Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through our final term of 2016. Our students are undertaking various assessment tasks and our teachers are burning the midnight oil as they get those reports just right. You may not know it, but there is much work that goes into our report Grade and Comments, long before our teachers actually key them into the report form.

Teachers assess students multiple times against grade criteria (“Is this work at an A, B or C level?” according to a national standard) and then compare with colleagues teaching at the same year level, to check that assessments are valid. This is called moderating, and, in Literacy and Numeracy, these activities are overseen by our Specialist Teachers to ensure consistent assessments across the school.

In other curriculum areas, the WA Curriculum also dictates what a student has to demonstrate, in order to be given an A, B, C or D. If you are interested in more specific information, our teachers are experts in these areas and would be more than happy to explain in more detail (after Monday, 21 November, when reports are due in for checking!)

As our year draws to a close, our enrolment numbers continue to increase and we will need to open a new classroom in 2017 – one that sits quietly in Pink Block, that most don’t know about. At this stage, we are on track to open at close to 330 students – well above our next highest figure, which included the Year 7s! If you know of anyone seeking a brilliant school for 2017, please encourage them to contact the Front Office as soon as possible, to assist us with our planning. The additional class also means that the number of students in each class remains relatively low, and the additional funding that these students bring, provides us with increased flexibility to put in place programs to support student learning.

Thanks
The Admin Team
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Winterfold Primary School held another successful Interschool Athletics Carnival on Thursday, 3 October.

Students demonstrated great team work skills and, once again, showcased what a great community we have.

This year, Winterfold Primary School came second overall, with several champions who took home a medal and an exhausted, happy smile.

Congratulations Cameron, Jack and Elize!

A big thank you also goes out to our amazing gardener Ivan, who makes sure the grounds are well looked after and prepared for carnivals and other events we hold. We’d also like to thank Mr Wotherspoon for his great organisational skills and to the wonderful P&C for their delicious cake stall.

Great work Winterfold!

Christmas Appeal

This Christmas we have the opportunity to assist those in our community who might be struggling, and who could do with some extras to brighten their festive season.

We would greatly appreciate it if everyone could bring in one or two cans of food to donate to the Salvation Army’s Christmas Cheer Appeal.

The can collection box will be in the front office, and will be there until the end of Week 7 - Friday, 25 November.

Here’s some ideas about what you could donate: canned fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, soup, beans, spaghetti or even a canned Christmas pudding!

Thank you for your donations – they will be greatly appreciated!

Janina Cousins
School Chaplain

Winterfold School Disco

Games, Hair accessories, Lucky dips and prizes

Kindy-PP 5.45-6.30pm
Yrs 1-3 6.30-7.15pm
Yrs 4-6 7.15-8.15pm

Tickets on sale before and after school from undercover area 26th Nov-2nd Dec

Hilton PCYC - Fri 2nd Dec - Child $7 or Family $12

Snacks & drinks 50c - $2

Parents/guardians to remain at venue. Children not permitted to leave without an adult
P&C News

Car Boot Sale on Sunday, 27 November
Bays are still available to book at a cost of $15 per bay. Please see our flyer on this page and www.winterfoldps.wa.edu.au/pc for more information.

We’re also still looking for musicians for the Busker’s Corner. If you are able to sing, play music or know anyone who does, please contact Pete on 9337 2810, or email Pete at Peter.zadeian@bigpond.com.

There will be a dedicated cake stall on the day of the Car Boot Sale. If you’re a keen baker, please help us by donating a cake or savoury item to the stall. You can drop the baked items off straight to the stall on the day.

If anyone is free to hand out some flyers at the South Freo market on Sunday, please call Sarah on 0419 888 244.

School Disco on Friday, 2 December
This is such an exciting event for the kids! Please see the disco advert on page 2. Flyers will come home in schoolbags soon. Tickets go on sale on Monday, 28 November.

The disco committee is still looking for prizes - big or small. If you have any prizes you would like to donate, please contact Karen on 0422 746 672, email winterfoldpandc@gmail.com, or leave them with our friendly Front Office ladies.

Christmas Raffle
Don’t forget our Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at the final assembly of the year. Further details to follow.

A huge thanks to Kym and her small, but dynamic team of helpers for the Interschool Sports Day. What seems like a thousand rolls and sushi rolls were made, and a cake stall was held for participants and parents.

P&C Nominations for 2017
At the end of this year, all P&C positions will become vacant, so please consider if you can take on a position for 2017.

Our amazing Treasurer of two years, Heidy, has let us know that she will not be re-nominating for her post as Treasurer. If you have any bookkeeping skills or are a willing learner, please email winterfoldpandc@gmail.com, speak to Heidy, or come to our final meeting of the year, which will be held on Monday, 21 November, at 6.30pm in the library. The P&C cannot run without a Treasurer, so please consider putting your hand up.

Please Note: All P&C positions will be vacated for 2017 and we will be looking for nominations at the first meeting next year.

Library News

The end of Week 7, Friday, 25 November, will be the last week of borrowing for this year.

We would appreciate it if all books are returned to school by the end of Week 8, so our lovely Librarian can start the stocktake and get the library ready for 2017.

2017 is Fast Approaching....
Hopefully your child is returning to Winterfold for the 2017 school year.

If you are aware that your child is not resuming their Winterfold schooling, can you please let us know in writing as soon as possible?

Obviously we are aware that our current Year 6’s will be continuing on to their secondary education.
**Christmas Tree Sales and Delivery**

Real live Christmas Trees delivered to your door!

The trees won’t be perfectly shaped and are quite large, so can be kept outside or inside.

We have a surplus in our community down South and you’ll be helping reduce stray pines in their Native Environment.

10% of income will be donated to our wonderful Winterfold Primary.

Cost: $60, including delivery in the Fremantle area.

Contact: Julia 0403 833 674

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Our new Skorts have arrived, just in time for summer! The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays from 8.15am until approximately 9.00am, so come and check them out after school drop off.

For all of our new Winterfold families, the Uniform Shop will be open in the last week of January, before school resumes, to ensure you are able to purchase the uniforms you will need to start the 2017 school year in style.

**Holiday Open Hours**

Monday, 30 January 2017
from 9.00am - 11.00am

Finally, if any of our existing families are leaving Winterfold at the end of 2016, and would like to donate their uniforms back to the shop, please feel free to drop them off either to the Uniform Shop or Front Office.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Olivia on 0410 349 381.

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**FREE, FUN KIDS PROGRAM**

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**DO YOU HAVE KIDS 7-13 YEARS OLD? ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THEIR WEIGHT?**

The Better Health Program is a fun, interactive 10 week healthy lifestyle program for families.

In a supportive and friendly environment, children become fitter, healthier and happier.

**PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 1 2017:**

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- **Text us:** 0409 745 645
- **Online:** [www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)

**Starts:** 9th February 2017
**Day:** Thursday
**Time:** 4-6pm

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