



WINTERFOLD

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From the Admin Team

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

A big welcome to all for the commencement of the 2017 school year. Our kids skipped into school last week, they looked terrific in their uniforms, and our staff were well prepared and eager to greet them. The start to the year was very, very smooth!

We all know that WPS is the best school around and that we genuinely outperform other schools like ours – and we have the data to prove it. But, sadly, there is one area where, last year, we did not perform as well as we should have – and that is Attendance.

Our school's Attendance rates are BELOW similar schools across the state.

So lets talk about Attendance, and then look at ours..... Did you know that if your child's attendance is at 90% (one day off a fortnight) which is considered good, that over the course of their education they will miss one and a third years of learning?

Let's look at the WPS attendance figures for 2016
Regular Attendance (90 – 100%)

- Only 147 Students or 54% fitted in this category

At Risk (80 – 90%)

- 72 students or 34% fitted into this category

At Risk Moderate (60 – 80%)

- 23 students or 7% fitted into this category

At Risk Severe (0 – 60%)

- 15 students or 5% fitted into this category

Firstly, we applaud and really appreciate the 54% of parents that managed to get their child to school more at 90% of the time, however it was rather worrying that 46% of our students fell into the *At Risk* to the *At Risk Severe* categories. There were a few students on approved Vacation, but these were in the minority. So, in order to

Term 1 Week 2, 8 February 2017

maximise student learning and be better than the rest, we will be having a big push with Attendance this year. There will be regular updates in the newsletter – and we will be phoning and writing to parents when student attendance falls below 90% without a reason given to the class teacher.

Along similar lines, our hardworking office staff issued 2998 Late Notes last year – something to think about!

Our community is well known for its Can Do approach so we ask that all parents consider the number of absences their kids have. You can see the attendance rate of your children from their end of year reports. The Department of Education expects an Attendance rate of above 90%.

We are going to have an excellent year at WPS in 2017 with great activities, great learning and great friendships. We all look forward to the year ahead!

Cheers,

The Admin Team.

An Invitation to all Winterfold Families

Please come along to the

**Winterfold P&C
Annual General Meeting
Monday, 13 February 2017
At 6.30pm in the school library**



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday 13 February

- ◆ P&C AGM 6.30pm in the Library

Friday 17 February

- ◆ Room 10 Assembly

Monday 27 February - Friday 10 March

- ◆ Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming Lessons commence at Coogee Beach
(please note lessons will be now held at Coogee Beach)

Monday 6 March

- ◆ Public Holiday - Labour Day

Winterfold Primary School has great pleasure in announcing the 2017 Student Leadership Team:

Jasmine Falkner	Head Girl 2017
Maurice Lismann	Head Boy 2017
Raff Bebbington	Literacy Minister
Kiah Wisby	Literacy Minister
Liam Cervenka	Science Minister
Harry Green	Science Minister
Severin Lowe	Sports Minister
Mischa Locke	Sports Minister
Maya Lemus Lindebringhs	Sports Minister
Finn Bergin-O'Connell	Sports Minister
Harvey Templeton	Sports Minister
Noah Cervenka	Sports Minister
Nardia Niessink	Numeracy Minister
Tyson Elverd	Numeracy Minister
Elize Loreto	Environment Minister
Robin Lismann	Environment Minister
Connor Sheehy Hebb	Music Minister

Well done and congratulations to all these students on their wonderful leadership achievement.

We look forward to fostering a rewarding relationship with these students in 2017.

Kindy Carpark Instructions

All Kindy parents, please note that the Kindy carpark will be closed at 3pm every day.

If you think that you will be remaining on the school grounds past this time, please park on the road.

Thank you for your understanding.



WPS Staff Professional Development Days, Public Holidays & Term Dates for 2017

As you are aware there are a certain number of days set aside each year where your children are not required to attend school due to our staff attending Professional Development (PD) Days.

The PD Days for 2017 are:

1. Term 1, Week 1 - Monday 30 January
2. Term 1, Week 1 - Tuesday 31 January
3. Term 2, Week 1 - Monday 24 April
4. Term 3, Week 5 - Monday 14 August
5. Term 4, Week 5 - Monday 6 November

Public Holidays for 2017 are:

- ◆ New Year's Day - Sunday 1 January
- ◆ Australia Day - Thursday 26 January
- ◆ Labour Day - Monday 6 March
- ◆ Good Friday - Friday 14 April
- ◆ Easter Monday - Monday 17 April
- ◆ Anzac Day - Tuesday 25 April
- ◆ Western Australia Day - Monday 5 June
- ◆ Queen's Birthday - Monday 25 September
- ◆ Christmas Day - Monday 25 December
- ◆ Boxing Day - Tuesday 26 December

Please do not send your children to school on these days.

2017 Term and Holiday Dates are:

Term 1 - Wednesday 1 February - Friday 7 April
Holiday Break - Saturday 8 April - Sunday 23 April

Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
Holiday Break - Saturday 1 July - Sunday 16 July

Term 3 - Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
Holiday Break - Saturday 23 September - Sunday 8 October

Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Thursday 14 December
Holiday Break - Friday 15 December - Wednesday 31 January 2018

Perth Goju Karate

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes at South Fremantle SHS, down the road from Winterfold Primary.

A special offer for Winterfold students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402

2016 Graduation Award Information

We have great pleasure in announcing our Year 6 Graduation Award Recipients for 2016:

Norika Hainsworth	Year 6 Dux Award
Regan Cain	Year 6 Jim Richardson Endeavour Award
Oliver Hess	Year 6 Rosa Mastropiero Citizenship Award
Flynn Waddell Rowe	Year 6 Science Award
Angus Filsell	Year 6 Science Award
Patrick Hay	Year 6 Numeracy Award
Norika Hainsworth	Year 6 Literacy Award
Angel-Lee Rauter	Year 6 Sport Award - Female
Thomas Locke	Year 6 Sport Award - Male
Angel-Lee Rauter	Year 6 Music Award
Regan Cain	Year 6 Drama Award
Norika Hainsworth	Year 6 Italian Award

Congratulations to all of these students and we wish all our Graduating Year 6 students the best of luck in their secondary schooling in 2017.

2016 Book Award Recipients



Room 1	Asha Philips	Torey McKay
Room 2	Lachlan Sweeting	Enya Srhoj
Room 3	Samuel Smith	Nikki Atkinson
Room 4	Lucy Edwards	Alex Beltran
Room 5	Jayden Scott	Molly Matur
Room 6	Jasmine Falkner	Maja Archibald
Room 7	Harry Green	
Room 8	Connor Sheehy Hebb	
Room 9	Elise Moncur	Scarlett Turner
Room 10	Olivia Smith	Noah Gunnarsson
Room 11	Ffion Williams	Elijah Nathan

P&C Canteen News

2017 is off to a flying start for the canteen. Thank you to Kym, Dina, Amber, Sunnie, Trish, Sarah and Astrid for being our week 1 helpers. We have helpers signed up for week 2, but are still short of volunteers for every other week of term!

Room 10 parents, please consider helping on Friday, 17 February before or after watching your child's assembly item.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on **FRIDAYS during Term 1**
Opening Hours: 8.15am - 9am

P&C News

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to you all! Our focus for Term 1 will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held in the school's library on Monday, 13 February 2017 at 6.30pm. All Executive positions are available. For more information about each Executive members role please see the attachment with this newsletter. If you feel you would like to join as a member only, that's great! Come along to our AGM.

The P&C are also looking for volunteers for the Canteen and Uniform Shop. If you wish to contact the P&C with any question or suggestions, please email us at -

winterfoldpandc@gmail.com

We can't wait to start this year, we have lots of events and fundraisers to come. See you soon!

Our New Nature Play Area is finally arriving!

We are so excited that after 18 months of planning, negotiating and fundraising that this project is nearing completion.

You may have noticed last week that work has commenced around the slide area to prepare the area for our nature play construction. Terry and his crew from 'Nature BasedPlay' have started construction today and hope to be completed by the end of next week.

During construction, the area will be fenced off and will be a "no go zone" for kids. However, they may enjoy watching the construction process from the top of the hill.

Not only will the area provide a wonderful new play space for our kids, but it will also solve a long standing problem with erosion of the hill around the slide. A double win!

Special thanks to those parents who have worked hard over the summer to keep this project moving in the right direction and to Mr Berry whose holiday was regularly interrupted with emails and questions! We appreciate your efforts.

We look forward to the opening and watching the kids play!

We'll be looking into some tree planting after the works are completed to provide more shade and stability to the bank. Watch this space as we'll be looking for trees and helpers!

Thanks to our sponsors so far;

Main sponsor -The Winterfold School Community, through the P&C fundraising events, and in the Voluntary Contributions.

Winterfold Primary School.

The Winterfold Primary School community acknowledges the support of



with our Nature Playground Project.

THANKYOU!

We have received a very exciting and interesting donation from Indali Buchanan-Taylor's grandfather A micro bat nesting box which will be placed high in one of our beautiful trees to encourage a microbat to nest. Microbats are very small mammals and can eat up to 1200 mosquitos in one hour. Look out for the box high in one of our trees but its important not to disturb it so you don't scare away any potential visitors. If your family would like to purchase one of these boxes for your own garden please contact Don Buchanan via email canningmensshed@gmail.com for more info.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the many families who have already paid their School Voluntary Contributions (VC) and P&C Voluntary Contributions. These funds further enhance your child's education so please support our school by making prompt payment.

School VC for Kindy, Pre Primary and all years through to Year 6 is \$60 per student.
P&C VC is \$15 per student.

Payment can be accepted at the office from 8.15am to 4pm and cash, cheque and EFTPOS are all accepted.



Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year the school will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests. There are many inexpensive titles to choose from (some books cost as little as \$2) to build your Home Library.

Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, and go to: <http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/> or download the Scholastic Book Club App found in the iTunes Store or GooglePlay. For ease of use and to ensure families are placing correct orders and making secure Credit Card payments, we are offering Linked Online Ordering and Payment Payments (LOOP) only, *please do not send in any money to the school for Book Club Orders.*

The books will arrive around two weeks after the Book Club LOOP closing date. Upon closing orders, they are submitted to Scholastic and will be delivered to the school and given to the Class teacher for distribution. Owning your own books is something special! Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to place orders. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Information and catalogues have been distributed on Monday 6 February and the due date for the first catalogue is 21 February 2017.

I hope you enjoy Book Club in 2017!
Laura Bell-Ocejo (Library)

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AS AN APP!



LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on **ORDER** in the top menu or **REGISTER** first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on **HELP** in the top menu.

