspiring some to learn an instrument themselves.

The State Government coordinates an Instrumental Music Program in which our school participates. Each year, selected Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join based on music testing conducted in Year 4. These students make up our school band.

Equally valuable was the opportunity for students to experience being part of an audience at a live performance. Our senior students led the way, modelling attentive and respectful audience behaviour throughout the concert. Experiences like this help students appreciate live music while learning how to engage appropriately as audience members.

**WASO**  
West Australian  
Symphony Orchestra

### WILDCATS AND TELETHON

Olive M was privileged to be asked to sing the National Anthem at the "NBL Ignite Cup" Wildcats game for Telethon on Wednesday, 15 October. She sang beautifully and even Fat Cat gave her a high 5 for a job well done. Great job, Olive. Everyone at FCPS is so proud of you.



Matilda J was also at the game in recognition of her incredible work in raising money for Telethon this year. She used her passion for running to help raise money for the sick kids of WA by running 100km during the month of September. Matilda raised a whopping \$7115 for Telethon and handed over the cheque on live TV at Telethon over the weekend. All at FCPS are so impressed with your commitment to helping others – a true champion!

### Bandana Day – Friday 31 October

Bandana Day is a special day to support young people aged 15–25 who are living with cancer. Each year, the charity Canteen raises awareness and funds through the sale of colourful bandanas designed by youth ambassadors and Indigenous artists.

This year, our Year 5 student Andrew, together with the Student Council, has chosen to lead our school's fundraising for Bandana Day. Andrew's sister, Sarah, has shown incredible strength while going through cancer treatment and chemotherapy – inspiring us all to get involved.

On Friday 31 October, students and staff are invited to wear a bandana and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go directly to Canteen to support young Australians affected by cancer.

Let's show our support and stand together for this important cause.

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# DRESS UP YOUR BIKE

OCTOBER 31

BIKES TO BE ON THE QUAD BY 8:30AM FOR JUDGING

**WA BIKE MONTH**  
Awards for the top 5 best dressed bikes for years:  
K-2  
3-6

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more ways to get there