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
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.

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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.

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Want to start Music or Dance lessons?

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

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

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
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

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