



# WINTERFOLD

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*From the Admin Team*

*Term 1 Week 8, 22 March 2017*

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It is hard to believe that we are well into Week 8 already!

Winterfold is such a dynamic and positive place with staff, parents and students all working together to achieve our goals. One prime example is the Woodlands Natureplay project which has reached fruition thanks to a group of parents and staff who worked tirelessly to transform our school playground. And with luck there is more Natureplay to come. This project was funded by our P&C – which is basically all of our parent community. It was terrific to see so many parents and community members turn up to acknowledge the completion of Woodlands.

Another great event was our annual swimming carnival held last week. Run by Mr Wotherspoon with the help of our wonderful staff, it had just the right blend of competition and fun activities so that all students who attended had the opportunity to participate. It was a great morning and, again, was well supported by parents. Look out for Mr Wotherspoon's article and photos in this newsletter.

In case you were not aware, our staffroom sustained major damage during the big storm in February. It has been out of action for 6 weeks and will be so for many more weeks. In the interim our 56 staff are squatting in the VAC feeling sorry for themselves! We are pulling out all stops to expedite its repair but it is a significant and complex job.

Speaking of our 56 staff – we have car bays for about 27 of them. We ask parents not to use any staff parking areas for any reason – these are the main carpark at Admin, the area in Wardle Place behind the PAC and the Kindy carpark east of the Kindy. We are having our signage upgraded to indicate these areas are for staff cars only. Please assist your school's staff by allowing some of them to park onsite.

We look forward to seeing you around the school sometime!

Thanks,  
The Admin Team

### NAPLAN

If your child is in either year 3 or 5 you will receive a Parent NAPLAN booklet today, briefly explaining NAPLAN and when it is scheduled to be conducted (9 – 11, May 2017).

Each year, as a school, we can extract valuable data from NAPLAN and it does inform future resourcing and target setting. Most parents also like to see where their child fits academically when compared to other students of the same age. However to keep all of this in perspective NAPLAN is just one test on one day and doesn't overshadow the ongoing quality teaching and learning programs that run throughout the school year. Also keep in mind that NAPLAN is not a compulsory test and if you feel your child might not benefit from sitting NAPLAN you may complete a form (held here at School) and ask that your child be withdrawn from the process.

### ATTENDANCE

7 - 21, March - 11 late students and 90% attendance.

### PINK or BLUE FREE DRESS DAY

Our wonderful Librarian, Laura, is participating in the upcoming 'Hawaiian Walk for Women's Cancer', which is to be held on Saturday, 6 May and is over a 42km course! Laura's team is named 'Con Mama' in honour of her dear mum who passed away in 2016.

On Wednesday, 5 April, for a gold coin donation, students can dress in pink or blue to support this worthy cause.

All money raised goes towards research conducted at the Parkins Institute in Perth.

If you wish to donate to Laura's walk follow the link below.

<https://hawaiian-walk.everydayhero.com/au/laura-1>



## P&C News

I'd like to take the opportunity to extend a huge thank you to the Natureplay Committee for their fabulous work on the opening of Woodlands. What a fantastic event capped off with the surprise slide ride from Dr Brad Pettitt, Mayor of Fremantle. Everyone it seems, enjoys playing in the new space! Look out for some great photos in this newsletter.

### **Next P&C Meeting - this Monday**

The next P&C Meeting is being held this Monday 27, March @ 6.30pm in the Library. All are very welcome to come along and hear about what's in store for the rest of 2017. If there is anything you would like to talk about or ask the P&C, please email us at [winterfoldpandc@gmail.com](mailto:winterfoldpandc@gmail.com)

### **Room Coordinators**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be room coordinator for their child's class. Most of our new room coordinators have started gathering contact details so please watch out for these. A list of coordinators for each room will be posted in the next newsletter. **In the meantime we still need coordinators for 3 classrooms, Room 6, Room 11 and Kindy Seahorses.** Please could a parent / carer from each room put their hand up for this (there is not a lot of work involved). Please email [winterfoldpandc@gmail.com](mailto:winterfoldpandc@gmail.com) to let us know if you can help and we'll send you the details.

### **Easter Raffle**

Just a reminder that the Easter Raffle tickets will be coming home in bags today, and we are calling for donations for the raffle to make up the baskets (things like delicious food items, Easter themed items, and perhaps chocolate too!). Donations can be left at the administration office from today.

Alison Hilton

## P&C Canteen News

A huge thank you to Kym Edwards who has been at the helm of the canteen while I have been on sick leave. Along with Trish, Millie and Sarah, she has rallied a bunch of volunteers to keep the canteen running smoothly.

Our crunch time lately has been at drop off. Please be patient as we try to process orders as quickly as possible. If you don't need change, there is no need to line up, just place your order in the large box. A prepaid account is another way to avoid the wait in the morning. If you do have time to spare, please consider jumping behind the counter and giving us a helping hand.

## **Entertainment Book**

Our P&C is fundraising with Entertainment Book.

Early Bird offers will be available within a week so start planning ahead for how much you can save this holidays!



## Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Open Fridays - 8.15am - 9.00am

We are still waiting for delivery of size 10 shirts.

Thank you for your patience.



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### **Wednesday, 29 March**

- ◆ Rooms 3 and 5 Wireless Hill Excursion

### **Thursday, 30 March**

- ◆ Rooms 9 and 11 Wireless Hill Excursion
- ◆ Fremantle College AGAT Testing Year 5's

### **Friday, 31 March**

- ◆ Room 7 Assembly

### **Wednesday, 5 April**

- ◆ **Pink or Blue Day** (free dress with a hint of Pink or Blue)

### **Friday, 7 April**

- ◆ Last day of Term 1

### **Monday, 24 April**

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

### **Tuesday, 25 April**

- ◆ Anzac Day (Public Holiday)

### **Wednesday, 26 April**

- ◆ Students return to school for Term 2

### **Wednesday, 26 April - Friday, 28 April**

- ◆ Year 6 Camp at Point Walter Recreation Camp

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Wednesday, 15 March was the day chosen for the annual Winterfold Primary School Swimming Carnival for Year 4-6 students.

The weather was unusually wet for this time of year but it didn't matter as all students were looking forward to taking the plunge and competing in a variety of pool based activities.

The carnival started with the swimming events, freestyle and breaststroke races with many students displaying a smooth style to win ribbons for their factions.

The 100m freestyle open (4 laps) was the signature event with a notable performance from, Caitlin Edwards, Year 4, who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> only just behind Mischa Locke, Year 6.

Once the races were swum, the fun team events started, with running (in the water) and kickboard relays, getting everyone involved.

Finally the carnival finished with the pool in a raucous cacophony of cheering as students were doing their best in leaderball and zig-zag events.

In the end it was Marlins faction, who went back to back, winning the 2017 Winterfold Swimming Shield, finishing on 255 points, Dolphins were 2<sup>nd</sup> on 185 points and Mantas finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on 170 points.

Harvey Templeton and Finn Bergin O'Connell held the shield aloft as students made their way back to the bus feeling happy and satisfied with their achievements.

### Champion Girls:

Year 4 Shayla Templeton

Caitlyn Edwards

Year 5 Mikayla Tweedie

Year 6 Mischa Locke

### Champion Boys:

Year 4 Rigby Cable

Year 5 Cameron Schirmer

Year 6 Seth Turner



Congratulations to all the Year 4 - 6 students, staff and medal winners!



### Dogs on School Grounds

With the exception of Therapy dogs, please **do not** bring your dogs on site during school hours.

If you visit the school grounds, with your dog, on the weekend, please clean up after them.



A big thank you to Michelle Hansen, mum of Amber in room 7, for organising our tiled faction plaques to be brought back to life

They look fantastic and are proudly back on display on the pink block wall.



### Sick Children

A very big thank you to those parents who have kept their children home and away from school as their child is unwell. There have been a lot of nasty bugs circulating through our school.

If your child is coughing, has been vomiting, has diarrhoea, or conjunctivitis, please **do not** send them to school as these illnesses pass quickly from child to child.



We have a couple of students with low immunity and these children get sick quickly and take a very long time to recover. Thank you for your consideration.