Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Week 8 of Term 3 already! Time flies when you are having fun at Winterfold Primary School… and there has been lots of fun lately.

Ms Tiffany Moloney recently organised a whole school Science Day that had all of our students engrossed and engaged. They had a boat building competition, did rotation activities and then finished up with a Science Assembly with fun experiments and a visit from Sphero and a drone. It was a brilliant day and super well organised by Ms Moloney and the science team.

A number of classes are going on educational excursions this week and we thank our staff for arranging these. There is a lot of organisation and paperwork in arranging excursions, but our staff do this because they can provide excellent learning opportunities, and the knowledge gained can continue on in the classroom, long after the excursion is over.

As we write this newsletter, over 20 staff have spent considerable time, yesterday, setting up our Art Exhibition. By the time you read this, we hope you will have seen the outstanding work our students have produced. Congratulations to all class teachers who have been working towards this event since February, and whose ideas inspired our students. Also a big thank you to Mrs Sallie Fullerton who has overseen the entire Art Exhibition.

On a different note – many thanks to those parents who have paid their Voluntary Contributions. We appreciate that money is tight and assure you that the money is put to good use – directly towards supporting student learning. Please consider paying and supporting all the great things that occur at WPS!

Thanks
The Admin Team

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Tuesday 6 September to Thursday 8 September
♦ Art Exhibition in the Under Cover Area

Thursday 8 September
♦ My Future Home Excursion, B Shed Fremantle Rooms 6 & 8 from 10.45am to 12.10pm
♦ Regional Resource Recovery Centre Excursion, Canning Vale Rooms 9 & 11 from 8.45am to 12pm Rooms 2 & 3 from 11am to 2.40pm

Friday 9 September
♦ P&C Fun Run Obst-A-Thon Junior: 1.10pm - 1.40pm Senior: 1.50pm - 2.20pm
♦ TravelSmart Fair - details on page 4 of the newsletter

Tuesday 13 September
♦ Cricket Incursion Years 1 - 6

Friday 16 September
♦ Room 1 Assembly in the PAC

Thursday 22 September
♦ Science Incursion - Whole School Under Cover Area (further details to follow)

Friday 23 September
♦ Last day of Term 3
♦ Music Incursion - Whole School (further details to follow)

Monday 10 October
♦ First day of Term 4

Wednesday 12 October
♦ Drama Incursion - The Fairest of Them All Pre Primary to Year 6 in the PAC

Spina Bifida Awareness Week
Thursday, September 1 to Wednesday, September 7 marks Spina Bifida Awareness Week. Spina Bifida is the incomplete formation of the spinal cord which happens during the first few months of a baby’s development in the womb.
Father’s Day Breakfast
To all Fathers, Step Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, Godfathers and Significant Others, thank you all so much for attending this year Father’s Day Breakfast. It was fantastic to see you all enjoying your breakfast, but most of all, seeing you all enjoying each other’s company. It was a great catch up for all Dads.

A big thank you to all volunteers, we could not have done it without you, and we appreciate all that you did. Thank you to Mr Berry, Ivan, teachers and students for helping with the set-up and helping out on the day. We would also like to thank all Front Office Staff, for their help in the back ground.

Congratulations to Don Martin, this year’s raffle winner, whose prize was collected on Don’s behalf by Dean Wilson, father of Lucy and Neve Wilson.

Thank you to Jason from Busy Bean, Tod from Holly Bagel and Mark form Snippers Men's Hair Design, who donated over $50 in gifts.

Art Exhibition
Opening night of the School's Art Exhibition was held last night, Tuesday, 6 September 2016. The P&C would like to thank all volunteers that helped out before, during and after this wonderful event. More information and photo’s will be in the next newsletter…. stay tuned.

Fun Run/Obst-A-Thon
This year, the P&C is excited to be holding an Obst-A-Thon for the students which will be held on the afternoon of Friday, 9 September 2016. The Obst-A-Thon is an obstacle course with around 14 different activities including a water pistols run through, limbo and more. Students complete as many laps of the obstacle course in their allocated time. Students will be running, jumping, crawling and dodging their way around the course and are invited to dress up for the event.

To make this event possible, volunteers will also be needed on Friday, 9 September from 1pm to help students through the course (and to spray the water pistols). If you can help, please contact Elanor on 0439 094 348.

Nature Play Update
We have been looking at 3 main areas for school and community use:
* Outdoor Classroom to be located near the Living Classroom Garden and the Kindy
* Adjacent to the small sandpit outside Room 4 / Pre-Primary room area
* Embankment area around the slide at the front of the school

To date, a significant amount of money has been raised for the project through community grants and P&C fund-raising (including voluntary contributions), but we are in need of additional funds to complete the project.

Please contact us on winterfoldnatureplay@gmail.com, if you know of any businesses who may be interested in sponsoring the project or could donate items. The design and a list of materials needed can be viewed on the school's website http://www.winterfoldps.wa.edu.au/pc.html.

Car Boot Sale
Winterfold is having a car boot sale on Sunday, 27 November, so start collecting your items to sell. It will be a great way to clear the decks before Christmas. More information to follow regarding booking a bay, and what will be happening on the day. Any help or ideas warmly welcome.

Please contact winterfoldpandc@gmail.com or speak to Sunnie, Sarah or Bruce.

Next Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be held at the school library on Monday, 19 September 2016 at 6:30 pm. If there is anything you would like to talk about or ask the P&C, email us at winterfoldpandc@gmail.com or contact Sunnie Sciascia, President of the P&C on 0404 129 338.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.
Resilience Workshop
Claire Orange Parent Talk

On the evening of Tuesday, 30 August, Winterfold was lucky enough to hold a Parent Evening hosted by Claire Orange, a dynamic speaker on Child Social and Emotion health. It’s no coincidence that Claire is also the co-writer of the ‘Highway Heroes’ program we are running at our school.

We had a great turn out for the evening, which was informative and very entertaining. All topics covered by the Highway Heroes program can be found on the Winterfold web page under Programmes, or go to www.winterfoldps.wa.edu.au/highway-heroes-2.html.

We also have Kid or Parent Handbooks available at a special discounted price of $10 each (cash only), which you’ll be able to order through the front office.

Keep a lookout for those parent sheets that come home with your child after each Highway Heroes lesson.

If you come across any bumps and potential hazards, feel free to contact Sally Renshaw through the front office.

Canteen News

September is Veg-eat-able month.

To celebrate, and increase our veggie intake, our baked ‘special items’ will be vegetable based all month.

A big thank you to our recent canteen volunteers: Pantha, Kate, Millie, Kym, Sunnie, Anita, Robyn, Peter, Mel and Sarah. Ask them how much fun they had and come and join us!

Fremantle College - Gifted and Talented Program

Does your child have exceptional academic ability? Why not consider Fremantle College’s NEW Gifted and Talented Academic Program – a program designed to challenge your child to achieve at the highest level.

Applications for Gifted and Talented Programs open on Monday, 10 October 2016, for children entering Year 7 in 2018. You can register your interest now at education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

If you are unsure about what the Gifted and Talented Academic Program is all about, come along to our parent information evening, details outlined below. It will include a detailed presentation about the new academic program, as well as the application and selection process for other Department of Education Gifted and Talented Programs. You’ll also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session. Please ensure you RSVP to book your place. Details are:

Venue: South Fremantle Senior High School, Calvert Music Centre (accessed from Pass Crescent, Beaconsfield)
Date: Wednesday, 26 October 2016
Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm
RSVP: http://svy.mk/2bHp0sL

For more information visit education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented.

The Fairest Of Them All
by New Zealand Playhouse

When: Wednesday, 12 October
Where: In the PAC
Cost: $5.00 per student
Who: PP - Year 6

Those who saw last year’s modern adaptation of Jack and the Beanstalk will also love The Fairest Of Them All. Snow White and the Mirror compete for social media popularity. Viruses and rumours create mayhem, while the Princess learns about the value of true friendship and the importance of believing in yourself.

An incursion note has been sent home. Please return by Friday, 23 September.

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**SCIENCE FUN DAY 2016**

This year’s theme for Science Week was Drones, Droids and Robots. At the start of the day, all classes had to complete a STEM challenge, which was to build a boat that could hold the most marbles; using only 4 popsticks, 4 straws, 1 piece of alfoil, 2.2 metres of masking tape and as much newspaper as we wanted.

After recess, blocks split up into groups, with mixed year levels testing different experiments and rotating to different stations.

After lunch, the school gathered in the Under Cover Area, and the winners from each class, of the ‘most marbles held in a boat’ competition, were announced. The boat which held an incredible 165 marbles, was invented by Saritah!

After the winners were called, the teachers did a science experiment and explained the science behind it. Sphero, our little round robot, made a special appearance and painted a picture using different colours. Mr Hodge attempted to fly a drone and nearly crashed it.

Science Week was definitely a highlight of this school year so far. We all had a wonderful day learning new information about the world in which we live.

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**TRAVELSMART FAIR**

Our TravelSmart Fair is this Friday, 9 September. We are so excited to be holding it!

Here are some little bits of information for you:

- **Students are asked to please bring a reusable cup and water bottle on the day!**
- Classes will be rotating through the Fair at different times throughout the day.
- We would love for parents to come and have a look. The best time for this would be at lunchtime from 12:45pm. If you are unable to make it then, feel free to pop in during the fun run.
- Colouring in, design and word search activities have been emailed to you. Please could all entries be returned by Wednesday, 7 September for judging. These will be put up for an exhibition on the day.

The TravelSmart Student Committee has been working unbelievably hard to prepare for this Fair!

I would like to say a big WELL DONE to the following students: Regan Cain, Kailee Atkinson, Thomas Slaughter, Liam Cervenka, Mischa Locke, Kiah Wisby and Jasmine Falkner. They, and their families, should be very proud of the effort they have put in.

Miss Kristie Evans