



WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Learn & Grow Together

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 17th August	Rm 11/12 to Museum
Tuesday 18th August	State Cross Country
Thursday 20th August	Yr 6 students to complete Applecross SHS assessments.
Friday 21st August	Marine Incursion Rms 11,12,13,14,15
Monday 24th August	Yr 2 Concert Hall R16/23 State Library
Wednesday 26th August	Yr 6 Band to St Ives Yr 5 Band to Leeming
Friday 28 August	Assembly Yr 5 Rms 11 & 12 Lapathon Prize Giving
Friday 4 September	Yr 5 Rm 11/12 Sci Tech Night 4 September

Important Term 3 Dates

Sci Tech Night:	Friday 4 September
Faction Carnival:	Friday 18 September
Open Night:	Wednesday 23 September

This week's virtue is :

PATIENCE

Patience is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future.

ATTACHMENTS

Scitech Family Night Flyer

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL..

Independent Public Schools

Western Australian public schools will now have the opportunity to apply for independent status. A group of 30 schools will be selected to become Independent Public Schools commencing in 2010. During the next three weeks I will consider this option in consultation with staff and School Council to decide whether I will submit an Expression of Interest for 2010. Further opportunities will be available in 2010 and beyond for more schools to be involved.

If you are interested in finding out more about this new development please refer to the DET web link at www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou to read further information about what it will mean for parents, students and staff.

Placement of Year 7 Students

It was announced at the recent Western Australian Primary Principals' Association Conference that the decision to leave Year 7 students in primary schools made in recent times by the previous Minister for Education is to be reviewed. In 2006 the Western Australian Primary Principals' Association (WAPPA) opposed the idea to move Year 7s. This position was adopted after consulting with community members, educators and parents. It was found that to move the Year 7s would not result in any academic gains, was socially/emotionally disadvantageous and economically irresponsible. An evidence based research paper was developed and delivered to Government at the time. Again, WAPPA is seeking the view of parents on a range of related issues. Please visit the Western Australian Primary Principals' Association web site to complete a short survey and voice your opinion. A link to the survey is available from the bottom of the home page. (www.wappa.asn.au). The survey will ensure parents' views are represented.

Keeping our Children Safe

Parents are reminded to follow our Roadwise Rules at all times and particularly when using the drive through area provided on Edmiston Way. The careless driving by some parents and carers in this area is a great concern. Please remember that children must be dropped off and collected on the **school side** of the road. The driveway to the Canteen must not be used as a drive-in area as it creates a high level of danger for all pedestrians when parents reverse out to the main road. Please consider the safety of all of our children and not just your own convenience.

Staff Changes

Our Deputy Principal, Rod Lush is on Long Service Leave for the rest of Term 3. Albert Cianfrini will be acting in the position. Sue Hartley and Sue Oliver will be covering the class teaching components during that time.

Denise Hilsz
Principal

'If everyone gives one thread, the poor man will have a shirt.' Russian Proverb

“Building Resilience in Children” Parent Workshop Evening

John Thompson, school psychologist, will be presenting an evening workshop for interested parents. He will present ideas and strategies to apply with children. John will also briefly explore the ‘Bounce Back’ Program that WPS is implementing.

When : Tuesday evening - 1st September
Time : 7.00—8.30
Where : Library
RSVP: Office by Monday 30 August

Congratulations to our Young Musicians

Our combined Year 6 and 7 bands gave an outstanding performance at Burswood Theatre in the WA Government Schools Music Society Concert.

Many thanks to Helen Ayres for making 12 additional bow tie and cummerbund sets for our performers.

The String Ensemble performed at the Australian Band and Orchestra Directors’ Association Festival at Perth Modern School. The adjudicators’ graded them as “Excellent” which is a fantastic result for the high standard expected at B Division.

School Council News

Our newly elected representatives are as follows:

Parent Representatives: Derryn Belford and Stephen Teo

Staff Representative: Erika Holst Marsh.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 August commencing at 7:30 in the Staff Room.

Parents who are not members of Council are always welcome to attend as observers.

Congratulations toMason Year 7, who has won a place in the Gifted & Talented Arts Program for 2010 at John Curtin College of the Arts. Well Done Mason.

Attendance 2010

To enable the school to correctly determine numbers for 2010 would parents please advise the school office on 9310 6100 or complete the form below if your child **WILL NOT** be attending Winthrop Primary School in 2010 (excluding Year 7’s). Please also advise destination so records can be sent at the end of the year. Thank you to the Year 6 parents who have sent back the separate form recently sent home. (If you have not sent it back please return to the school office as soon as possible.)

My child _____ Room _____
WILL NOT be attending Winthrop Primary School in 2010.
School attending in 2010: _____
Parent Name: _____

P & C News

The new format for our P&C Meetings was a great success and our thanks go to Nadia Ittehad-Orangi for her presentation on “Building Resilience in Children.” We will advise details of our next **Parent Workshop Evening** in October in the next Newsletter.

Roadwise always needs more volunteers and parents are encouraged to assist in providing a safe pick up and drop off for our children. Please contact Colleen for details.

One of next projects will be the **planting of native species** in the area between the tennis courts and the oval. As part of learning in these times of water shortages we encourage as many children with their parents to participate. There will be two busy bees on Sunday mornings before the end of Term 3 for this educational experience.

Do not forget the **Scitech Night** on 4 September. (See details provided separately.) It will be a great evening for all to enjoy and adults accompanied by a child are admitted free. As an added bonus a sausage sizzle will give parents an evening off cooking dinner.

The last day of school on the 25th September will be a **free dress day** with a gold coin donation.

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th at the SciTech Night.

Corbett Poynton
President

Thank You’s

The Counting House Ladies: Maree , Carolyn , Caroline and Pauline who have been counting and collating all of the Lapathon money.

Winthrop Multicultural Club

Thanks to Mrs Singh for her lovely demonstration of “Pakorras”. Ms Hilsz gave Mrs Singh’s cooking her seal of approval too. Next week we will have Malaysian noodles. All parents are welcome to attend our weekly cooking sessions, which are held in Block 1 on Wednesdays from 2 to 3.

Year 6 Band Practice

Please NoteNext week’s year 6 band practice will be on Monday 3.00pm—4.00pm. This will give us extra time to practice for the concert at St Ives.



Peac Forms

Could all Peac Forms be returned to Mr Cianfrini before school on Tuesday 18th August.

Year 7 Parents/Teachers

All Year 7 parents and teachers are invited to a coffee and cake night.

WHERE: Terrazza Café—767 Canning Highway (corner Risely Street)

WHEN: Wednesday August 19th 2009

TIME: 7.45 pm

Any queries contact Donna on 0403 750 884



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL



"The Year 2 students from Room 15 entertained us at Friday's assembly with a funny and colourful item. We were impressed by their confident and energetic performance."

Photos by Pheobe & Florentia - Year 7"



Canteen News



Roster for the next fortnight as follows :

Monday		
Tuesday	Grazyna McGovan	9am- 1pm
Wednesday	Bev Meadowcroft	9am- 1pm
Thursday		
Friday	Regins Sunarko	9am- 11am
	Marianne Underwood	11am- 1pm
Monday	Caroline Moro	9am- 11am
Tuesday	Cynthia Hawks	9am -11am
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Thank You.....Wendy

Book Collection

Do you have any unwanted quality magazines and books in good condition suitable for any ages? Our school is collecting these for the St Vincent DePaul Society to be sold in their stores. Funds raised from the sale of books help the underprivileged. The final day to bring in your books is September 10th 2009. Donations can be left at the front office or your child's classroom.

Enrolments for 2010

Parents of Year 7 students who are intending to enrol their child at **Applecross SHS** for Year 8 2010 and who have **NOT** already completed the required forms in the Information Folder are asked to contact George Sekulla, Program Manager, on 9314 9393 or by email George.Sekulla@det.wa.edu.au. A tour of the school is available by appointment.

Bedwetting

A new DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Mark Condon and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796.

Prestige Beauty



Are you looking to maintain your Beauty Services locally and affordably? Look no further!

I will cater for all your Beauty needs at affordable pricing, being local (Winthrop) and maintaining a high quality of service, safety and hygiene.

Please call Robyn on 9332 3116 or 0401 252 425 to make an appointment.

Community News

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

Australian Youth Choir and National Youth Dance Theatre

Do you have a child who was born to perform? Did your child delight you with their concerts during the holidays? Perhaps they sing when they think you're not listening! Do they move spontaneously when they hear music on the radio or TV? Perhaps they watch all the current video shows and contests and yearn to join in! The Australian Youth Choir and The National Youth Dance Theatre can help to develop their interest and their skills. We are currently holding auditions in your area for our 2009 intake.

South Perth Baseball Club Inc

South Perth Baseball Club is holding is looking for new members. Registration day -

WHERE:	Thelma Street Como
WHEN:	August 16 2009
TIME:	10am — 12 noon
COST:	Little League (8-12 yo) \$130
	Under 15's \$150
	Under 17's \$150

Birth Certificates must be sighted at registration.

For further information please contact our Registrar Leanne Scarterfield on 0430 310 284 or email at scarters@bigpond.com.

Melville City Soccer Club

Soccer is a great sport that is booming in popularity all around Australia. Melville City Soccer Club is the largest in the Perth metro area and boasts great facilities and a strong contingent of accredited coaches and managers. If you will turn 10 or 11 in 2010, you will be eligible to play in the under 11's competition. Preliminary grading for under 11's will commence in September 2009. If you are interested, please take a look at this link then download and complete the registration form:

http://www.mcsc.org.au/news_juniorboys.php

Melville Districts Teeball Club

Some places are still available for this Season. Season starts mid October—Enrol now to secure your place. Age Groups from 5—12 years, boys and girls. For registration form please email registrar@melvilleteeball.org.au or phone Rob Read on 0401 386 974 or Athens Fraser on 9310 2776.

Please Help

Department of Child Protection **URGENTLY** require donations of clothing for children 0-15 for collection. If you can help please phone Pauline Howrie on 9337 3749 or 042 406 2238.

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