



# WINTERFOLD

## WORDS

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*From the Admin Team*

*Term 4 Week 10, 14 December 2016*

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

It really doesn't seem that long ago that we were writing our first newsletter to you all welcoming everyone to the 2016 school year. How time flies! We are now drawing to a close on another highly successful year at WPS. Our students are making fantastic academic and social progress, we achieved, or exceeded all the NAPLAN targets in our Business Plan and, as has occurred over the last three or four years, our numbers are increasing. We are told, repeatedly, that our reputation in the wider community is very strong, and this is due to the way that we work with our positive and supportive community. A big thank you to all our parents and carers, for working with us to make things great for our students. Specific thanks to our wonderful P&C lead by Sunnie Sciascia and our effective Board, ably lead by Martin Hess.

All of what we do is a team effort and our staff are one amazing team. They are skilled, committed and caring with a strong focus on every student in the school. We salute them for their great work throughout the year. Speaking of staff, the end of a year always brings a few sad farewells.

We thank Mrs Kristy Harney for her excellent work with our Room 1 students and wish her all the very best for her New Baby Adventure.

Ms Beth Rodgers departs WPS for a leadership role at Safety Bay SHS. Beth has been at WPS for some 11 years, in the capacity of an excellent classroom teacher, as well as undertaking the specialised role of Learning Support Coordinator. Beth's contribution to WPS has been extensive and sustained, and her expertise and collaborative nature will really be missed.

And, finally, we sadly farewell our beautiful Sam Gagner from our front office. Sam is moving with her family to Brisbane and those of you who have had any contact with Sam would know that she is a consummate, personable and efficient professional. Sam's calm and positive nature has been such an asset to our school and we are all really sad to see her depart – but wish her all the very best as she settles into a new life Over East.

Cheers for the last time in 2016!

Thanks  
The Admin Team

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **Wednesday 14 December**

- ◆ Year 6 Graduation Evening  
**5pm for 5.15pm start** in the PAC  
Photos at 4.50pm - 5.10pm
- ◆ Graduation Dinner at Portorosa, Spearwood from 7 pm to 8.30pm  
(as per letters handed to Yr 6 students on Friday, 4 November 2016)

#### **Thursday 15 December**

- ◆ Pre Primary Christmas Assembly in the Under Cover Area
- ◆ Last day of Term 4



#### **Wednesday 1 February 2017**

- ◆ First day back for Term 1

### Leadership Update for 2017

We are proud to announce additional leaders elected for 2017, as follows:

Kiah Wisby - Literacy Minister  
Nardia Niessink - Maths Minister  
Connor Sheehy Hebb - Music Minister

Congratulations to these worthy students, may you lead by example and have a wonderful year in 2017.

### Farewell to our Year 6 Students - from WPS Staff

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2016.

We hope you enjoy your special Graduation Ceremony and Dinner.

Good luck and best wishes for the future.



### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on Mondays from 8.15am until 9.00am in Term 1, 2017, so please come and check out our uniforms after school drop off.

#### Holiday Open Hours

Monday, 30 January 2017  
from 9.00am - 11.00am

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Olivia on 0410 349 381.

## Canteen News

Thank you to all our volunteers this year, particularly those parents of Year 6 students who have now completed their primary school duties!



The canteen will be open on the first day of term, next year, on Wednesday, 1 February 2017 and we welcome parents to pop in for a tea or coffee at drop off time, and to check our volunteer roster for days and times you will be available to help in 2017.

## Natureplay Area News

We are soon to begin works around our centrepiece slide. We have shifted our focus to this area to link in with works being undertaken by the Department of Education. On return to school next year, there should be a fantastic new play area around the slide, and the surrounding areas will be protected from erosion.

We will be in touch over the school holidays, via P&C contacts list, Natureplay contacts list and Facebook, if help is needed.

Thanks to everyone who has helped to move this project forward from its humble beginnings mid 2015.

Get ready for a celebratory opening party next year!

**The Winterfold Primary School community acknowledges the support of**



**The Forever Project**

**Nature  
Based Play**

**with our Nature Playground Project.**

## Booklists for 2017

Booklists for 2017 have been distributed to all students. If you haven't received one, please come to the office where you can get a hard copy, otherwise you are able to print one off from our school website [www.winterfoldps.wa.edu.au](http://www.winterfoldps.wa.edu.au).



## 2017 is Fast Approaching....

Hopefully your child is returning to Winterfold for the 2017 school year.

If you are aware that your child is not resuming their Winterfold schooling, please can you let us know in writing as soon as possible?

For those students not returning, we wish you all the best in the future and at your new school.

## P&C News

THANK YOU

The 2016 P&C members would like to thank the school community for their support, during 2016. We've had a great year, full of events and fun, and look forward to more of the same next year.



2017 is the 50th anniversary of the school, so we'll be busy celebrating this milestone with the school community.

We invite all parents and carers to join the P&C next year, so that we can make 2017 a memorable year for our kids. Why not bring a friend to the next AGM in February.

Our last fundraiser is the Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the final assembly on Thursday, 15 December. Thanks to all who donated items for the hampers and bought tickets.



Merry Christmas and see you next year.

## Winterfold P&C School Disco

The school disco - what a night! The hall was packed with dancing kids and their entertained parents, many of whom donated their time to sell goods, act as security guards, and of course, setup and cleanup.

The disco committee would like to thank all those who contributed to the nights success, with a special thanks to the many local businesses who generously donated prizes and gifts. These businesses really made a difference, and helped us make this disco the best disco fundraiser yet.

Thank you to: Beaconsfield Community Pharmacy, Hilton Plaza Newsagency, Hampton Road Newspaper, Hamilton Hill Newsagency, South Fremantle Post Office, The Corner Store, Hamilton Hill Discount Chemist, and especially Dhanji Vekaria, from Priceless Discounts in Phoenix Shopping Centre, whose boxes of donations helped fill many of the lucky dip bags.

## Lost Property

Has your child lost their jacket or misplaced their hat?

Have you checked the lost property box located in the Under Cover Area (UCA)?

There are a large number of easily identifiable items that need to be claimed by their rightful owners.

Access is not always available to the UCA but please do not hesitate to ask a staff member to open the area up for you.