



WINTERFOLD

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From the Admin Team

Term 1 Week 8, 27 March 2013

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Now first things first! Please note that on Thursday, **28 March**, do not send your children to school as Winterfold is conducting a staff Professional Development (PD) day. To keep abreast of current developments with the Australian Curriculum, Thursday's PD day will focus on Numeracy. Lea Hill, our Numeracy Specialist Teacher, will be running Numeracy sessions, thereby ensuring the Winterfold staff are up to date with the latest Curriculum developments. Additionally; please also note that all public schools will be **closed** on Easter Tuesday, 2 April. Therefore your children will not be attending Winterfold PS between the dates of 28 March till 2 April, and we will see everyone back bright and cheery on Wednesday 3 April.

Hats, hats, hats. One of the by-products of enforcing a 'no hat no sun' policy is that some students are going into other students' bags or taking errant hats lying around so they can play at break times. This type of behaviour is totally unacceptable and it becomes quite costly when parents have to pay for multiple new hats. Two suggestions we have is that 1. Encourage your child to leave their hat in their school desk when they are not using it, and 2. Ensure they have their name plastered all over the **OUTSIDE** of the hat, thereby ensuring we can see from a distance if the correct student is wearing the correct hat.

Last week was a very busy week where all our junior students from PP to Yr 2 participated in a state-wide Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. The results from these assessments are a great evaluation tool to see how each student is travelling, and it also provides us with a future focus. A big thank you goes to our junior primary staff who conducted the week long assessments. Also last Wednesday we had an inflatable soccer pitch set up on the oval – It was a real spectacle to see the students kicking the ball around inside the inflatable walls – All the students who had the opportunity to play soccer had a great time. Thanks go to our P.E. teacher Mr Wotherspoon and the company that owns the apparatus, Sporting Heroes.

A school's P&C is the fundraising backbone of any school, and we always encourage the community to support any fundraising activity they decide to put on. You will read in this newsletter that the P&C have

planned a movie and pizza night for Friday 12 April. Please have a read of the P&C flyer coming out soon, we hope to see many community members there on the night.

Deep quote of the fortnight: Do not educate your child to be rich. Educate them to be happy, so that when they grow up they know the value of things, not the price.

Thanks
The Admin Team

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wednesday 27 March

- ◆ P&C Easter Raffle Draw 2.20pm in the Under Cover Area

Thursday 28 March

- ◆ Staff Professional Development Day - Student Free Day

Friday 29 March

- ◆ Public Holiday - Good Friday

Monday 1 April

- ◆ Public Holiday - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2 April

- ◆ Student Free Day - Easter Tuesday

Wednesday 10 April

- ◆ P&C Meeting at 6.30pm in the Library

Friday 12 April

- ◆ WPS Swimming Carnival at Fremantle Leisure Ctr. Bus will pick up from WPS at 8.45am and return by the latest 1pm
- ◆ Special Afternoon Assembly from Room 2, Year 1 & Pre Primary Students, to be held in the Under Cover Area from 1.30pm which will include Swimming Carnival Medal Presentations

Friday 19 April

- ◆ Last day of Term 1

Monday 6 May

- ◆ Staff Professional Development Day - Student Free Day

Tuesday 7 May

- ◆ Students return for commencement of Term 2

Newsletter Distribution

Hopefully you have received this newsletter electronically.

Paper copies will only go to those families without access to an email. Spare copies will still be available from the front office.

There are many ways you can let us know if you think we may have your email address recorded incorrectly -

- ◆ Check, record or amend the email address listed on the Student Update Form which was sent out last week.
- ◆ Send us an email to Winterfold.ps@education.wa.edu.au
- ◆ Send a note via your child to the front office, telephone the front office or call in person to the front office

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we move into the 21st century and reduce our paper use.

P&C NEWS

Movie Night - Friday 12 April

We are holding the ever popular Winterfold Movie Night in Term 1!!! – **Friday 12 April** – please save the date. A flyer and more details will be placed in school bags soon!!! Any questions – see a friendly P&C member.

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.

P&C Executive

The next P & C Meeting will be held **Wednesday 10 April at 6:30pm** in the library. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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.

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
- ◆ Western Australia Day - Monday 3 June

Special Pupil Free Day

- ◆ Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 2 April

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

2013 Term and Holiday Dates are:

Semester 1

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

Semester 2

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

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.

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.