



WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 3/3/2009	Year 7 Swimming (Cottesloe) School Council Meeting
Thursday 5/3/09	Room 17, 20, 21 Scitech Room 8 Kings Park
Monday 9/3/09	P & C Meeting
Friday 13/3/09	Assembly Year 2, Room 13/14
Important Dates: Monday 16/3/09 Tuesday 17/3/09 Friday 20/3/09 24 & 25/3/09 Friday 27/3/09 Mon & Tues 6 & 7/4/09 Wednesday 8/4/09 Thursday 9/4/09 Thursday 9/4/09 Wednesday 29/4/09	Swimming Trials 1-3pm Year 7 Camp Harmony Day School Photos Faction Swimming Carnival 12-3pm Edu Dance Concert Interschool Swimming - Freo ANZAC Ceremony Term 1 Ends Term 2 Commences

VIRTUES

Our virtue is **Responsibility**.

Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job.



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL..

Student Assessment for Reports to be Simplified

Teachers in public schools have been required by DET to use 8 levels as a basis for assessing student achievement to arrive at a grade from A to E which is reported to parents in the yearly reports. The removal of the requirement to use the levels is designed to reduce bureaucratic requirements on teachers and give them more time to focus on teaching and learning. The changes will also remove the difficulty many parents have in understanding how the levels are converted to grades to know how their child is achieving in school.

Parents can be confident that the grades on future reports will be based on sound assessment processes comparable across the state. Teachers will be supported in making consistent judgements with examples of student work which illustrate the standard that earns an A-E grade in each year of schooling from Years 1-10. These changes will come into effect from the start of the 2010 school years, however, the option to dispense with the levels in 2009 can be considered by all schools. Our Curriculum Improvement Team will be considering our options this term to support the reporting process in Term Two.

Local High Schools Shine in Year 12 Results for 2008

Our local state high schools are producing outstanding success with graduating Year 12 students. Melville SHS achieved 100% graduation rate and was placed in the top 50 schools in the state for Vocational Education Training. The school achieved an average Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 81.3 which was 3% higher than the state average. 95% of students achieved a TER sufficient to get them into university. Our next newsletter will showcase Applecross SHS TER results.

With excellent state high schools like these in our area it is not surprising that each year more of our parents are choosing to send their children to public schools. I would encourage all Winthrop PS parents to make informed decisions about high school placements by considering all the options available.

Winthrop Summer Readathon

During the Summer Holidays one of our parents, Janene Sproul, coordinated a very successful readathon for students. The project provided interactive encouragement for young readers who were able to spend some of their holiday time refining the reading skills they have learnt at school during the year. During the period over 800 books were read. Congratulations to the winners of each age group category:

Kindergarten—Year 2: Ariana
Year 3—Year 5: Anna
Year 6—Year 7: Krystina

We are fortunate to have so many parents with the interest and commitment to support the children in our school community.

Denise Hilsz
Principal

"It doesn't really matter how fast you are going if you are headed in the wrong direction" Stephen Covey

Mathematics Enrichment Classes - 2009

The Department of Mathematics of Curtin University is again offering a Mathematics Enrichment program for Years 5 – 11 students. The aim is to develop sound mathematical understanding and to develop a range of mathematical problem solving skills. The classes are intended for able, but not necessarily brilliant, students. It is not intended for weak students who need remedial studies.

There will be 16 weekly sessions scheduled in Terms 2 and 3, commencing May 4 through to September 18, held after school hours at the Curtin University campus in Bentley. The cost for two terms is \$220 per student.

If you would like further information and an enrolment form, please contact Mr Lush at the school office. The closing date for enrolment is 24th April 2009.

Sound Systems

Are you a sound system guru? The school would like to upgrade the sound system used at assemblies. If any parent has a good knowledge of sound systems, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office.

Parking

A number of parents are still parking illegally around the school areas designated "No Parking", parking in drop off/pickup areas only and parking on road verges. Please assist our voluntary parents who help with direction of traffic after school by not holding up other parents and adhering to the rules around the school. Thank you.

Voluntary Contributions & Upfront Fees—2009

Many thanks to families who have already paid.

Families

intending to pay their "Upfront Fees" are asked to please do so before the end of the term. All fees can be paid at the school office at any time by cash or cheque only.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all staff and students who donated to the "Victorian Bushfires Appeal". With your effort we were able to raise \$1,180.00 for this worthy cause.

Student Information

Details of students information currently held on our date base will be sent home to ALL children this week. Please make alterations if necessary ensuring emergency contacts listed have a first name and surname shown. It is preferable that they live close to the school. Please note that it is not necessary to put in nationality, email addresses or dental contact. All forms should be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Winthrop Multicultural Club

All parents are welcome to attend our chat/cooking sessions. This week we will be cooking a Malaysian fruit and vegetable salad.

Where: Block 1
When: 2-3pm each Wednesday



Year 7 Graduation Coordinator

Each year one of our parents acts as the Graduation Coordinator. The role entails liaising with other Year 7 parents to organise the Year Book, DVD, Graduation Cake and supper for the evening event and the Year 7 parent luncheon which is usually held after the Graduation Assembly at a local restaurant.

The coordinator works in collaboration with the school administrative team and parents to ensure successful graduation events.

If you are interested in taking on this P&C role please advise the office and/or come along to the P&C AGM on Monday 23 March at 7:30.

CANTEEN NEWS



Roster for the next fortnight as follows :

Monday	2/3/09	Labour Day	
Tuesday	3/3/09	Regina	9-12.00
Wednesday	4/3/09	Vim	9-11.00
Thursday	5/3/09	Grazyna	9-1.00
Friday	6/3/09	Stacey	9-1.00
Monday	9/3/09	Caroline	9-11.00
Tuesday	10/3/09	Marianne	9-1.00

Parents, a reminder that we do not carry a cash float, we rely on the money given in with the children's lunch orders to use as change. Please do not send in \$50 or \$20 notes as it is almost impossible to provide change. Thank you for your assistance.

Thank You.....Wendy

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Next Monday (9/3/09) your child will receive a Scholastic Book Club Order Form. If you wish to order any books for your children please return the order form and payment in an envelope to the LIBRARY by 3.15pm on Thursday 12th March 2009. Please ensure that your child's NAME AND ROOM NUMBER is written on the order form and that the items to be ordered are CLEARLY INDICATED. If paying by cheque please make it payable to WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL. If you are purchasing from more than one form (e.g. Lucky and Star) one cheque will suffice. If paying by credit card—the procedure is as follows:

1. Ring Scholastic 1800 557 908 (Freecall) or Online Payment: www.scholastic.com.au/payment.
2. Scholastic will give you a receipt number which MUST be placed on the order form (in space provided) for returning to school. If the receipt number is not forwarded with the order to the Library—we cannot process the order. Scholastic has this procedure in place for your security.

We participate in 4 issues during the year, one per term. A reminder to all families that participation in Scholastic Book Club is VOLUNTARY. Our orders are sent to the Eastern States; Book Club items are not available on site and we allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

If you have any queries, please see Ms Stefani or Mrs Munday in the Library.

P & C NEWS

Firstly I would like to thank Jeremy Thomas for organising the **Treasure Hunt** on the 21/2/09. The success of the evening was self evident and those that participated enjoyed a wonderful fun filled and social event. Everyone I spoke to is looking forward to the next one.

Next on the list of people to thank are for their contribution to the construction of the **Stage**:

- John Marsh for his contribution to the planning of the new Stage;
- Mark Buratovic of Nino Constructions for donating his time for placing the concrete for the Stage; and
- CEMEX (formerly Readymix) for donating the concrete for the Stage slab.

An **Executive Meeting** is planned for 9 March 2009. This is an important meeting to decide Executive positions for 2009 and I encourage you to attend whether or not you have been a member of the Executive in 2008.

A reminder that the **2009 AGM** is to be held on 23 March 2009. A number of people on the committee will be finishing and we require a number of new people to fill executive positions. I look forward to seeing many of you on the 23 March 2009.
Corbett Poynton
President P & C

PARENT COLLECTION

For parents who may be new to our school—our Library/Resource Centre's Teacher Reference area contains a section called Parent Collection. Purchase of these titles is supported by funding from the P&C. The loan period is 3 weeks and there is a maximum loan of two titles at any one time. Borrowing times are before school (8.30am—8.55am). Currently we have 78 titles in this collection which will be added to throughout 2009.

Our Latest Addition:

- (i) *"Be Prepared DVD - Your guide to preparing your property for the bush fire season"*. The DVD comes with a Prepare Stay and Defend or Go Early Kit containing information pamphlets. This pack is a FESA publication.

VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS

Experienced teacher

Jenny Miles BA (hons) LTCL Dip Ed (Cambridge) has some vacancies on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Cost is \$27.50 per 1/2 hour (beginners-advanced)
Ph 9331 4457

