Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Many, many of our parents, and more importantly, our students, will have reaped the benefits of having Mrs Belinda Baldey on our staff over the past 9 years. Mrs Baldey has worked in a range of roles but for a number of years has been our Literacy Specialist Teacher, working with all aspects of literacy development from Kindy to Year 7.

It is therefore with a degree of sadness but with much pride that we can announce that Belinda has won the substantive position of Deputy Principal at North Fremantle Primary School. This is a thoroughly well deserved promotion for Belinda, who has a wide range of skills, knowledge and abilities but her presence on our staff will be very much missed. Belinda has developed very strong relationships with all students, staff and parents during her time at WPS and her passion for literacy and her commitment to the school have been appreciated by all. We wish Belinda the very best as she commences her new challenge and thank her for the very positive and important contributions she has made to all facets of the WPS community.

As an Independent Public School, we have commenced a world-wide search (ok…it’s a state-wide search…) for a replacement for Mrs Baldey – which will be no easy task. This should be finalised in the next week or so. Our sincere thanks to Mr Carmelo Miragliotta who has very capably stepped in to Mrs Baldey’s position in her absence.

Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students are undertaking their NAPLAN tests this week. Whilst these tests have attracted some comment in the media of late, it should be remembered that these are only one test on one day, support the judgements that teachers have already made about student performance, and do provide the school with good information.

Finally, a great morning was experienced last Friday! We commenced proceedings with our famous Mother’s Day breakfast which saw over 100 mums enjoy a brekky served by their children. Thanks to all the WPS staff, raffle donors and P&C who contributed to a fun and pleasant morning. We then backed this up with our annual ANZAC Day service, ably lead by our student leaders along with 3 of our Aboriginal students who read a Welcome to Country. Our thanks to Mr Jim Richardson for his attendance as our guest of honour, and for the way he spoke – linking world conflicts to what sometimes happens in conflict situations in the playground.

Cheers
The Admin Team

Term 2 Week 2, 15 May 2013

MOVIE NIGHT CANCELLED

Due to the weather forecast not being at all favourable for Friday, the P&C have made the very hard decision to cancel the Madagascar 3 movie night.

Refunds will be organised by the P&C. Please see the P&C flyer sent home with your child or attached to the newsletter email for further information.

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May
♦ NAPLAN testing

Friday 17 May
♦ NAPLAN catch up testing (for any students who were absent for the original dates)

Tuesday 21 May
♦ Room 11 - Fremantle Library excursion

Wednesday 22 May
♦ 6.30pm in the Library

Monday 3 June
♦ Western Australia Day - Public Holiday (School closed)

Wednesday 5 June
♦ Board meeting

Friday 7 June
♦ Assembly - Room 11

Thursday 13 June
♦ Photos - Kindy Seahorses Group only

Tuesday 18 June
♦ Photos - Whole school and Kindy Starfish Group
School photos will be happening on Thursday, 13 June for Kindy Seahorse Group and Tuesday, 18 June for Pre Primary to Year 7 and Kindy Starfish Group. Fotoworks is currently organising the pre paid envelopes for all students. Once they arrive at the school, they will be handed to each individual student. Please ensure students don’t lose these as the envelopes are barcoded with the student’s individual name, which will link them to all photos taken of that student.

There will be a timeslot available for sibling photos at recess on Tuesday, 18 June. If there are families with children in the Kindy Seahorse Group who wish to have a sibling photo taken, can you please make Danielle Meyn, Registrar, aware of this. Sibling photos for families in this group will happen on Thursday, 13 June. Sibling photos for all remaining students will happen at recess on Tuesday, 18 June.

There is no ‘catch up’ day for photos. If your child is absent the day of their scheduled photos or is late and misses the scheduled class time slot, unfortunately, there can be no reschedule.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL
Can we all please be mindful of residents in the area and take care where cars are parked. There was a situation last week where a resident had difficulty getting out of her driveway due to cars parked not just on the street, but on her verge as well.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
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Johnny Moran Karate teaches kids karate classes at Winterfold Primary, in the school hall.
A special offer for Winterfold students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners karate lessons!
Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment.
Students who attend the school’s on-site After School Care are collected and taken to the class in the hall and returned to After School Care when their class is finished.
Karate has many benefits which includes confidence, respect and fitness.
Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial. 0402 830 402

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Thank you to the many families who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions (VC). These funds further enhance your child’s education so please support our school by making prompt payment.
VC 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 and cash, cheque and EFTPOS are all accepted.

IPAD FOUND
An iPad has been found on school grounds. It will be held onto until Thursday morning (16 May 2013), when it will then be taken to Fremantle Police Station. If you know who this belongs to, please send them up to the office.