



WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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COMING EVENTS

Monday 29th June	Reports Home
Tuesday 30th June	String Ensemble Concert Under cover area 1.30 - 2.30.
Wednesday 1st July	
Thursday 2nd July	Leeming PS teachers to visit classrooms to observe HOTS.
Friday 3rd July	Assembly Yr 3 Rm 19 P&C: Free Dress Day: Gold Coin Donation for this event. Term 2 concludes.
Tuesday 21st July	Term 3 Commences. Teachers will be completing school planning on Monday.

Taking Care of Your Belongings

Children have been reminded to take care of their belongings and ensure that all items are labelled and school bags are zipped up during the day.

Sometimes things do get lost or go missing. All parents are asked to make sure that any items which are brought home that do not belong to your child are returned to the rightful owner at school.

VIRTUES

This week's virtue is :
DETERMINATION

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

ATTACHMENTS

- Tennis Excellent Flyer
- Grasshopper Soccer Application Form and Flyer for Soccer Program

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL..

Students will be bringing their Semester One Reports home today. I have been very impressed with the achievement levels and informative comments in the reports and congratulate all students on their progress this year.

Parents will see that descriptors have replaced grades in the body of the report as outlined on the explanatory notes included in the report folder. The details of the descriptors are as follows:

Excellent	A	Demonstrated achievement well beyond what is expected at this year level.
Good	B	Demonstrated achievement challenging at this year level.
Satisfactory	C	Demonstrated achievement within the expected year level range for this year level.
Limited	D	Demonstrated achievement low in the expected range for this year level.
Very Low	E	Demonstrated achievement below the minimum acceptable for this year level.

I know parents will take the time to share the report with each of their children and discuss their progress, achievements and goals for improvement.

Teachers are available to complete interviews with parents during this week to provide additional information or answer any questions. Please contact the relevant teacher to organise an interview time.

WA Education Awards for 2009

Nominations are now open for the WA Education Awards which recognise and reward the achievements of teachers, principals and school support staff. They also acknowledge the success of schools in key areas of literacy, numeracy and science.

You can nominate a teacher, principal or school support staff member and give them the recognition they deserve. Pick up a nomination kit from school, visit det.wa.edu.au/educationawards or telephone 9270 3051. Nominations close 14.8.09.

Resilience Workshop

Our recent Parent Workshop which included a session on Resilience was very successful and parent feedback indicated that many parents are keen to learn more about how they can assist their children to be independent, confident and well prepared to cope with the 'ups and downs' of life. Another Resilience Workshop will be conducted in the evening in Term 3 so that more parents are able to take up this opportunity to learn more about the complicated business of "parenting".

School Council Parent Representative Nominations

Nominations are called for Parent Representatives to serve a two year term on our School Council. All parents are invited to consider this opportunity to be involved in our school decision making process. Please contact Council Chair: Nicole Massam on 9310 8438 or the Principal on 9310 6100 for further information regarding the role and responsibilities. Nominations will close on Friday 24 July.

Denise Hilsz, Principal.

"Success is a way of travelling, a process, not a status." Denis Waitly

Free Dress Day

Friday 3rd July is free dress day. Wear your best winter clothes for a gold coin donation.

Higher Order Thinking Skills

We are venturing into our 4th year using HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills/Strategies) as part of our curriculum delivery.

As we all have strengths and weaknesses and various ways of learning and thinking, HOTS provides our students with a 'tool box' of these skills and strategies. There are a number of ideologies on critical thinking. Some of these are :

De Bono's 6 Thinking Hats, Howard Gardiner's — Multiple Intelligences, Blooms Taxonomy and Tony Ryan' Thinkers Keys. Listed below are a few web sites you can visit to learn more about these.

www.kurwongbss.eq.edu.au/thinking/Bloom/blooms.htm

www.kurwongbss.eq.edu.au/thinking/Intro/littliespres.ppt - you can also search by writing 'Thinking skills for Littlies'.

www.tonyryan.com.au/



Library News

1. The State Library is offering some great activities for the July school holidays. Children can collect a trail at Reception and follow it through The Place, Build their own City using paper bags and their imagination. They can read stories from the Wakakirri Biggest Book of Short Stories Ever, or curl up with a great book from the My Favourite Children's Book display. If you would like a flyer outlining the activities...please stop by the Library and pick one up.

Parent Collection - the latest addition to our Parent Collection is " How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk" (Faber & Mazlish). This is the bestselling book that will give you the knowledge you need to be effective with your children.

Aurora StefaniLibrary

Congratulations to

Travis for his academic placement in the DET Gifted and Talented Program for 2010.

Well Done Travis.

Support a Reader



Support a Reader will continue next term on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30—9.00am in the Art Room.

To make the Programme successful we need regular helpers. If you are able to assist please fill in the form below and return it to Mrs Davies or drop it in at the office so a roster can be organised.

Thank You.....Mrs Davies

I am able to assist with the Support a Reader Program on:

Monday Tuesday Thursday (please circle)

NAME: _____

ROOM NO OF CHILD: _____

SIGNED: _____

P & C News

A **General Meeting** was held 15 June. The next Meeting is 10 August at which we will have a guest speaker, Nadia Ittehadi, Physiotherapist, who will be speaking about "Growing Pains". This represents a change of format in that we are planning to have a speaker on a subject of interest to Parents. Details will be provided next term and I encourage you all to participate in these evenings.



A **Family Scitech Evening** has been set for 28 August. As part of the School's promotion of science in the curriculum a number of interactive mobile displays will be set up for the evening. This will be an educational as well as fun evening for both children and adults and will include a sausage sizzle. Details will be provided early next term.

Free Dress Day has been set for 3 July, the last day of this Term. This is a gold coin donation day.

The **Quiz Night** (1 August) still needs prizes. Gift baskets have been placed in each class room and donations large or small are all very much appreciated. The benefits of this evening all go to the School.

Corbett Poynton
President



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL

The year 4 students from Room 17 entertained us at Assembly on Friday, 19th June. We were very impressed by their confident performances and colourful props. It was a lot of fun and the real deal! We also enjoyed some fabulous musical performances by the Year 6 Band and the Room 11 & 12 choir. (Photos by Trent & Elliot—Library Assistants)



Canteen News

Roster for the next fortnight as follows :



Monday	29/6/09	Pauline Howrie	9- 1.00
Tuesday	30/6/09	Debbie	9-12.30
Wednesday	01/7/09	Beb Meadowcroft	9-11.00
Thursday	02/7/09	Vim	9-11.00
Friday	03/7/09		

A Big Thank You to all my helpers this term! We have had a lot of you and hopefully we will see you again in Term 3.

Please remember to write a second choice on your orders for the last week of school.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Thank You.....Wendy

Host Family Needed



We are looking for a kind host family who will be able to provide accommodation and meals to a student teacher from Japan for 3 weeks in August (early August to end of August, specific dates to be confirmed). Miss Saori Takeshita will be completing a three weeks practicum at our school.

Remuneration will be paid to the host family.

Interested families please contact Mrs Irene Ong at Winthrop Primary School or email irene.law@det.wa.edu.au. Arigatou!

Yangebup Family Centre

Mums do you need a break over the school holidays? The Yangebup Family Centre - Occasional Care Service is a licensed non profit child care service. It operates every Monday and Friday from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Morning and Afternoon sessions are also available. Booking are essential and can only be made a week in advance. Please ring on Monday from 2pm and Friday from 2pm to secure a place.

PLACE: Yangebup Family Centre
ADDRESS: 11 Dunraven Drive Yangebup
PHONE: 9417 9995 or FAX: 9417 3237

Community News

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

Blue Gum Out of School Care

Blue Gum Out of School Care is ready for Vacation Care!

If you are interested in joining us for unlimited fun on the holidays, please contact the Coordinator—Kate Hankinson on 9316 2215 or 0418 457 630

Western Australian Maths Learning Centre

Specialists in MATHS TUTORING

Small groups.
Intimate knowledge of curriculum.
All tutors are experienced teachers.
Friendly innovative environment.
Catering for students from Year 3.

Sessions run centrally at
Civic Square Library
Garden City
Monday Afternoon
Saturday Morning
Call Wayne or Marie Purcell
0406232181

School Holiday Fun



You are invited to a party—Games, craft, food, competitions and lot of fun for children aged 5-12 years.

WHEN: Wednesday 8 July and Friday 17 July
TIME: 2-5pm
WHERE: Bicton Uniting Hall, corner of Canning Highway and Carrington Street Palmyra.
COST: \$2.00 per child.

Afterwards bring your family and join us for a chat and a sausage sizzle from 5pm on the 17th July.

No need to RSVP but for more information call Liz 0404 077 194 or Jan 9438 3105.