Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Winterfold Primary School. Our year has started off extremely smoothly with all students in classrooms learning, making new friends and enjoying school life. Our staffing is all in place and at present all teachers are working on high quality educational programs - ably supported by our brilliant support staff.

During this hot weather, our students are in our 100% air conditioned school and are encouraged to wear their hats, have plenty of fluids, and use the library if they are feeling hot. During this weather we have had the library open each lunch time with the air conditioning running. This is a very pleasant environment if playing outside is not their thing.

Please note that elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the days and times of our parent information afternoons. Please try hard to get to these meetings as they will set your child up for success.

Even if you can't make it to the parent meeting, our teachers are always happy to have an individual talk with you. They do prefer not to have parent interviews before school as they are preparing lessons - and a little bit of notice is always appreciated.

Finally - a Warm Winterfold Welcome to all new families to our school community. WPS continues to go from strength to strength and is clearly a school of choice in the immediate and wider area. Even without Year Seven students we are opening in 2016 with over 300 students.

Cheers,
The Admin Team.
**WHAT’S HAPPENING**

**Wednesday 10 February**
- Official Opening of the Visual Arts Centre (VAC) 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- P&C AGM 6.30pm in the new VAC, immediately following the Official Opening

**Monday 15 February - Friday 26 February**
- Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming Lessons commence at South Beach

**Tuesday 16 February - Monday 22 February**
- Parent Information Evening
  - Tuesday 16 February - Rooms 1, 2 & 3 5.00pm to 5.30pm
  - Wednesday 17 February - Rooms 9, 10 & 11 5.00pm to 5.30pm
  - Thursday 18 February - Rooms 6, 7 & 8 5.00pm to 5.30pm
  - Monday 22 February - Rooms 4 & 5 3.00pm to 3.30pm

*If parents wish to have an individual meeting with teachers, they are welcome to do so by making an appointment at a later date.*

**Friday 19 February**
- Room 10 Assembly

**Monday 7 March**
- Public Holiday - Labour Day

**Tuesday 8 March**
- Staff Professional Development Day - Students **DO NOT** attend.

**Friday 11 March**
- Room 8 Assembly

**Thursday 24 March**
- Staff Professional Development Day - Students **DO NOT** attend

**Friday 25 March**
- Public Holiday - Good Friday

**Monday 28 March**
- Public Holiday - Easter Monday

**Tuesday 29 March**
- Public School Holiday - Easter Tuesday

**Friday 1 April**
- Room 2 Assembly

**Friday 8 April**
- Last Day of Term 1

**WPS Staff Professional Development Days, Public Holidays & Term Dates for 2016**

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 2016 are:**
1. Term 1, Week 6 - Tuesday 8 March
2. Term 1, Week 8 - Thursday 24 March
3. Term 2, Week 6 - Friday 3 June
4. Term 4, Week 5 - Monday 7 November

**Public Holidays for 2016 are:**
- New Year’s Day - Friday 1 January
- Australia Day - Tuesday 26 January
- Labour Day - Monday 7 March
- Good Friday - Friday 25 March
- Easter Monday - Monday 28 March
- Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 29 March (Public Schools Only)
- Anzac Day - Monday 25 April
- Western Australia Day - Monday 6 June
- Queen’s Birthday - Monday 26 September
- Christmas Day - Sunday 25 December
- Boxing Day - Monday 26 December

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

**2016 Term and Holiday Dates are:**

**Term 1**
- Monday 1 February - Friday 8 April
- Holiday Break - Saturday 9 April - Monday 25 April

**Term 2**
- Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July
- Holiday Break - Saturday 2 July - Sunday 17 July

**Term 3**
- Monday 18 July - Friday 23 September
- Holiday Break - Saturday 24 September - Sunday 9 October

**Term 4**
- Monday 10 October - Thursday 15 December
- Holiday Break - Friday 16 December - Tuesday 31 January 2017

**P&C Canteen News**

The canteen committee would like to say a big thank you to the following parents who have signed up to help in the canteen for the first two weeks of school: Sunnie, Anita, Lottie, Kym, Shizu, Tai, Yulia, Jhelven and Tiff T. If you too, have a half hour or more to help on Wednesdays or Fridays, please come and join us!

We hope all families received the Term 1 canteen menu that was sent home last week.

**There is one slight change** needed on your fridge copy as Brownes have deleted 300ml Caramel Chill as a product line and it will no longer be available.
**2015 Graduation Award Information**

We have great pleasure in announcing our Year 6 Graduation Award Recipients for 2015:

- Annabelle Geoghegan Year 6 Dux Award
- Frances Caretas Year 6 Jim Richardson Endeavour Award
- Charlie Green Year 6 Rosa Mastroianni Citizenship Award
- Sera Lulinda Year 6 Science Award
- Charlie Green Year 6 Numeracy Award
- Ella Turner Year 6 Literacy Award
- Mercy Zico Year 6 Sport Award - Female
- Elliot Martin Year 6 Sport Award - Male
- Rima Smith-Rawlings Year 6 Music Award
- Elliot Martin Year 6 Drama Award
- Frances Caretas Year 6 Italian Award

Congratulations to all of these students and we wish all our Graduating Year 6 students the best of luck in their secondary schooling in 2016.

**2015 Book Award Recipients**

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**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.

**York Street Crosswalk**

WPS students are fortunate to have access to a crosswalk and an attendant every morning and afternoon. Can all students please abide by the pedestrian rules and use this crossing located opposite Christ The King School, on York Street.

**P&C News**

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful break. To all students, may you accomplish your dreams this year and have lots of fun doing so.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 20/12/2015**

Serving sausages with onions in crusty fresh rolls, it was a day of delight. It was such a pleasure to see so many smiling customers. We sold 456 sausages, buns and 20kg of cooked onions.

We held a raffle for a $100 Bunnings voucher, which was won by Karen from Huntingdale. The total amount raised for the raffle was $103.20.

Total funds raised for 2015 Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was $1021.00. Well done to the P&C Sub-Committee and volunteers, you made this day a great success.

Our wonderful volunteers!

**Nature Play Project**

The Nature Play Project team is gearing up to finalise the design of the play area in first term. We have obtained two quotes from professional nature play designers and the team are hoping to get together to move to the next stage in the first few weeks of term 1. The decision is to focus on two main areas:

- the area from the vegetable garden past the slide and up the hill,
- the area outside Room 4, between and around the two sandpits.

If you would like to get involved this year and are not on the mailing list, please e-mail winterfoldpandc@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter for upcoming events from your P&C.

**Perth Goju Karate**

Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes in the gym at South Fremantle Senior High School.

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.

We also teach classes for teens and adults in the local area at night and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, self-defense.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness.

Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402 info@perthgojukarate.com
Friendly Reminders to all Parents….

♦ Please clearly label your child’s hats and uniforms. We have many parents call into the front office frustrated that their child’s belongings have already gone missing and it is only Week 2. Please check items coming home and if they are clearly marked with another child’s name, can you please try and return them to their rightful owner. There is a lost property box located in the Under Cover Area as first port of call if you are searching for a missing item.

♦ Our Staff Carpark, located near the front office, the Staff Carpark located at the rear of the Performing Arts Centre, and the Kindy Staff Carpark are for staff use only. We have a large number of staff who need their car spaces to be available each morning so please refrain from using them to drop your children at school. Other than blocking our valuable car bays, it is also very unsafe for your children.

♦ The School Zone, which is clearly marked with signage, is only a 40km per hour speed limit. We have a number of students who walk to school without a parent due to work commitments and we would like to keep these children safe. Please adhere to the School Zone speed limit of 40km per hour.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

School VC for Kindy, Pre Primary and all years through to Year 6 is $60 per student.
P&C VC is $15 per student.

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

Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year the school will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests. There are many inexpensive titles to choose from (some books cost as little as $2) to build your Home Library.

Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, and go to: http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/ or download the Scholastic Book Club App found in the iTunes Store or GooglePlay. For ease of use and to ensure families are placing correct orders and making secure Credit Card payments, we are offering Linked Online Ordering and Payment Payments (LOOP) only, please do not send in any money to the school for Book Club Orders.

The books will arrive around two weeks after the Book Club LOOP closing date. Upon closing orders, they are submitted to Scholastic and will be delivered to the school and given to the Class teacher for distribution. Owning your own books is something special! Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to place orders. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Information and catalogues will be distributed on Friday 12 February and the due date for the first catalogue is 19 February 2016.

I hope you enjoy Book Club in 2016!
Laura Bell-Ocejo (Library)