



WINTERFOLD

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From the Admin Team

Term 1 Week 4, 25 February 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

The term continues to run very smoothly thanks to the professionalism of the Winterfold staff and (of course) your children. One thing we are all very happy with is the number of students in school uniform. By our calculations we think uniform wearing is nearly at 100%, which is fantastic. At our mini assemblies and full school assembly the entire audience is a sea of maroon and white – very smart indeed!

Swimming has now finished at South Beach for our senior students, who enjoyed the experience of swimming in the ocean where they perfected their stroke. The Winterfold staff also enjoyed accompanying the students to the beach where they experienced sand between their toes and where they soaked up the warmth of the sun. The swimming instructors commented on the wonderful behaviour demonstrated by the students and they used their manners hopping on and off the bus. All-in-all it was a very successful fortnight.

Just recently our Literacy Specialist Teacher, Kylie Bonser, introduced a program where our senior students buddy up with junior students and assist them with their reading comprehension. The senior students are prepped up with certain questions to ask in order to promote greater comprehension. So far the senior students have really loved it and the junior students are really benefitting from the tutelage given by their older peers.

Last week, the Winterfold P&C's held a welcome afternoon tea to promote the great things they do around Winterfold and the advantages of being on the P&C and

contributing to your children's school. The P&Cs AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18 March at 6.30pm in the Jim Richardson Library. We encourage as many parents to attend as it is truly a worthwhile cause.

Thanks

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday 25 February

- ◆ P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in the Library

Monday 2 March

- ◆ Public Holiday - Labour Day
Students do not attend

Tuesday 3 March

- ◆ Staff Professional Development Day -
Students **DO NOT** attend

Friday 13 March

- ◆ Room 2 Assembly in the PAC

Wednesday 18 March

- ◆ P&C AGM at 6.30pm in the Library

Thursday 2 April

- ◆ Room 8 Assembly in the PAC
- ◆ **Last day of Term 1**

Friday 3 April

- ◆ Public Holiday - Good Friday

Monday 6 April

- ◆ Public Holiday - Easter Monday



Monday 20 April

- ◆ Students return for commencement of Term 2

Winterfold Primary School's Nut Policy

Since 2011 our school has been Nut Aware because we have several students in our school who are diagnosed with severe allergies. We are seeking your help to protect the students in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis – a severe allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening.

Food allergies are the most common cause of anaphylaxis. There is no cure for food allergy so avoidance of the food is crucial. We are protecting students at risk of anaphylaxis by training staff, encouraging students to wash their hands after eating and educating students about food allergies. The school canteen does not sell foods which have peanuts or tree nuts in the ingredient list.

We ask you to help protect students at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- ◆ Not sending food to school which has peanuts or tree nuts (eg hazelnuts including nutella, cashews, almonds, peanuts including peanut butter) in the ingredient list
- ◆ Teaching your child not to share food
- ◆ Encouraging your child to wash their hands before and after eating
- ◆ Asking your child to help immediately if their allergic schoolmate gets sick by getting the attention of a staff member, likely a teacher or education assistant on duty

With your support, we can provide a safe environment for all students.



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.

Hot Shot Tennis

Term 1 Before School Hot Shot Tennis Coaching at Winterfold Primary School

Commenced Monday 9th February : 7.30-8.15am

This is an 8 week Program. All ages and levels of play welcome and Free Hot Shots T-Shirt on enrolment.

To enrol please contact Brendan on [0401 565 051](tel:0401565051) or fremantletopspintennis@gmail.com

We do take late enrolments.

Newsletter Distribution

Hopefully you have received this newsletter electronically. Paper copies will only go to those families without access to an email. Spare copies will still be available from the front office.

There are many ways you can let us know if you think we may have your email address recorded incorrectly -

- ◆ Check, record or amend the email address listed on the Student Update Form which will be being sent out shortly.
- ◆ Send us an email to Winterfold.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- ◆ Send a note via your child to the front office, telephone the front office or call in person to the front office.

If emails bounce back, a paper copy newsletter is sent home with an attached note requesting updated details.



Can all Winterfold Parents please note that Horizons Childhood Learning Centre will be operating in our Performing Arts Centre on our Staff Professional Development day on **Tuesday, 3 March**. They will be open from 7am until 6pm.

Students **DO NOT** attend on this day, so if you are a working parent and need to organise care for your children, please give Horizons a call soon to avoid any disappointment.

Horizons Childhood Learning Centre South Fremantle
Phone: (08) 9433 3921 Fax: (08) 9433 3922
232 Hampton Rd,
South Fremantle, 6162

Canteen News

Thanks to all the new and returning people who have helped or signed up to help in the canteen so far this term. We have had 17 people so far this term! It certainly is wonderful that so many parents are sharing this load, making new friendships and cooking great food together.

We would like to assure all parents that we only use fresh fruit for our fruit salad and frughurt, and tinned pineapple for pizzas. We therefore have no concerns regarding the recalled frozen berries you may have seen on the news. We take hygiene and food safety very seriously as an extension of how much we care for our Winterfold students.

Our Winterfold Kitchen Whiz competition has begun so pick up your entry form from the canteen today!

Canteen Committee



P&C News

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and children who came along to last week's afternoon tea. It was wonderful to see everyone and meet some new faces. Thank you to Pip, Sarah, Elanor and Jackie for organising the afternoon and thank you also to Steve for speaking to the group and to Brendan for your audio visual expertise! We were also very grateful to Lisa O'Malley from WACSSO for taking the time to come along and speak. WACSSO is a wonderful support resource for the P&C and Lisa is a very engaged representative for our area.

Our first meeting for the year will be held tonight in the school library. Again, we invite parents to come along as observers if you would like to find out more about the P&C.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18 March at 6.30pm in the school library. We will invite nominations for Executive roles at this meeting; President, Vice-President, Secretaries and Treasurers. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to pre-nominate for a position or would like to know more.

The P&C has some exciting events and projects planned for the year and we invite parents to get involved and help make a difference.

If you would like to join our mailing list or ask any questions please email us at winterfoldpandc@gmail.com

Important Dates:

- ◆ P&C Meeting Tonight, 25 February at 6.30pm in the library
- ◆ P&C AGM - Wednesday 18 March at 6.30pm in the library

A note from the Community Health Nurse...

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Jan Hutchison and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on the School Entry Health Assessment program and early intervention.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 93391362.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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



Carpark Information

Kindy

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.

Main School

Please note that the Staff Carpark is not to be used by parents at any time of the day. Parking is at a premium for our staff members and it is very important for them to be at class in time. For safety reasons, the Staff Carpark is also not a thoroughfare for children and parents to access or leave the school at any time. If you are walking or riding a bike, please use the pathway between Admin Block and UCA/Pink Block.

Parking Inspectors

Parking inspectors from the City of Fremantle were on Annie Street last week, handing out fines for any cars parked contravening the sign posts along the street. This also included verge parking. Street parking is very limited and we ask parents to be patient when picking their children up. If students are meeting their parents out the front of the school, it may be an idea to meet further up Annie Street or on a nearby side street.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform shop is open on
MONDAYS ONLY from 8:15am to approx 9.00am.
(We are closed on Monday Public Holidays)

Cash or cheque payments accepted on purchases.

Alternatively, you can place your order at the office, along with payment in an envelope.
We will complete the order on our next Uniform Shop day and have it delivered to your child.

Remember we are happy to accept any **old uniforms donations**. Please leave them at the front office or drop them into our uniform shop. All donations are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to your continued support at making our kids look great!

Cheers

Holly, Sally and Belle
Uniform Co-Ordinators



WPS Staff Professional Development Days, Public Holidays & Term Dates for 2015

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 2015 are:

1. Term 1, Week 5 - Tuesday 3 March
2. Term 2, Week 6 - Friday 29 May
3. Term 3, Week 5 - Monday 17 August
4. Term 4, Week 5 - Monday 9 November

Public Holidays for 2015 are:

- ◆ New Year's Day - Thursday 1 January
- ◆ Australia Day - Monday 26 January
- ◆ Labour Day - Monday 2 March
- ◆ Good Friday - Friday 3 April
- ◆ Easter Monday - Monday 6 April
- ◆ Anzac Day actually falls on Saturday 25 April 2015 but the Public Holiday is - Monday 27 April
- ◆ Western Australia Day - Monday 1 June
- ◆ Queen's Birthday - Monday 29 September
- ◆ Christmas Day - Friday 25 December
- ◆ Boxing Day - Saturday 26 December

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

2015 Term and Holiday Dates are:

Term 1 - Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April
Holiday Break - Saturday 3 April - Sunday 19 April

Term 2 - Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July
Holiday Break - Saturday 4 July - Sunday 19 July

Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Holiday Break - Saturday 26 September - Sunday 11 October

Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Thursday 17 December
Holiday Break - Friday 18 December - Sunday 30 January 2016

Attention Year 6 Students

Do you have an interest in **Clarinet and Brass Instruments**?

South Fremantle Senior High School (SFSHS) have limited vacancies in their music program and are inviting those interested Year 6 students to apply. Please note that these vacancies are only for Clarinet and Brass instruments.

SFSHS Music Lessons are held every Tuesday morning during school hours and students must make their own way to and from Winterfold Primary School and SFSHS. At present we have two groups of students who walk between schools without adult supervision. Please contact Mrs Hunter in the Winterfold PS front office if you are interested.