



WINTERFOLD

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From the Admin Team

Term 1 Week 4, 22 February 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

When you read this newsletter some of you would have attended Winterfold's parent information evenings. Pre Primary had their afternoon on Monday, Tuesday was blue block, Wednesday is yellow block and Room 5, Thursday is red block. Each session will go for approximately 30 mins. The teachers will be discussing their timetable, teaching style and their general expectations of the students throughout the year. Research indicates that the more of an interest a significant person in a child's life takes in their education the more successful they are both academically and socially. We hope to see as many parents/carers attend the parent information session. If you were unable to make it and you still want to meet with your child's teacher, please feel free to ring the school and make an appointment. Please keep in mind that the teachers will be able to meet with you after school as before school, life is too hectic to meet with parents.

We all know how wonderful and dynamic our P&C is, well in 2017 it has some new faces picking up 'titled' positions. We have a new President, Alison Hilton, new Vice President, Ric Bogart, Jill Craven is returning as Secretary and Ben Green comes in as our new Treasurer. Welcome to all of you and a massive thank you to all of our outgoing members who contributed to one of the most active P&C years in 2016! We had the AGM on Monday, 13 February, and the first formal meeting will be held in the Jim Richardson Library on Tuesday, 28 February starting at 6.30pm – Everyone is welcome.

Senior swimming starts on Monday, 27 February, for two weeks and this year the venue has changed from South Beach to Coogee Beach. Disappointingly the change was made as broken glass had been found in the sand. The swimming will then be backed up by Winterfold's Swimming Carnival to be held at Fremantle Leisure Centre on Wednesday, 15 March between 9 – 12.30pm. The carnival will be attended by all students from years 4–6. All parents are very welcome to come and

watch. The program is not overly competitive, with the students participating in some fun aqua based games.

Included in this weeks newsletter is our policy for Before and After School which is directly related to the safety of our students. If you have any questions relating to the policy please contact the admin team.

Thanks,
The Admin Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, 27 February - Friday, 10 March

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

Monday, 6 March

- ◆ Public Holiday - Labour Day

Friday, 10 March

- ◆ Room 5 Assembly

Wednesday, 15 March

- ◆ Swimming Carnival years 4, 5 and 6

Friday, 31 March

- ◆ Room 7 Assembly

Welcome

It is our pleasure to welcome a couple of new staff members to Winterfold Primary School this year. Ms Sonia O'Dea is teaching our Room 6 students and Mrs Paula Battel has joined our administration team. We hope you enjoy your time at Winterfold.

P&C News

The P&C AGM for 2017 was held on Monday, 13 February. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all 2016 members, particularly our outgoing President - Sunnie Sciascia, Vice President - Helen Nys and Treasurer - Heidi Tiebosch. The handovers have been much appreciated, and we hope to continue with the high standard of P&C contributions to the school community for this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity, as the new President, to welcome and congratulate the P&C Executive Committee for 2017.

President - Alison Hilton
Vice President - Ric Bogart
Secretary - Jill Craven
Treasurer - Ben Green
2nd Treasurer - Lottie Jones
Executive Members -

Carlie Love, Suze Srdarov and Bruce Philips

If the AGM slipped off your radar in all the rush around with the new school year - fear not, as new members are still very welcome! To join the P&C a small \$1.00 commitment is required. Contact us for details on how to commit or feel free to come along to the next meeting.

The first P&C Meeting for 2017 is Tuesday, 28 February at 6.30pm in the library. We will be busy planning for the year, so it is an excellent opportunity to join in and have your say. The P&C always welcomes your input, ideas and queries. Email us anytime via: winterfoldpandc@gmail.com

I am so delighted to be working with this fantastic team and I look forward to meeting with many of you throughout the year! 2017 is going to bring great things to Winterfold PS.

Alison Hilton

P&C Canteen News

Term 1 started very well for the canteen, and order volumes have increased every day we have been open. Last Friday we had 97 lunch orders! March will bring something new to the canteen - cooking classes! We are offering short, 2 hour cooking classes to small groups of five parents covering pizza, sushi and burritos.

Our P&C Facebook page- [facebook.com/winterfoldpandc](https://www.facebook.com/winterfoldpandc) has all the details under the events listing and as space is limited it is essential to RSVP.



Nature Playground

We are very close to having have a new nature-based playground!!.

The slide area's makeover has transformed an old slide on an eroded bank into an amazing natural play space where kids can explore and climb. Here are a couple of work in progress photos and we look forward to showing photos of the finished playground in our next newsletter.



Our Nature Based Play Team took staff through the new playground yesterday to familiarise them with the area.



The project got underway more than a year ago, with teachers asking the students to design a natureplay area. The students drawings guided the design and after many months of planning and fundraising the dream has become a reality. Rocks, rope and timber were locally sourced from recycled or salvaged materials.

Due to the extensive retaining work that was required to stabilise the bank we have had a shortfall in funds for the project. In the coming weeks we will be making a last push for funds (hopefully from grants and local businesses) so please let us know if you can help in any way or know of a business that would like to donate to a very worthy cause.

We have received some great support so far, specifically from: Hilton Supa IGA; City of Fremantle; Telstra; Bunnings; Mr Tom Jones (former Winterfold teacher); and Great Gardens' Astrid and Chris Ferreira. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so far

We are planning a 'Grand Opening' event very soon to celebrate the achievement of this milestone and great addition to our school. More exciting information to follow.....

Friendly Reminders to all Parents....

- ◆ Please clearly label your child's hats and uniforms. We have many parents call into the front office frustrated that their child's belongings have already gone missing and it is only Week 2. Please check items coming home and if they are clearly marked with another child's name, can you please try and return them to their rightful owner. There is a lost property box located in the Under Cover Area as first port of call if you are searching for a missing item.
- ◆ Our Staff Carpark, located near the front office, the Staff Carpark located at the rear of the Visual Arts Centre, and the Kindy Staff Carpark are for **staff use only**. We have a large number of staff who need their car spaces to be available each morning so please refrain from using them to drop your children at school. Other than blocking our valuable car bays, it is also very unsafe for your children.
- ◆ The School Zone, which is clearly marked with signage, is only a 40km per hour speed limit. We have a number of students who walk to school without a parent due to work commitments and we would like to keep these children safe. Please adhere to the School Zone speed limit of 40km per hour.

Kindy Carpark Instructions

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

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.



York Street Crosswalk

WPS students are fortunate to have access to a crosswalk and an attendant every morning and afternoon. Can all students please abide by the pedestrian rules and use this crossing located opposite Christ The King School, on York Street.



Birthday Cake Celebrations in the Classroom

Due to the Healthy Food and Drinks Policy our school promotes we are unable to allow cupcakes or similar to be brought into the school for birthdays. As well as this, it is difficult to establish if any ingredients will cause an allergic reaction in some of our students.

Fruit kebabs, vegie sticks or anything considered a green light food are fine. It would be appreciated if these could be distributed after school so as not to interrupt teaching time. If you are unsure, please call the front office and we will be able to advise.



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the many families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions (VC) for this year. These funds further enhance your child's education, so please support our school by making payment. If you haven't already done so, please feel free to pay the VC of \$60 per child, and don't forget the P&C VC of \$15 per child.

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



2017 Art Classes for Kids

Art stimulates joy, peace, concentration and a sense of achievement. Belen Berganza offers small classes for children 6 - 12 yrs

Wednesdays 4 - 5.30pm

\$25 per week incl. materials

Call Belen for info. 0420504481

J Shed

Fleet Street

Fremantle

(near Bathers Beach)



Guidelines for Before and After School

Winterfold Primary School is committed to ensuring that our students are safe before, during and after school. These guidelines are intended to assist parents to support the school and its vision for our students.

Before School Procedures

Overview

Our school starts quite early and this is to negate the effect of Christ the King traffic. We are aware that this early start can be challenging for some parents, but ask you to have your children at school on time, as late students miss out on essential learning opportunities and disrupt the learning of other students.

Guidelines

- The best time to arrive at school is between 8.15 and 8.20, whereupon students may go straight to class where their teachers will supervise them to set up for their learning for the day (unpack bags, chairs out etc).
- Students who arrive at school before 8.15 need to go straight to the Admin Block bench where they will be supervised until released to their class at 8.15.
- Students arriving after 8.25 must go through the front office, collect a Late Note and present it to their teacher.

Games and activities are not permitted before school as we cannot provide duty teachers as they are busy setting up for the day's learning.

After School Procedures

Overview

It has long been the practice at WPS to not allow students to play on playgrounds after school because of duty of care issues. However, this has impacted on some of our parents who have asked if this can be relaxed. It should be noted that the issue of Duty of Care whilst playing after school does not relate to parents who are supervising their own children. The issue has always been about the unsupervised students that are attracted to the playground.

Guidelines

- Students who are under the DIRECT supervision of a parent or carer may play ONLY on the playground on the oval until 3.30pm. The use of other playgrounds has Duty of Care implications for WPS staff so these are not to be used..
- Students being collected by another parent or carer, and who will leave the school site with that person, are considered to be under the supervision of that person
- Students who do not meet the above 2 points may not play on any school equipment and are to leave the school promptly at 2.40 as per normal.
- Parents at the oval playground after school need to establish amongst themselves that all students at the playground are being directly supervised by an adult who holds the Duty of Care for that student/s as per the two first dot points.
- Students not being directly supervised by a person holding the Duty of Care for them need to be asked to leave the school grounds by supervising parents at the playground, and if there are issues with this not happening, the school office needs to be notified by a parent at the playground.
- If parents become aware that there are any safety or maintenance issues related to the oval playground, they should notify the school office.
- Supervising parents should ensure that children use the playground in appropriate ways (ie keeping sand within the playground area).