



WINTERFOLD

WORDS

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From the Admin Team

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

To say that Drama is alive and well at Winterfold, based on the recent performances of Aladdin, would be a complete understatement! What a fantastic 2 night performance by our talented students under the direction of Mrs Rickers and Miss Hill (ably supported by various staff). Our students were polished, confident and exuded talent. The crew backstage kept it all moving and our new LED stage lights worked well. Over 240 people viewed the shows and all feedback has been extremely positive – including several formal letters and emails of congratulations.

As the end of 2013 draws near, there is no relaxing for the hardworking WPS staff. We are planning or undertaking Kindy orientation, Pre Primary and Year 7 graduations, end of year concert, Reward Day, Board Meeting, and a P&C meeting. All these events occur along with teachers (and EAs) writing reports, preparing budgets and staffing for 2013, allocating students to the best possible classes – and somewhere in all of this we are maintaining our usual high quality teaching and learning!

Taking a careful look at 2 of the above tasks – reports, and class allocations, parents may be interested in just how much work goes into just these 2 things. We estimate that, taking into consideration getting all the student assessments together and moderating student grades with colleagues, that an average student report probably takes around 3 hours to complete. Consider an average class size of 27, and that all those 80ish hours of work are done in teachers' own time, and you can see why we need a holiday! Remember that all normal teaching continues during report writing time and you may begin to see the level of dedication of the WPS staff.

And then there are the class placements of students for 2014. Every single student is looked at individually and carefully placed according to their needs – both academic and social, and with consideration to the future dynamics of the class and with an appreciation of equity of teacher workload across the school. It is a slow and painstaking task, and we will be reviewing and finessing our class placements right up until the last day of the term. We take this very seriously in our

Term 4 Week 8, 4 December 2013

endeavours to set your children up for success. Class placements will be available at the back of the Admin building from Friday, 31 January 2014.

Cheers
The Admin Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday 4 December

- ◆ Board Meeting 7pm in the Library

Friday 6 December

- ◆ **FREE P&C Movie Night - CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FORECAST**

Wednesday 11 December

- ◆ P&C Meeting 1.30pm in the Library

Friday 13 December

- ◆ Pre Primary Graduation at 8.30am in the Pre Primary Room 4 (includes all Pre Primary students from Room 4 and Room 2) - further information to follow

Wednesday 18 December

- ◆ Year 7 Graduation - commencing 5pm in the PAC with dinner at Ruocco's Restaurant, Fremantle at 7.30pm - see separate information distributed last week to Year 7s for further details

Thursday 19 December

- ◆ Pre Primary Assembly and 2013 Book Awards in the Under Cover Area commencing at 8.45am
- ◆ Last day for students for 2013

Tuesday 28 January 2014

- ◆ Front Office resume for start of new school year

Thursday 30 January 2014

- ◆ Teachers resume for start of new school year

Monday 3 February 2014

- ◆ First day for students 2014

Fremantle Topspin Tennis Summer Holiday Camp

Week 1 Friday 20/Saturday 21/Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 December 2013
Week 2 Monday 6 January to Thursday 9 January 2014
Week 3 Monday 13 January to Thursday 16 January 2014
Week 4 Tuesday 28 January to Friday 31 January 2014

3-6 years old from 9.00am - 11.00am Cost \$100
(4 days) or \$30 daily
6-18 years old from 9.00am to 12.00pm Cost \$140
(4 days) or \$40 daily

Contact Brendan on 0401 565 051 or email fremantletopspintennis@gmail.com or go to: www.fremantletopspintennis.com.



Will you be leaving us at the end of this year?

Winterfold Primary School is starting to plan classes for 2014. We hope everyone will be returning to us next year but do realise there are varying reasons why some students won't be coming back. To help the school start putting together classes, can all parents of current Pre Primary to Year 6 students please contact the school if your child/ren **are not** returning to WPS next year?

A letter, phone call or email to Winterfold.ps@education.wa.edu.au would be very much appreciated.

Library Books

Please remember to return our precious library books back to the library by Friday, 13 December. Thank you



2014 Booklist Information

Winterfold Primary School with School Board approval has made the decision to not enter a contract with a Back-to-School supplier.

All items on your child's booklist can be found readily at all good stationery shops and large discount retailers such as Big W, Target or similar.

We thank parents and caregivers for their cooperation with this matter.

You will find your child's 2014 booklist requirements accompanying this newsletter.



What's on

Bunnings O'Connor Christmas Family Night

* Australia

Wednesday, 4th December 2013

Come join the O'Connor team for a fun family night Australia style
6pm-8pm:

- Kids Craft
- Jumpy Castle
- Mechanical surfboard
- Games and activities
- Have a photo with a Koala
- See a dingo, hold pythons 6pm-7pm
- Kangaroo Greek Gang from 7pm
- Ice-cream van 6pm-7pm
- BBQ Dinner
- Adult DIY's

A visit from Santa ☺

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CNR YARRICK & SOUTH STREET
O'CONNOR 9338 9200

BUNNINGS
warehouse

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ARE JUST THE
BEGINNING...



P&C Christmas Raffle

Along with this newsletter all students who are family representatives have been sent home an information flyer with raffle tickets attached for the Annual Christmas Hamper Raffle being conducted by our wonderful P&C.

Donations are being gratefully accepted and can be dropped into the school front office.

The draw will take place at our End of Year Assembly on Thursday morning, 19 December.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES FOR 2014

The School Board recently endorsed the Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2014. As per Government Legislation the School Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2014 booklet has been enclosed with the newsletter and further copies are available from the front office. Whilst voluntary, the contributions maximise the quality of our teaching and learning program and supplement funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments.

Payment can be made at the school office via EFTPOS, cash or cheque from 8am to 4pm. If you wish to organise a payment plan or make payments via direct deposit please contact our Registrar, Danielle Meyn, on 9337 2936.