



WINTERFOLD

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From the Admin Team

Term 1 Week 6, 11 March 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Week Six is slipping by and things are in full swing at WPS. Our classroom programs are set, support timetables are in place and our teachers, education assistants and students are all working hard for our common goal of improving student outcomes.

During the student free day on 3 March our staff were hard at work. Teachers and education assistants undertook a whole day professional learning program in 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching. We have been using this program for quite a number of years but it was felt it would be timely to conduct a whole staff refresher course because quite a few of our staff are more recent appointees. This well respected program is designed to give us a whole school and consistent approach to the way that staff manage students in classrooms - and has procedures for ensuring that disruptions to the learning program are dealt with quickly and efficiently so that lessons may be resumed in a very short amount of time.

Keep an eye out for a letter with more details and also some parent workshops that will be offered in the coming weeks.

Our swimming carnival is approaching and it is expected that all students in years 4 to 6 attend this fun filled and friendly competitive day.

Finally, thank you to the many parents who have paid their school fees. These have not increased for several years and parents can be assured that the money is welcome and put directly towards resources to support learning programs for students.

Thanks

The Admin Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thursday 12 March

- ♦ Literacy and Numeracy Information Session for Kindy to Year 2 Parents commencing at 1.30pm in the Library

Friday 13 March

- ♦ Room 2 Assembly in the PAC

Tuesday 17 March

- ♦ FREE Dress Day - a gold coin donation to Radio Lollipop (See notice in this newsletter)

Wednesday 18 March

- ♦ P&C AGM at 6.30pm in the Library

Thursday 26 March

- ♦ Room 3 Year 2 - Excursion to Freshwater Bay Museum departing at 9am
- ♦ Swimming Carnival for Year 4 to Year 6 students at the Fremantle Leisure Centre departing school at 8.30am and returning at 12.30pm (see notice in this newsletter)

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

WE ART

The P&C is seeking your help to fund an exciting project that will benefit all Winterfold students – the transformation of the old canteen into a specialised art room.

Visual arts allows children to imagine, explore and create; and exercise the brain in a way that can improve memory and ability to concentrate and strengthen cognitive and problem solving skills. Research has shown that students who frequently participate in the visual arts often see improvements in other subjects including maths, reading and writing. Schools with a visual arts focus deliver better academic outcomes than schools without such a focus.

Winterfold Primary School and the P&C believe a dedicated art room will be of great benefit to students for years to come, and plans for the renovation are underway. The P&C has committed to providing funding assistance to the project from existing funds.

We are hoping that parents of Winterfold students will be able to assist through additional fund raising - by donating the equivalent of one hour of their wages to the project.

Monies can be paid directly to the P&C's bank account, or by cash into the P&C locked box located in the Front Office.

The Winterfold P&C bank account details are:

BSB 066 144

Account Number 1010 8459

Don't forget to place your family name in the Reference Field so we know who the donation is coming from.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Karen on 0422 746 672. A friendly reminder will be distributed in Term 2.

Winterfold Primary School Swimming Carnival Thursday, 26 March 2015

Our Year 4 to Year 6 Students will depart school at 8.30am and head to Fremantle Leisure Centre, returning to school at 12.30pm.

Children need to wear bathers to school under their uniform. Faction Colour T-Shirts are encouraged. Thongs can be worn to and from the pool but normal school shoes must be worn for the remainder of the day. Don't forget to bring a dry towel.

Permission notes have been distributed via the classes and spare copies are available from the front office.

Cost for transport and pool entry is \$6.00 per student.

Consent form and payment should be returned to school by Monday, 23 March 2015.



MUSIC LESSONS

– Special Offer !

Want to start Music or Dance lessons?

Book BEFORE 14th March and receive the first lesson for only \$1!

PLUS go in the draw to WIN a music scholarship valued at over \$800.

Email or Phone us now to register your child before this offer runs out:

Ask for Diana, Allira, Steph or Kris:

admin@waam.net.au or: 0433 268 133

WAAM – Music is Life!

www.waam.net.au

Lessons available at : 1 Holdsworth St, Fremantle WA 6160 – And in schools across Perth

Canteen News

Thanks to all the students who have handed in recipes for the Winterfold Kitchen Whiz competition. We have had some interesting suggestions for new recess items from porridge to spinach tarts, apple and yoghurt muffins to fruit kebabs served with applesauce. Keep the entries coming!

Did you know you can create a credit account for your family at the canteen? This eliminates the need for students to carry money in their school bags, and makes it easier on parents in the morning rush.

Uniform Free Day

Radio Lollipop is a charitable organisation dedicated to making children's hospital stays more enjoyable. Volunteers visit kids at Princess Margaret Hospital and other satellite hospitals bringing games, craft and most importantly, laughter to lessen the boredom and scariness of hospital.

Winterfold Primary is proud to be a part of fundraising for this wonderful organisation by having a UNIFORM FREE DAY!!

When: Tuesday, 17 March
Bring: A gold coin donation



Please remember that Winterfold Primary School is a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. We ask you to not send food to school which has nuts of any sorts in the ingredients.

Thank you



P&C News

Thanks to everyone who came along to our first meeting for the year. It was a great turnout and it was lovely to see some new faces. It was a fairly quick meeting before our AGM next month on Wednesday, 18th March at 6.30pm in the school library.

A reminder that all Executive Committee roles will be up for nomination at the AGM. Please consider nominating yourself for an executive role, even if you've never done it before. It is time to "refresh" the committee with new parents who will bring new ideas and new ways of doing things. One thing that is great about our P&C is the flexible approach to how the association runs and in addition to this the support it enjoys from the school community. If you are considering stepping up please know that you will be supported by those who've been there before you.

We've attached some general job descriptions for the various positions this newsletter. Please don't hesitate to ask us questions if you have any.

The P&C was proud to support The Forever Project's Open House last Saturday, 7th March. Astrid and Chris kindly offered the proceeds of the gold coin entry to the P&C which was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to those volunteers who collected the gold coins on the day. Attendees were very generous and we collected over \$700 which is a great start to the year.

Important Date:

- ◆ P&C AGM - Wednesday 18 March at 6.30pm in the library

Piano and Singing Lesson Information

International singer, songwriter and music teacher Sophie Moleta is now a parent at the school and offering fun piano and singing lessons from home in Hilton.

Specializing in beginners, adult and children and can sit for AMEB exams if needed.

Please call Sophie on 0424 390 278 or 6180 5254.

www.soundcloud.com/sophiemoleta
<https://sophiemoleta.bandcamp.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/sophiemoleta>



Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the program Horizons Childhood Learning Centre is offering for the April 2015 school holidays.

This fantastic holiday program is being offered at two convenient locations - Phoenix Primary School and Winterfold Primary School.

Get in quick to reserve your child's place.

Horizons OSHC (South)
Winterfold PS / White Gum Valley PS / Phoenix PS
Email oshcsouth@horizonschildcare.com.au
Mobile 0417 234 081

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)

We are pleased to advise that we now have school dresses in every size available for purchase.

**What do you think about the Winterfold grey skirt?
We would love to hear your feedback?
Please respond via email to
winterfolduniform@gmail.com**

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

Ole Soccer After School Soccer Club

We are running our after school soccer club every Wednesday afternoon from 3-4pm. Our Program is designed for all children from 3-12 years old and of all abilities.

As we are already 3 weeks into our 7 week program, we have decided to offer all new comers to the program a discounted rate for the remainder of term. Our new prices are: **\$79** - 3-5 year olds and **\$89** - 6-12 year olds.

For more information or to book your place, please visit us at www.olesoccer.com.au or call us on 0449 858 598