



WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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COMING EVENTS

16/3/09 Monday	Swimming Trials
17/3/09 Tuesday	Year 7's Leave for Camp
20/3/09 Friday	Harmony Day Year 7's Return from Camp
23/3/09 Monday	P&C AGM
24/3/09 Tuesday & 25/3/09 Wednesday	School Photos
27/3/09 Friday	Faction Swimming Carnival 12—3 pm

Harmony Week

This is Harmony Week. It is an opportunity to acknowledge our rich cultural diversity and show our opposition to all forms of discrimination. Students will team up with their buddy class to decorate a Harmony Tree which will be displayed in the office. Please come and have a look! On Friday 20 March at 9:00 the whole school will create a "Circle of Friends" on the oval. Students and staff are encouraged to wear something orange on that day to reflect the symbolic colour of Harmony.

VIRTUES

Our virtue is **Resilience**

Resilience is the process of developing survival capacities in the face of life's emotional and physical challenges. Repairing from the harms supports the individual to face future life adversaries with greater strength.

Last weeks winner for the "Responsibility" virtue is **EVIE**.

ATTACHMENTS

Unplug Play
Melville City Hockey Club
Parking Road Safety Policy
School Photograph Order Forms

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL..

In 2009 57 of our students enrolled at Applecross SHS which is the highest, and an increasing, proportion of our students. I have every confidence these students will receive an excellent education as the school continues to achieve outstanding standards as illustrated by last year's Year 12 results:

The graduation rate was 100% and the school achieved in the Top 10 Schools in the State in Art, English as an Additional Language, Japanese and Physical Education Studies. Students achieved 1 General Exhibition, 3 Subject Exhibitions, 5 Certificates of Distinction and 17 Certificates of Excellence. Six students achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) of 99 or better which places them in the top 1% of all 2008 Year 12 students. The median TER was 80.8 compared to the State school median of 78.65. If you would like more information about the Applecross SHS program please contact George Sekulla, Program Manager on 9314 9323.

Year 7 Camp 2009

This week our Year 7 students will be going to Busselton for their Camp. Students will be involved in a wide range of activities across all Learning Areas and will have the opportunity to develop leadership and team work skills. Mr Dickinson has spent a great deal of time organising the Camp and will be supported by Ms House and Mr Sweeney with Mr Cianfrini and myself joining the Camp on Thursday. I know that all students and parents are most appreciative of the personal time commitment which these teachers are making to provide this opportunity for our students.

Parking and Road Safety at Winthrop PS

I urge parents to read the attached Parking and Road Safety Policy and ensure that they follow these rules to ensure the safety of our students. In the last week I have noted cars exceeding the 40km road speed and 8km drive through speed. Cars doing U Turns in Edmiston Rd. Cars double parked to drop off children. Parking in Drive Through Zones. All of these actions can lead to accidents involving our children.

Please support our Policy to ensure the safety of all students.

Melville City Council Rangers and Police have made a commitment to patrol our school to assist us in keeping our school safe for all students.

City of Melville Sculpture Walk

During Term One students have been involved in the creation of woven sculptures which form part of the Sculpture Walk which is currently on display at Piney Lakes Reserve. Families are encouraged to take a walk through the Sensory Play Park area to view the work of our students and local artists. Thank you to our Yr 7 teacher, Ms House, for coordinating our involvement in this creative event.

Denise Hilsz
Principal

"Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." Robert Kennedy

SCHOOL PHOTOS Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March 2009

Today all children received a photo ordering pack. Families wishing to purchase school photos which will be taken on **TUESDAY 24th March and WEDNESDAY 25th March 2009** need to have orders to the classroom teacher *prior to 24th March*. No orders will be accepted after the first photo day. Please ensure school uniform is worn on both days, even if your child has already been photographed as sometimes photos need to be retaken.

FAMILY PHOTOS (i.e. sibling photos) will also be taken for those families interested. Interested parents should collect a "family" envelope from Mrs Boxall at the front office. Upon completion of the form, please return it back to the school office by **FRIDAY 20th March 2009**. All other details regarding Family Photos are included in the "family envelope".

Special Notes:

- Long hair must be tied back, in accordance with the school dress code.
- Members of the SENIOR band will need to have their BAND uniform on when arriving at school for the first photo at 8.50am on Wednesday 25th March 2009. They can then change into their school uniform at school.



Support a Reader Programme

During Term 2 we will be trialling the Support A Reader programme. For the program to be successful we need parents who are able to commit time to assist. The program will run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30-9.00am. A parent information session will be held before the commencement of the program.

If you are able to assist please complete the form below and hand into the office to enable us to make contact with you.

Thank you....Mrs Davies

SUPPORT A READER PROGRAMME

I am able to assist in the Support A Reader programme on
Monday Tuesday Thursday (please circle)

Child's Name & Rm No _____

Signed _____

PARKING INFORMATION

EDMISTON WAY

- **NO U TURNS**—Please come via Jackson Avenue around the school
- **NO** turning into Buttell Top and then turning around
- **NO** parking/entering in the Service Lane—children walk in this area
- **NO** parking the "WRONG WAY" in the street—yes it happens!
- **NO** exiting on the wrong side of the street and attempting the 'dash'
- Parking is 15 minutes in the bays—please be mindful of other parents, especially on Assembly Day.

DROP OFF ZONE

- Move to the front of the zone
- Children should wait at the top two bays and get into the car there
- No parking in the zone
- Cars to move on and go around the block again if your child is not waiting ready to get into the car after 20 seconds.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Wanted

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Mewett's EC4 class are in need of the larger size baby food jars. They can be dropped off at the school office or directly to the classroom...Thank you

School Fees

Thank you to families who have paid their fees so promptly. If you wish to pay your Upfront Excursion /Incursion fees, it would be appreciated if they could be finalised before the end of the term. Part payment and "top up" payments can now be made. Payment can be made by cheque or cash only. School Fees and P & C Voluntary contributions are \$30.00 per child and School Contribution is \$50.00 per child. These fees are used for such items as extra educational supplies, shade sails, sporting equipment and most recently the stage in the Undercover Area. Thank you for your assistance.

TUTORING

Primary School Tutor available for specialist tuition. Assist your child with reading, writing, spelling and maths.

**Experienced and highly qualified teacher
Professional and individual tuition programs.
Please call Michelle 9498 7353**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Working with artist Rachel Wyder to create a lizard for the Piney Lakes Sculpture Trail.

"On Friday, the Year 2 students from Room 13 (Mrs Wasley) and Room 14 (Mrs Moriarty) presented a fantastic item all about elephants. They shared information and some great jokes about elephants. We loved their elephant masks, their art work and the wooden elephant backdrop. Well done Year 2's!"

(Photos by Jordan and Mitchell.. Year 7)



Canteen News



Roster for the next fortnight as follows :

Mon:	Regina	9.00-12.00
Tues:	Bev	9.00-11.00
Wed:	HELP WANTED	
Thur:	Grazyna	9.00-1.00
Fri:	HELP WANTED	
Mon:	HELP WANTED	
Tues:	Carol	
Wed:	HELP WANTED	
Thur:	Cynthia	9.00-11.00
Fri:	Stacey	9.00-11.00

We have a new drink to replace "Sparkling LOL" in four flavours, tropical, mango, raspberry and blackcurrent. These are 99% fruit juice and mineral water and are "GREEN"! Please come and try them soon.

Kids, I am sure by now you are sick of us reminding you to say PLEASE.

PLEASE don't forget your manners when you come to the Canteen!

Thank You.....Wendy

Applecross Senior High School Specialist Tennis Program—Testing Day

Students committed to tennis are invited to trial for entry into Australia's leading and truly comprehensive five-year Tennis Program

Date: Thursday April 2nd, 2009
Time: 4pm-5pm
Location: Applecross SHS Tennis Complex, Links Rd Ardross

To book your place into the testing day please contact Program Coordinator Lee Jarvinen on 93149337 or

lee.jarvinen@det.wa.edu.au

Applecross SHS Tennis Program is for tournament/pennant tennis players.

- #1 ranked Public High School Tennis program in Australia
- #1 ranked High School Tennis program in Western Australia
- National and State ranked players in each year group
- Special Tennis students participate in four days per week tennis instruction
- Interstate competition- Tennis Australia School Teams Challenge Melbourne TCAV Championships
- Accreditation in coaching, umpiring and sports medicine
- Extensive technical and tactical skill development
- Optional before and after school tennis squads

Community News

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

Roadies Basketball Team—Players Needed

Under 8 boys born between January 2002 — December 2002.

We require 3 to 4 more players for the Roadies Team.

We play on Saturday's at 11.20 am at Willetton Basketball Stadium. If you are interested please contact John Vink on Mobile 0407 983 437 or Home 9354 5950.

Yangebup Family Centre

Occasional Care Service operates every Monday and Friday from 9.00am-3.00pm. Morning and afternoon sessions available. Bookings are essential and can only be made one week in advance. Phone 9417 9995 for more information.

Three Year Old Kindy

This program especially caters for those children affected by the change in starting age for Kindergarten. The Kindy operates Thursday and Fridays during school terms. Contact 9417 9995.

Three Year Old Playclub

Three year old Playclub was developed as a stepping stone from playgroup to Kindy. The activities are developmentally appropriate for three year old children with a strong emphasis on parent/child interaction. The Club operates on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Vacancies available.

Kardinya-Murdoch Playgroup - OPEN DAY

Saturday 28th March 2009 commencing 10.00am-2.00pm.

The venue is the hall located next to the Morris Buzzacott Oval, Kardinya. Contact Bella on 0417 032 159

MUSIC NOTES

As part of the music programme, children in Year 4-7 learn recorders. If your child needs a recorder they are available from the music room for \$6.40.