Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that it is Week 6 already! Classes are now in the full swing of their learning programs and our students are hard at it.

May I commend the work that our School Leaders are doing around the school. They are responsible for Morning Fitness setup as well as assemblies and hold a range of portfolios that align with our School Priorities. The Year 7s are well ensconced in Room 5, and our revamped Art Store as an activity room is being well used.

May we draw your attention to a few things where we seek your support and cooperation in ensuring the safety of our staff and students, and the care of our school grounds:

♦ Please do not use the staff car park to enter or leave the school grounds with or without your children (parents doing a late pick-up from Horizons Day Care is fine).
♦ Bikes or scooters (ridden by parents or students) must be walked on school grounds.
♦ Students riding bikes or scooters to school must wear a correctly fitted helmet to and from school, and bikes and scooters must be locked in the bike racks.
♦ Dogs are not permitted on school grounds – even if on a leash.
♦ The playground on Annie Street is not to be used before or after school – even if a parent is present as this encourages unsupervised students to join in. Students do not use this playground during school breaks for supervision reasons. It really is a “community use on the weekend” playground, when the school has no Duty of Care.
♦ Skateboards, bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school grounds out of hours. Our school spends a lot of money repairing the damage caused – and we would rather spend it on your students. Schools are not public places – even on weekends. We certainly encourage people to keep an eye on the school out of hours, but people should stay clear of the buildings. Education Security will act if people are hanging around buildings.

May we welcome Mrs Sangeeta Dave back to WPS. Sangeeta is our English as an Additional Language teacher and works to support students with their acquisition of written and spoken English.

It’s great to see the donations of Easter goodies for our Huge Easter Raffle slowly building up. Keep them coming in as the draw takes place Wednesday 27 March.

Cheers

The Admin Team

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Winterfold School Board Meeting

The first Winterfold School Board meeting for 2013 will be held at 7pm in the Jim Richardson Library on March 20.
The Board is a necessary part of our Independent Public School and brings together the expertise and experience of parents, teachers and community members to shape the best educational experience for our kids.
Two board positions are up for election at this meeting, so if you would like to know more about how you can get involved please contact either:
Steve Berry on 9337 2936 or
Board Chair, Martin Hess, mobile: 0412 601 726
email: hessfamily@bigpond.com

Year 7 - School Based Immunisation Program
The standard school based immunisation program, previously provided in Year 7 will be suspended in 2013 to allow for “catch up” HPV vaccinations of boys in Year 8, 9 and 10.
This program will recommence in 2014 for Year 8 male and female students
The move to Year 8 students will mean that the program will no longer be offered to primary schools.

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.

P&C NEWS

P&C Executive
Due to the extended Easter long weekend the proposed P&C meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3 April will now be held Wednesday 10 April at 6:30pm in the library. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

P&C Easter Raffle 2013
Please bring in donations of any Easter eggs or Easter product (chocolates, baskets, bags, boxes) so that we can put together some great raffle prizes.
Raffle tickets will be sent home with each child in the next couple of weeks.
The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 27 March 2013 and we request that all donations and raffle tickets are delivered to the school office (there will be an Easter bucket for you to place your donations) no later than Friday 22 March 2013.

Canteen News
The canteen committee has introduced 50c Friday icy-poles after school. The Icy-poles are 99% fruit juice and further support our Winterfold canteen…

If you have any spare time between 8.15am and 12.30pm on Wednesdays or Fridays please consider signing up to help in the canteen. A volunteer list will be sent around to each classroom.
Also we have a $5.00 voucher for each volunteer as an incentive for donating your time…

The canteen also received a fantastic food review
“i have had the quiche before, last year. My dad chose my lunch order for me but I was happy to have quiche because I liked it last time. When I opened the box, I could see the quiche had corn in it and that was a surprise. I tasted it and it was yummy. Then I had some salad which was lettuce, tomato, capsicum and cucumber. I had more quiche and more salad until I was full. I would tell my friends to try the quiche because it was good”. Elijah – Room 3.

P&C Fundraising - Bulbs and Gifts
Tulips with a Difference
Premium Quality WA supplied Bulbs & Gifts From Tulips With a Difference.

Surprise Mum with an order for Mothers Day.
30% from orders made go directly to the school
So buy lots and help your school
Spare brochure/order forms are available at the front office

Orders in by Friday 22 March
Delivery Approx.- 12/4/13
Payment by - Cheque payable to “Tulips with a difference" or Cash only

Coordinator – Natalie Baines
Amy, Sarah & Claire’s Mum
WPS Staff Professional Development Days, Public Holidays & Term Dates for 2013

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 2013 are:
1. Term 1 - Thursday 28 March
2. Term 2 - Monday 6 May
3. Term 3 - Monday 22 July
4. Term 4 - Monday 14 October

Public Holidays for 2013 are:
- Labour Day - Monday 4 March
- Good Friday - Friday 29 March
- Easter Monday - Monday 1 April
- Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 2 April
- Western Australia Day - Monday 3 June

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

2013 Term and Holiday Dates are:

Term 1
- Monday 4 February - Friday 19 April
- Holiday Break - Saturday 20 April - Sunday 5 May

Term 2
- Tuesday 7 May - Friday 5 July
- Holiday Break - Saturday 6 July - Sunday 21 July

Term 3
- Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September
- Holiday Break - Monday 28 September - Sunday 13 October

Term 4
- Tuesday 15 October - Thursday 19 December
- Holiday Break - Friday 20 December - 2 February 2014

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

VC&C for Kindy, Pre Primary and all years through to Year 7 is $60 per student.

Family discounts are available.

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

2013 Year 7 Leavers Shirts
All Year 7 students were handed a Year 7 Leaver Shirt Order Form on Thursday 21 February 2013.

Final Orders Must to be placed by Thursday 14 March.

Please DO NOT send any payment as yet. We will advise you when these shirts will be available for collection at which time payment can be made.

Student Update Forms
Student update forms have been sent home with your child on Wednesday 6 March.

These forms are an integral part in keeping our records current so please take the time to complete them.

Please update these forms and return to the school’s front office by Friday 22 March.

Hilton Harvest Community Garden

4.30 – 9.30 pm
Saturday 23rd March

Twilight Fair & Earth Hour
Plastic-free Event

- Great line up of free entertainment
- A great variety of food available including sausage sizzle, cake, drinks, wood fired pizza & veggie options
- Stall including homemade soap, seedlings, second hand books & more
- Activities for (little and big) kids from 4.30 such as cargo bike rides, craft activities and stargazing after dark!
- Scarecrow competition

Bring a candle and stay for Earth Hour... Starts at 8.30pm

Hilton Harvest Community Garden - Ronnie Crescent South (Next to Hilton Pre-Primary)
www.hiltonharvest.weebly.com

We have a wonderful Kindy Art display in our front office. Feel free to call in and have a look.
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

Natalie and Leah
Uniform Co-Ordinators

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

South Fremantle SHS News

South Fremantle SHS is calling for applications for students interested in our three specialist programmes for entry in 2014 and 2015. If your child is interested in participating in our Marine, Music or Baseball programmes please contact Julie Duthie on 9337 0500 for more information.

A new initiative for 2013 at South is the AMASE (Academic Math And Science Enrichment) programme which will be offered to the top performing Math and Science students in years 5 and 6 who have shown an interest in attending South for their secondary education. This programme will offer students the opportunity to attend South and participate in many fun and exciting activities with Ms Grace Orifici – one of our fantastic teachers. More information will follow at a later date.

The South community is a small one and we often have students who have graduated visit the school to let us know what they are currently doing. I would like to share one of our alumni’s – Keera Anketell-Walker – story with our local community:

Life as a South Fremantle SHS student

I was a student at White Gum Valley Primary School and in Year 6 was accepted into the music program at South Fremantle. In Year 8 I was fortunate to go on tour with the band to Sydney where we performed at the Sydney Opera House, various chapels and the Sydney Town Hall. I was also part of the marine studies program and attended numerous camps to Rottnest, Point Peron and Ningaloo Reef. The program enabled students to learn about marine environments and students had the opportunity to complete their scuba ticket. In Year 10 I travelled to New Zealand with the band to take part in the Rhapsody Rotorua Music Festival where high schools from all over Australia competed. The tour was an amazing experience; meeting the locals, skiing and playing in a cave are just some of the memories that will last forever. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at South Fremantle and I am now at university studying to be a teacher.

Keera Anketell – Walker.

If you are interested in learning more about our school and what we offer our students then please contact Julie Duthie, Transition Coordinator, on 9337 0500.