



WINTERFOLD

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From the Admin Team

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

We are sure that you would all be very aware of the changed circumstances in terms of finances that our school faces. Whilst we know that money is tight for everyone, a recent review of our payment rate for Voluntary Contributions was a little disheartening. Last year, we saw a drop in the overall collection rate from 75% in 2012 to only 59% of parents paying their contributions in 2013. This is a difference in the funding received of many many thousands of dollars. We really value and use effectively these contributions that you make towards your child's education.

So far this year, it seems that many parents have popped in to pay their contributions which is very much appreciated. I would ask all parents and caregivers to have a careful think about whether they appreciate the sheer hard work, skills and professionalism of our staff, plus the dedicated work of our P&C and School Board – and if they think that, overall, we deserve your \$60 per child to support our learning programs - we would ask you to pop in and pay. Did you know that our voluntary contribution rates are capped by legislation at \$60 per child – and have been at that rate for many years? So, as our costs have risen over the last 5 or so years – our rates of collection have essentially dropped. Coupled with a decreasing rate of parents paying their contributions – this is a triple whammy to the school in the face of decreased Government funding. Please consider paying your voluntary contributions and our sincere thanks to those who already have!

May we just mention how much Steve and Brendan (and our front office staff) have appreciated a number of very favourable comments and gestures that quite a few parents have made lately. If you have a concern – please come in and have a chat – but if you have a compliment – please come in and have a chat!

The Admin Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday 14 March

- ◆ Room 6 Assembly in the PAC

Friday 28 March

- ◆ Room 2 Assembly in the PAC

Wednesday 2 April

- ◆ P&C Meeting at 1.30pm in the Library

Friday 11 April

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

Monday 28 April

- ◆ Students return for commencement of Term 2

SICK CHILDREN

A reminder to parents that if your child is sick, the best place for them is at home. Illness can quickly travel through classrooms, especially those in the younger years. There is currently a situation with a Winterfold family having a child with a suppressed immunity system, where any illness, even a simple cold, could hospitalise him. Please consider other children, families and Winterfold staff before sending students to school who are unwell. A day or two of rest at home can help in a much faster recovery and reduce the risk of passing illness on to others. With Flu season fast approaching, this will become more important.

DONATION TO WINTERFOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of Winterfold Primary School and the community, we would like to thank the Williams family for their significant donation to the school. This donation has allowed our Literacy Specialist, Kylie Bonser, to purchase extra resources that will benefit Winterfold students of all years. The resources purchased will have a special plaque attached to mark their contribution to our school for years to come.



Can you help our Living Classroom Garden...

We are calling for parent help to assist our school with the maintenance of our Living Classroom Garden.

The small amount of sessions that our students are able to care for the garden is not enough in these summer months.

If you could spare 30 minutes of your valuable time or if you have a group of friends who would like to extend their green fingers and have a chat at the same time then maybe this is for you!



Please contact the front office if you can help.

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A brochure, including an order form, has gone out to your eldest child at the school last Wednesday.

Spare brochures/order forms are available from the front office.

Orders are due in by Monday, 17 March with expected delivery the first or second week of April.

Payment can be made by cash or cheque payable to "Winterfold P&C".

Overdue Library Books

A number of library books remain overdue. Invoices to parents and carers have been sent out so the school library can replace these missing items. Please return overdue books or any owing money for lost and/or damaged library books to the Front Office as soon as possible. In line with the Library Borrowing Contract that students (or parents if their child is too young) sign upon enrolment, borrowing privileges are revoked from students until the overdue book is returned or a replacement is paid for.

P&C news

Movie Night – Thanks!!!

Thanks to everyone who came along to the movie night. It was a lovely warm night, the movie was great and thank you to everyone for cleaning up after the movie. Our volunteers appreciated the effort that people made to leave the oval as we found it. We hope everyone enjoyed Phil Walley-Stack's Welcome to Country. We were honoured to have him perform and it's clear he loves to entertain a crowd!

Children's Carnevale – Thanks

Thank you to the Mad Hatter's Market in Fremantle and Fairy Sandie for inviting the P&C to host a sausage sizzle at the Fremantle Carnevale on the 1st March. We have some leftover sausages for sale through the canteen. \$7 for a pack of 22. Great for BBQs and easy meals.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 2 April at 1.30pm in the library. Hope to see you there!

If you would have any questions please contact Lianne on **0400 467 996** and/or you would like to receive P&C emails drop us a line at winterfoldpand@gmail.com.

WPS Staff Professional Development Days, Public Holidays & Term Dates for 2014

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 2014 are:

1. Term 1 - Tuesday 4 March
2. Term 2 - Friday 30 May
3. Term 3 - Monday 18 August
4. Term 4 - Monday 27 October

Public Holidays for 2014 are:

- ◆ New Years Day - Wednesday 1 January
- ◆ Australia Day - Monday 27 January
- ◆ Labour Day - Monday 3 March
- ◆ Good Friday - Friday 18 April
- ◆ Easter Monday - Monday 21 April
- ◆ Anzac Day - Friday 25 April
- ◆ Western Australia Day - Monday 2 June
- ◆ Queens Birthday - Monday 29 September
- ◆ Christmas Day - Thursday 25 December
- ◆ Boxing Day - Friday 26 December

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

2014 Term and Holiday Dates are:

Term 1 - Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April
Holiday Break - Saturday 12 April - Sunday 27 April

Term 2 - Monday 28 April - Friday 4 July
Holiday Break - Saturday 5 July - Sunday 20 July

Term 3 - Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September
Holiday Break - Saturday 27 September - Sunday 12 October

Term 4 - Monday 13 October - Thursday 18 December
Holiday Break - Friday 19 December - Sunday 1 February 2015