



WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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COMING EVENTS

Friday 6/2/09	Lion Dance 9.00am all classes
Monday 9/2/09	Edu Dance commences (separate note for Yrs 1-3)
Friday 13/2/09	Assembly Hosted by our School Leaders
Monday 16/2/09	IN TERM SWIMMING COMMENCES Years 3-6
Monday 2/3/09	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 17/3/09	Year 7 School Camp
Friday 27/3/09	Faction Swimming Carnival Year 7 students return from Camp

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND UP FRONT EXCURSION FEES

Many thanks to families who have already paid their fees. Charges for 2009 are as follows:

School Contribution	\$50.00 per child
P & C Contribution	\$30.00 per child
Up Front Excursion Fee	\$65.00 per child

As we have upgraded our billing system, you are now able to part pay excursion fees. Please check with the school office if you would like to know how much is left from last year. Parents are encouraged to pay the up front fee as early as possible to the school office.

As there has been a change in our money collection system all money for excursions/incursions **MUST be in a sealed and marked envelope:**

John Smith Room 1

Zoo Visit \$10.00

Thank you for your co-operation.

Congratulations to **Silvester Yr 3**, who has been selected to compete in the Future Champions Golf World Championship in the USA.

ATTACHMENTS

Term Calendar	Grasshopper Soccer
Tennis World	Edu Dance Yrs 1-3
In Term Swimming 3-6	

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL..

On Monday we welcomed back 713 students from Kindy to Year 7. Thank you to all our parents for making sure their children were beautifully prepared to start school with all of their resources, uniforms and an enthusiastic attitude. Your ongoing contribution and involvement in our education program will continue to be valued and fostered in a range of school activities and events.

Feedback on our Academic Performance in 2009

Winthrop PS gained the highest number of Academic Extension Placements for high school in the state. Sixteen of our Year 7 students were offered placements. This is an outstanding achievement for our school. During the past three years we have maintained a strong focus on challenging our students to develop critical thinking skills and independent work habits which support achievement in all learning areas. Our objective is to maintain and further improve our programs for all students.

Our NAPLAN results for 2008 were published in the West Australian last week. The figures reflect the high percentage of students at our school who achieve above the minimum benchmark set for the tests in reading, writing, numeracy spelling and punctuation and grammar. The breakdown of our results from 2008 is set out below and reflects a strong performance in all areas.

Year Level	Numeracy	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar
	%	%	%	%	%
Year Three	100	99	90	100	99
Year Five	100	96	99	99	99
Year Seven	100	98	97	97	98

Changes to School Staffing

Jenny Collings, Kindy teacher EC1, has been transferred to Margaret River PS. Jenny will be replaced by Alison Moyle. We extend our thanks to Jenny for ten year's outstanding service as a great teacher and member of our school community.

Erika Holst Marsh is on Long Service Leave in Term 1 and Helen Vermeulen will relieve.

Gail Reed is on Long Service Leave in Term 1 and Karen Wasley will relieve.

Rayma Prosser has won a one year placement at High Wycombe PS and Celeste Dickinson has been appointed in her place.

All other staff remain in our school with some changes in class and room allocations.

Nut Allergy Policy

During 2008 staff and parent representatives developed a Policy to assist us in managing the increasing number of students presenting with allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. The detail of this Policy is set out on page 3 of our newsletter and it is vital that all parents read and appreciate how they can assist all of the children in our school to help in the management and response to nut allergies.

Term 1 Calendar

A copy of the Term 1 Calendar is attached for parents to assist with planning for the term. We hope this will help parents stay up to date with school events.

Denise Hilsz....Principal

P & C NEWS

P& C Social Event

We're starting the school year with a fun event on Sat. 21st Feb 2009, so it's time to organise a babysitter and book your place for the P& C **Fremantle Treasure Hunt**.

This event involves walking around Fremantle as part of a team of 4, following a set of directions and answering some questions along the way. We start at one hotel and finish at another, having stopped at another bar for refreshments, somewhere in between.

Teams will set out at regular intervals between about 5pm & 6pm, and should finish the course in about 2 hours. At the mystery final destination we'll have a private bar for the rest of the evening, and we'll be laying on some food for everyone before handing out prizes to the teams with the best scores.

It's \$20 per person to join in. For further information, or to book a space for your team, contact Jeremy on 0405-159-132, or thomasjw@bigpond.net.au.



Band News

Band times for 2008 are as follows:

Year 5 Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00 (commencing Week 3.
The first band rehearsal will be from 3.00 - 3.30.)

Year 6 Wednesdays 2.30 - 3.30 (commencing Week 2)

Year 7 Thursdays 7.45 - 8.45am (commencing Week 2)

Instrumental lessons will commence in Week 2. Timetables will be posted on the music room window on Friday.

Library News

Premier's Summer Reading Challenge

Many of our students participated in the Premier's Summer Reading Challenge during the holidays. Please note that the Challenge concludes on Friday 9th February. Entry forms must be in to the Department of Education by Monday, 16th February.

If you prefer, entry forms can also be dropped off to the school library by Wednesday 11th February and I will post them off to the Department.

Thank-you....Miss Stefani/Library

Come and Celebrate Chinese New Year Lion Dance Performance

To start the new school year on a lively note, we have organised a **Lion Dance performance on FRIDAY 6th February (this Friday) commencing 9.00am in the Assembly Area.**

Check out our brand new stage too!!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all parents and children who celebrate this event a very

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
"Gong Xi Fa Cai"**

Winthrop Multicultural Club

We would like to welcome all new (and old) parents with a non English speaking background to join our weekly chat sessions. These commence in Week 2, February 11th 2009.

TIME: 2.00-3.00pm

PLACE Block 1 Year 1 area



Nut Allergy Awareness and Management Policy

A number of students in our school have an allergic condition called Anaphylaxis. This can lead to a mild to severe allergic reaction to nuts and nut products. Staff and Parent Representatives from our School Council have developed this Policy to support the management of this condition in our students. We are very conscious that whilst it is difficult to make a school "nut free" we recognize that it is most important to ensure staff, students and parents understand the condition, make every effort to avoid an incident and are prepared to deal with an anaphylactic reaction. We ask everyone to support us in our work to keep all students safe

Nut Allergy Awareness and Management Policy

Rationale

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Winthrop Primary School Community.
- To raise awareness regarding the prevention and procedures related to nuts and nut products.

Background

Anaphylaxis, or anaphylactic shock, is a systemic allergic reaction that can be fatal within minutes; either through swelling that shuts off airways or through a dramatic drop in blood pressure.

Management

- Parents, staff and caregivers **requested** not to send or bring food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Staff maintain "Nut Aware" supervision of students during all eating times.
- Students are discouraged from sharing food.
- Students and staff to ensure they wash their hands after eating.
- The school canteen will comply with the Nut Awareness Policy.
- Nut products will not be included in food on special food days, in cooking activities and on excursions and camps.
- The Principal will obtain specific medical information from the family at the time of enrolling a student with a "nut allergy" (ie: an Anaphylaxis Action Plan provided by a medical practitioner.) This will include a clear photo of the child and detailed documentation of the allergic triggers.

Education and Promotion

- Staff participate in annual training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis.
- Parents and caregivers will be informed of the Nut Awareness and Management Policy distributed at the beginning of the year.
- New families to the school community will be informed of the Policy as part of the enrolment information.
- Parents of Anaphylaxis students will ensure that their child understands the condition, the triggers and symptoms. The child also needs to know what to do if they believe they are having a reaction.
- All students receive education in class to understand Anaphylaxis and be aware of those students who are affected and how they can assist in the management of their condition.
- Staff will be aware of specific students via photos/information posted in staffroom, sickroom and duty files.
- Staff will follow the specific Management Plan provided for a child who presents with an Anaphylaxis.
- Staff will take Epi-pens, medications and medical plans on any camps, excursions and swimming lessons. Where the teacher is not attending the event it is their responsibility to relay relevant information and medication to the attending staff member.
- A treatment information poster will be displayed in the medical and staffroom outlining the treatment system and all staff will undergo an annual revision of how to use the Epi-pen.

Review Date: December 2009

This policy is posted on our school website.

Major School Works Completed in January

Our Assembly Stage has been completed thanks to the fantastic P&C Fundraising and practical support provided by our P&C Grounds Leader, John Marsh and our P&C President Corbett Poynton.

Our oval has been refurbished during the holidays with the removal of invasive tree roots, aeration, fertilising and top dressing. It will be available for normal use by Week Five. Funding for this work was gained through a successful submission to The Department of Education and Training and from our Minor Works



Canteen News

This is unchanged from last year. Should you require a menu please collect from either the school office or the Canteen.

The Canteen requires helpers for all days for this term. If you are able to assist at any time, even for a couple of hours we would appreciate it. Your assistance helps keep our Canteen running smoothly. Please see the girls in the Canteen if you would like to put your name down on a roster.

Thank You.....Wendy

Uniform Shop

A reminder to parents that our Uniform Shop is open EVERY TUESDAY from 8.30-9.30am in the Undercover Area. Hats are available any day from the Canteen. For parents unable to attend on a Tuesday Order Forms are available from the front office. These can be completed and payment left in the appropriate box in the school office. Orders will be delivered to classrooms when they are filled. EFTPOS facilities are available.



KARATE CLASSES

International Goju Karate Schools teach karate classes to children and adults of all ages in your area.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline, fitness and of course self-defence.

To take advantage of a FREE trial class for all students at this school, contact 9438 1074 for your closest location and mention this school newsletter.

Community News

(The school does not necessarily endorse Community Group events publicized through our school's communication channels)

PARENTS!

HAVE YOUR KIDS HAVE FUN, KEEP FIT AND MAKE FRIENDS IN 2009!

Melville Lifestyle Services have recently launched their children's membership available at Melville Aquatic Fitness Centre, Melville Recreation Centre and Leeming Recreation Centre. Have your child (0-15 yrs) enjoy the benefits of unlimited pool access, casual basketball, birthday pool parties and gymbakids freeplay! To top this off our children's memberships include a term program which can be anything from swimming lessons to sports coaching.

NOW is the time to give your child the opportunity to have fun, keep fit and make friends.

As a community service we are committed to the health of our children in our community. Present this page at Melville Aquatic Fitness Centre for a **complimentary family swim valued at \$12.** (2 adults and 2 children)

Please Call Cameron Taylor on 9364 0841 for more information regarding these memberships.

Melville City Soccer Club

2009 final Club Registration Day is Sunday 8th February from 9.00-12.30pm at the Len Shearer Clubrooms, Marcus Avenue Booragoon.

For more information and forms www.mcsc.org.au

Saint Thomas More Catholic Church

Religious Education Classes begin Wednesday 18th February at 4.00pm. Enrolments are on 11/2/09. Classes are offered for students years 1-7. Please contact the Parish for Sacrament dates on 9310 1747.

Chinese Language Club

Qong Xi Fat Choi Happy Ox Year

Welcome back to a new school year.

Classes will start TODAY **03/02** for students that *have done the class in the previous year.*

Beginners class will start later in the term.

For enquiries please call 0411 319 543 or email us at

wpschineselanguageclub@gmail.com

Enrolment forms are available at the front office.

