

In Learning We Grow

IMPORTANT DATES!



Tues	1 April	Kindy A Colour Run
Wed	2 April	YR 6 Hamburger Day
Thurs	3 April	Kindy B Colour Run Junior Assembly RM 9 Uniform Shop 8.15am—9.15am
Fri	4 April	PP-YR 6 Colour Run YR 3-6 Rail Safety Presentation 8.45am-9.45am
Tues	8 April	YR 5/6 Summer Cup
Wed	9 April	YR 1 Drama Excursion
Thurs	10 April	ANZAC Assembly 2pm
Fri	11 April	Student Free Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings to parents, staff, students and community members. Welcome to this edition of the school newsletter. It is amazing that we head into Week 9 next week, with just over a fortnight until the Easter holiday break. It has been a busy fortnight with many activities happening around the school, culminating in the end of NAPLAN testing. I would like to thank the school community for your continued support, ensuring that your kids are ready for learning each day, turning up with a smile, ready to do their best. I look forward to a busy but productive end of the term.

P&C AGM: The P&C held their AGM on Wednesday, 19 March. It was great to see a large turnout of parents at the P&C and all executive positions filled. As I mentioned at the P&C meeting, many schools are finding it increasingly difficult to find volunteers to contribute to the P&C, and we should be very proud of the wonderful support our P&C provides and the volunteers who contribute their time and efforts to improving outcomes for our students. The P&C gives amazing support to our staff and students, ensuring that curriculum areas, the school grounds, and general equipment is of the highest standard. Congratulations and Thank You to all P&C members who were elected to positions for 2025.

- President – Ryan Jenkins
- Vice President – Jeff Albert
- Secretary – Lisa Smith
- Treasurer - Sarah Orazi
- Events Coordinator – Emma Brown
- Safety House/ Road Safety – Abby Albert
- Social Media – Abby Galvin

- Uniform Shop – Kaylee Furlong
- Fathering Project – Jeff Albert
- Interschool Sports Shirt Coordination – Rachel Stanwyck
- Executive Committee- Holly Jenkins, Shay Rochester

Colour Run: The P&C's major fundraiser for 2025 is the Colour Run being held on Friday 4 April for PP—YR 6 and Kindy A group on Tuesday 1 April and Kindy B on Thursday 3 April. The excitement is building and the whole school community can get involved in the Colour Run! All families were sent home information on how to register online with donations closing at 11.59pm Friday 4 April. Already the money raised is significant, with all funds raised going towards upgrading playground equipment for our senior students (as was the feedback in the student survey 2024!) Parents, guardians and friends are more than welcome to come and watch and support the event. The colour run will be as follows.

Kindy Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 April commencing at 2.15pm in the kindy playground.
Year 5/6 – 1.10pm – 1.40pm
Year 3/4 - 1.45pm – 2.15pm
PP- Year 2 – 2.25pm – 2.50pm

All students are encouraged to participate and will show their willingness to be coloured and wet by wearing a white shirt. Those students who don't wish to be wet or coloured need to wear a black shirt and will be able to run around the circuit without being sprayed with colour or water. Students will be able to get changed into their colour run clothes prior to their scheduled time. Students also require closed-in shoes, which may become coloured too! Please send along a towel especially for the PP – Year 2 students who will be dismissed at the end of the day in their colour run clothing. A huge thank you to Kristy Leigh and her band of P&C helpers for coordinating our 2025 Colour Run it is a wonderful school event.

NAPLAN Testing: Students in Years 3 and 5 have recently sat National assessments in Literacy and Numeracy – NAPLAN. I would like to congratulate all Year 3 and 5 students for doing their best and I look forward to seeing the results later in Term 2. A huge thank you to Mr Combes who coordinated 28 test sessions with 668 individual student tests coordinated over the last fortnight. Also to the Year 3 and 5 staff who assisted Mr Combes and ensured that our students were prepared for the test format.



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Harmony Day: Each year we celebrate Harmony Day at Forest Crescent. With approximately 220 students from a language background other than English (35%) it is an important week of celebration and recognition of our cultural diversity. This year's theme "Harmony – we all have a role to play!" is a great theme for Forest Crescent where, as an inclusive school "Everyone Belongs". Last Thursday, we commenced our celebrations with a family lunch attended by many families throughout the school. It was great to see mums, dads and grandparents enjoying being together while eating lunch and playing in the playground. We then moved to the more formal part of the afternoon where we held our Harmony Day Assembly in the undercover area. Mrs Rodricks coordinated the assembly that commenced with a welcome from students across many different languages followed by an amazing Harmony Day song lead by Ms Britten and Ms Auld. Thank you to Mrs Rodricks, Ms Britten, Ms Auld, Miss Sandhu and Mr Combes for bringing the Harmony Day Assembly altogether and the school community for celebrating with us.

ANZAC Assembly: ANZAC Day Friday April 25 falls on the last day of holidays for students. Due to this, the ANZAC Remembrance Service will be held on the last day of term for students Thursday, 10 April commencing at 2.00pm. Friday 11 April is a Pupil Free Day. It is important that we recognise and honour those men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live as we do today in the Forest Crescent school community. Students or parents who are currently serving will be able to wear their uniform ie. cubs and scouts during the service. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend. Thank you to Miss Sandhu for coordinating this important service.

Before and After School: Our school's policy is that students should not be arriving prior to 8.30am as adequate teacher supervision cannot be guaranteed. Students who do arrive early are directed to the Undercover Area where supervision will be provided from 8.00am. Prior to this time, there may be no-one to supervise children. **When Parents are accompanying children during this time, they too, are asked to assemble in the Undercover Area, and not outside classrooms or on the playground.** From 8.30am, all gates will be opened and class teachers will be in their room, ready to assume Duty of Care for their students. Parent support is required as the safety of your children is extremely important to us. When children arrive at school (after 8.30am) they should go directly to their classroom. The 8.30am - 8.45am period is used for children to prepare for the morning lessons. Outside play is not permitted during this time. At the end of the school day, children should not remain at school after being dismissed nor play on the equipment as, again, adequate teacher supervision cannot be guaranteed. Camp Australia offers a before and after school service here at Forest Crescent. Parents can register online at: www.campaaustralia.com.au or phone Ellie our wonderful coordinator, on 0422 578 313.

Parking: I am becoming increasingly frustrated at the number of motorists who continually ignore the parking signs around our school and members from the school community providing examples on a daily basis. **This causes a major concern for the safety of our students during pick up and drop off times.** The issue of parking and traffic congestion around school, especially at pick-up time continues to be a big problem for our school. The reality is that there will never be enough parking for everyone, so we depend heavily upon parents **"doing the right thing"**. If you can walk from home, that would be

The two major problem areas at present are the kindergarten car park, and the Year 1 car park, with cars ignoring the no parking signs, or double parking down Redheart Drive creating a dangerous situation for oncoming traffic and our students. I have witnessed several near misses, with students crossing the car parks and getting in to cars in the middle of the road! As I have spoken to many motorists, there is a simple solution if we are willing to wait between 3-5 minutes after the siren to pick up our kids. If there is no available legal parking in these areas, cars should single park behind the last car on Redheart Drive. Once the siren has sounded, if you wait between 3-5 minutes the first round of cars leave, and there is ample parking to pull in to pick up your child safely by pulling into the vacant car bays. I would also request that parents do not use the Staff Car Park at the front of the school as this causes further safety issues for our students. The City of Gosnells Rangers are now ready to issue parking infringements when they see cars parked illegally. Please note the following information which is re-printed from the City of Gosnells "Safety Around Schools" brochure:

School zones: 40km/hr school zones are in place around every school in the City of Gosnells. School zones operate from 7.30am to 9am and 2.30pm to 4pm. Children warning signs and 40km/hr school zone speed signs are the responsibility of Main Roads WA.

Continuous yellow line markings: You cannot stop or park anywhere along a single yellow line painted on the edge of the road. This restriction is in place 24 hours a day and attracts a \$100 penalty. The City will use yellow lines instead of signage where placement of signs may be difficult, pose a hazard or affect the amenity of an area.

Kiss and Drive: Kiss and Drive zones typically allow parents to pick up and drop off children adjacent to the main school entrance. Kiss your child, say goodbye, allow them out and drive away as soon as possible. **When using the designated Kiss and Drive zone around schools, never leave your car unattended.** Community members can also download the app Snap Send Solve to report parking issues.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS: It has been great to see the number of students riding bicycles and scooters to school. Parents are reminded that all students who ride to school must have the appropriate safety gear, a helmet as required by law. Also please ensure that a lock is provided to secure either the scooter or bicycle, as even though we have a locked enclosure, thefts of bicycles have occurred previously. Don't forget also that Wheel or Walk Fridays have recommenced and students need to bring their tickets to be stamped each Friday by the Year 6 wheel or walker helpers. On Friday 21 March we had National Ride 2School Day. We had a great turnout of 74 students who rode their bike and 10 students who rode scooters.



Edu Dance: The Pre-Primary to Year 6 classes are fortunate to have secured Edu-dance for our Term 2 dance program this year. Edu-dance is a creative hip-hop dance program developed in Perth that is designed for primary school students. The program fulfils the students' curriculum's Arts and Physical & Health outcome requirements and covers many other aspects, such as coordination, musical appreciation and self-confidence.

Edu-dance allows many children to experience the excitement of performing in front of an audience, but most importantly, it is promoted as a fitness and fun program. Each year level has a program specifically designed to suit their age group, with appropriate music to complement each group. Each class will participate in 9 x 30-minute lessons weekly, and a concert will be held to showcase their dances after the program. All families will receive an information letter today. **More details regarding the concerts and each class's session times can be viewed on the school's website.**

KINDERGARTEN 2026: Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken for 2026. If you have a child who was born between 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022 they are eligible to commence Kindy in 2026.

Enrolment application forms can be found on our website (<https://forestcrescentps.com/school-information/enrolment-details/>) or you can call through the office to collect.

To commence your application we will need to see the following documents:

- Original Birth Certificate,
- Immunisation History Statement – no more than 2 months old with a status of 'up to date' (from MYGOV website)
- Proof of residence (electricity bill, rates notes, rental agreement)

Please note if you are on a visa we will also need to see this and your passport as part of your application. Kindergarten Enrolment being non-compulsory does not follow the local intake policy, ie all local students are guaranteed a place, however all students who live within a local school intake area will be accommodated where possible. Should enrolments exceed available placements then the following criteria will apply:

Basically, the ranking is as follows:

1. Students living within the local school intake area with siblings at the school
2. Students living within the local school intake area without siblings at the school
3. Students living outside the local school intake area with siblings at the school
4. Students living outside the local school intake area without siblings at the school

Only applications received before the closing date will be considered as above. **Applications close on Friday 25 July 2025 (Week 1 of Term 3).**



Running Club is back!!!

WHEN: Tuesday 7.45am

WHERE: on the oval

WHO: Year 3-6

IMPORTANT: Due to the number of children interested in Running Club I am unable to take anyone below Year 3.

Any questions see Ms Spencer

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NAVIGATING LIFE'S CHANGES TOGETHER

Hello, I'm Ness, a counsellor with a passion for supporting individuals through their unique journeys. With a Master's in Counselling and training in person-centred and trauma-informed approaches, I understand that life can sometimes feel overwhelming. Whether you're grappling with anxiety, depression, relationship issues, parental challenges, trauma, or grief, I'm here to help you navigate these complexities with compassion and understanding.

In our sessions, I hold a safe and supportive space for you to unpack your past, embrace the present, and set meaningful goals for the future. I believe that everyone deserves to be heard and validated, and I'm committed to walking alongside you on your path to healing and growth.

As the founder of the Sunday Community Fun Run Club, I also recognize the importance of community and connection. I offer counselling in both English and Arabic, and I provide flexible options, including face-to-face sessions, online counselling, and walk-and-talk therapy. My own experiences as a migrant have given me a deep understanding of the struggles many of us face daily, and I'm dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and support within our community.

You don't have to face your challenges alone. Together, we can explore your feelings, build resilience, and cultivate a life that aligns with your values and aspirations. If you're ready to take the first step, I invite you to reach out. Let's embark on this journey together.

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1 week till our Monty's Colour Fun Run!

Don't forget to jump online and create your profile page if you haven't already! Share your profile page to family and friends to receive any last-minute donations. See the fb groups for additional fundraising prizes.

Remember to bring a white shirt (black if you don't want to be sprayed) and wear enclosed shoes for the event as you will be covered from head to toe in coloured powder!

Bear in mind you might want spare shoes and shorts for your kids to change into as they will end up coloured and wet.

We can't wait to get colourful!



COME & TRY HOCKEY

Join us for a fun, free "Come and Try" hockey session!

When: Wednesday, 2nd April
Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Where: Southern River HC

Perfect for all ages and skill levels—no experience needed! Bring your friends and discover the excitement of hockey. Sticks will be supplied to those that do not have one.

More Information on:
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