Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

First term is rushing to a conclusion as we approach the Easter Break. Our Associate Principal, Mr Brendan Hodge, has been asked to be the Acting Principal of Southwell PS for Term 2 and we welcome Ms Kylie Bonser into the Associate Principal role during this time.

Canteen helpers are desperately needed! Our canteen is simply amazing and it would be such a shame to see it have to close because they couldn’t get sufficient volunteers on a certain day. The canteen provides a terrific service to our students but we need parents to step up and give some help – please!

Our ANZAC Day service will be held on Tuesday, 26 April – the first day of next term. The ceremony will be held in the Undercover Area at 2pm. It would be great if a few students from each class could remember to bring a small bunch of flowers on the first day back to make posies for the service.

Getting to WPS on time in the morning is a challenge, we know, as we start earlier than most schools. That being said, last year we issued over 1200 Late Notes! Now, some of these were only a few minutes late, and some were for legitimate reasons, but nevertheless, that means that teachers’ programs at WPS were interrupted 1200 times, on 1200 occasions, students missed the before school prep and socialisation times, and many of our students missed the all-important fitness session. Please, please, please, try to have our fantastic students at school between 8.15am and 8.25am. Along the same lines, please note that a student who attends school less than 90% of the time (minimum of 9 days a fortnight) is considered to be At Risk of not achieving their full potential.

We trust that you enjoy the extended Easter break with your family and please check opposite for the days that students don’t attend school over coming days.

Thanks

The Admin Team

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Wednesday 23 March
♦ P&C Easter Raffle—2pm in the Under Cover Area
♦ Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 11 Excursion to Azelia Ley Homestead Museum, Hamilton Hill

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 - Students DO NOT attend

Friday 1 April
♦ Room 2 Assembly
♦ Year 6 Final Carwash - $10 per car

Wednesday 6 April
♦ Swimming Carnival - Years 4 to 6 students at Fremantle Leisure Centre departing school at 11.45am and returning to school at 2.40pm (see notice in this newsletter)

Friday 8 April
♦ Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 26 April
♦ First Day of Term 2

Term 1 Reward Day

To celebrate excellent student behaviour at Winterfold Primary School this term, all students who have not received three blue slips from Pre primary to Year 6, will be participating in a nine hole Mini Golf session in the Under Cover Area on Thursday, 7 April 2016.

We will have a ball!
Winterfold - An Independent Public School of Choice

**New Instruments!**

These instruments are the newest additions to the music program at Winterfold PS.

Pictured are two large bass, three medium alto and two small soprano xylophones.

Now that reading music notation and playing songs on instruments is such a large part of the music program, these instruments will allow more students to have more time to play. Students so far have been very excited to play the xylophones and have been handling them carefully.

These instruments could not have been bought without the generous contribution of the Winterfold P&C. Thank you very much!

Mr Kaloczy

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**Winterfold Primary School Swimming Carnival**

**Wednesday, 6 April 2016**

Our Year 4 to Year 6 Students will depart school at 11.45am and head to Fremantle Leisure Centre, returning to school at 2.40pm.

Children need to wear bathers to school under their uniform. Faction Colour T-Shirts are encouraged. Thongs can be worn to and from the pool but normal school shoes must be worn for the remainder of the day. Don’t forget to bring a dry towel.

Permission notes have been distributed via the classes and spare copies are available from the front office, or can be downloaded off our website.

Cost for transport and pool entry is $7.00 per student.

Please ensure you have returned your child’s consent form and payment.

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**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

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**PianoEasy Classes**

Anneka is starting a brand new PianoEasy class straight after the holidays which is filling up fast. If you are interested please contact her on 0448 609 049 or 9335 5389.

Kids (and adults) quickly learn loads of cool songs, and in time, learn everything about playing the piano; popular songs, blues, classical, jazz, reading, writing, arranging, composing, improvising. Last week, 10 PianoEasy students played at a Hilton nursing home. They all played Chariots Of Fire, a version of Debussy’s Claire de Lune, Flashlight from the TV series Pitch Perfect, Blues, Raindrops, Paul Kelly’s From Little Things Big Things Grow, as well as some very own compositions; and they had only been learning for a bit over 1 term!

Canteen News
Thank you to all the students who have entered the Winterfold Kitchen Whiz competition. If you haven’t written your soup recipe and entered it to go in the running to be included on our winter menu you still have time. Entries close on Friday, 1 April - next Friday.

Fridays are the days that have been very low on volunteers this term. Please consider volunteering once a term. We would like to put out a special appeal to Room 2 parents who may be taking the morning off to watch their children’s upcoming assembly item - stay through until recess in the canteen!

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
IT’S HERE!
Come and have a look at our new skort. We have a few samples of each size.
The Uniform Shop is trialing a change of day in Term 2. We will be opening on Fridays to coincide with the canteen.
Volunteers are needed! The Uniform Girl would love some company, so if you’re free for an hour on Friday mornings please come and give us a hand. It’s fun!

Community meeting: A new school opening in Fremantle in 2018
Construction of Fremantle’s new secondary school is due to start soon.

Before construction begins, there is an opportunity for you to see the vision for this new school and how the state-of-the-art facilities will benefit children, families and the community when it opens in 2018.

A community meeting will be held where the lead architect will take you through this vision.

Date: Tuesday 5 April 2016
Time: 6.15pm to 7.30pm (meeting starts at 6.30pm)
Address: South Fremantle Senior High School
Performing arts main hall (follow the signage from the main car park) Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield

At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to ask the lead architect questions about the design and layout of the new school.

If you have additional questions outside this scope, please contact the South Metropolitan Education Regional Office at SouthMetro.ERO@education.wa.edu.au or telephone 9336 9563.

P&C News
A-Frame
Thank you to Ivan and the school for renovating the A-Frame sign and giving it a facelift. The school has kindly asked that only whiteboard markers and blue tack be used. Well done, it looks great!

Easter Raffle
Congratulations to all students that won a prize in the Easter Raffle today, I hope all the students and their families enjoyed the afternoon assembly. Well done to the P&C sub-committee, you all did a wonderful job. Most of all, thank you to those who donated, we couldn’t have done this without you. Thank you!!

Facebook
The P&C are now on Facebook! You can find us at Winterfold Primary School P&C Association. This page is a closed page and will be well monitored by the P&C Facebook Committee. “Please Like and Share”. If you have any questions or comments please email the P&C at: winterfoldpandc@gmail.com.

Kind donation!
The P&C would like to send out a HUGE thank you to Megan Crowe for her donation of a laptop (ex student from 33 years ago). This laptop will be for P&C use only and will be passed on to future P&C committees.

Room Administrators
To all Parents and Caregivers, please see attached letter from Holly Gould and Tiffany Templeton requesting room administrators. If you feel that this is something you would like to do or you have any questions in regards to this, please contact Holly on 0410 572 504 or Tiffany on 0408 122 376.

Upcoming fundraisers
Mothers Day Breakfast, Thursday, 5 May 2016
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Sunday, 8 May 2016
If you wish to volunteer for these events, please email the P&C at winterfoldpandc@gmail.com, or call Sunnie on 0404 129 338.

Next Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held in the Library on Monday, 2 May 2016, at the new time of 6pm, see you there.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter. Stay safe.

Nature Play Callout for Help
Design plans for the main project are underway but in the meantime we’re hoping to use these logs for a quick mini project. We’re looking for someone with a Bobcat or similar, and licence to use it, to move the logs. We will probably will only need to move them 50m or so. If you can help or know someone who can, please call Sarah on 0419 888 244 or e-mail winterfoldnatureplay@gmail.com.

They are down by the kindy if you need to get a better idea of how big they are.
**WINTERFOLD PRIMARY**

**Term 2 after school sports program**

“Our aim is to encourage all children to have fun while being active.

We believe that all children should have the opportunity to be happy and active. Educating students on the importance of forming healthy active lifestyles and having a go.

**When:** Every Wednesday from the end of school - 4:30 pm.
The next program starts week 2 of term 2 - Wednesday 4th May

**Where:** Sessions are held on school oval or courts

**Sport:** Soccer, netball, basketball

**Age groups:** PP - Yr 6

**Price:** $11.00 per session This must be paid before the first session

Enrolments can be done online at www.activelittleaussies.com.au or please feel free to contact Elaine. M: 0454 038 827 E: info@activelittleaussies.com.au

You can also receive and return enrolment forms from the front office.