



WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27 October	School Council Meeting: 7:30 Interschool Athletics Events
Wednesday 28 October	Yr 7 Drug Education Workshop
Thursday 29 October	Interschool Athletics Carnival
Friday 30 October	DiWali Festival of Light 6:30 to 8:00 Assembly Area
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 5 Band to Melville PS
Weds 4th November	Year 4 Parent Meeting re Band 7.00pm
Friday 6th November	Assembly Yr 6 Rm 8
IMPORTANT DATES	
Weds 11th November	Year 7 Graduation Photos
Tues 24th November	Thank You Morning Tea-parents
Weds 9th December	Market Night/Carols by Torchlight
Tues 15th December	Year 7 Graduation Night
Thurs 17th December	Last Day for students
Mon 1st February 2010	Students commence school

VIRTUES

Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to do your best, to keep your word and to follow through on your commitments. Others can rely on you. They can trust that if it is at all possible, you will do what you said you would do, even if it becomes really hard. When you are trustworthy, others can be sure of you and you can be sure of yourself.

ATTACHMENTS

Heart Foundation Brochure Yr 5-7
Australian Piano Method flyer

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL..

After six years as Principal of Winthrop PS I have applied to take my Deferred Salary Leave year in 2010. A District Selection Process will be run by our Director, Pam Moss, to appoint an Acting Principal to lead the school for the year. I will return to the position in 2011. I am looking forward to spending more time with my family, travelling and enjoying my hobbies before I return to Winthrop PS in 2011.

Nationwide Music Event

Last Thursday students from Pre Primary to Year 7 joined children from all around Australia in singing "The Music Is Everything" as part of, Australia: Count us In. This national project is designed to promote singing and music in our schools. Look out for the article in the Community Newspaper featuring our school.

Changes to Kindergarten Hours

You may have heard that schools in some areas will increase Kindergarten hours from 11 to 15 hours per week as part of changes to early childhood education in Australia. Schools in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West, Goldfields and Swan districts will be the first to increase program hours starting in 2010. Across Australia, all schools will increase Kindergarten hours by 2013.

At Winthrop PS Kindergarten hours will remain the same for 2010 the hours will be changing in the near future and parents will be advised well in advance of changes.

Increased hours means that your child will spend more time in the classroom developing their literacy and numeracy skills and furthering their social and emotional development. To subscribe to the Early Childhood Update, visit det.wa.edu.au/education/ece. A fact sheet on the increase to Kindergarten hours is available at det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

A group of students from Years 1 to 7 will represent our school in the Interschool Athletics Carnival which will be held at Attadale PS on Tuesday and Thursday this week. The main part of the Carnival will be held on Thursday and parents are encouraged to attend to support our school.

Set Your Child on the Right Path

The Department of Education and Training is committed to the promotion of physical activity. A simple way of supporting your child to increase their physical activity is by having them walk or ride to school each day. The additional benefits include: reduced use of cars, less pollution and no problems with traffic and parking. Read this brochure and think about ways you can set your child on the right path by walking and cycling to school.

Denise Hilsz
Principal

"Judgements prevent us from seeing the good that lies beyond appearances."
Wayne Dyer

Walk/Ride to School

We are encouraging parent and students to ride or walk to school **EACH WEDNESDAY**, at least, if possible.

Join in and help us achieve the goal of having everyone at Winthrop Primary School riding or walking to school at least once a week.



Congratulations to

Laura for being short listed for the National Trust of Australia 2009 Golden Jubilee Photography and Story Writing competition.

Laura wrote a story about and took photos of an area of her community that she would like preserved for the future—Piney Lakes.

She will attend an awards ceremony on Thursday 29th October.
Good luck Laura.

To Andrew whose basketball team won the Under 12 division of the WA Asset Willetton basketball carnival recently. They were undefeated over six games and won a very close final by two points with a basket in the last 5 seconds.

Well done Andrew.

Library News

Parent Collection

Two new books have been added to our Parent Collection which is housed in the Teacher Reference area of our Library.

1. Autism Encyclopaedia - A Complete Guide to Autism Spectrum Disorders

2. Your Child's First Year at School - A Book for Parents

For parent who are 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 with a maximum loan of two titles at any one time. Borrowing times are before school - 8.30 8.55 a.m.

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki @ All Saints College

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki will be visiting All Saints' College on Monday 23rd November at 7 p.m. His latest book is "Never Mind the BULLocks Here's the Science" and in this he continues his mission to answer vital questions including:

- Can lemon juice dissolve fat?
- Do astronauts float in zero gravity?
- Did NASA invent Velcro?
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Bookings are essential - it is suggested you do so early, as evenings with Dr Karl are always a sell-out. Tickets are \$10.00 per person - tea and coffee will be served. To book contact Kris Williams at All Saints on 9313 9357 or Dymocks on 9364 7687.

Visit Dr Karl's website at www.drkarl.com

P & C News



Expressions of Interest Community School

Winthrop P & C are exploring the idea of setting up a Community Garden on the school premises. This project needs a group of dedicated parents who are able to be responsible for the garden throughout the year. This would be a very beneficial exercise for Winthrop students and the community.

Please e-mail Robert Hopkyns at rjhokyns@hotmail.com if you are interested and available to support this project.

Market Stalls

A reminder to parents who would like a stall at the P & C Market Night but have not handed in their slip. The market will run before the commencement of the Christmas Carols on the 9th December 2009 from 4:30-6:30-pm. The Carols by Torchlight event will run from 7:00 to 8:00.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR SCHOOL



Last Friday's assembly by the Year 1 students from Rooms 1 & 2 was very funny, creative and talented. The rhyming songs were very entertaining. Well done, everyone!

Photos and blurb by Sophia, Caitlyn & Carissa - Yr 6"



Canteen News



Roster for the next fortnight as follows :

Wednesday 28th	Bev Meadowcroft	9.00-11.00
Thursday 29th	Grazyna McGovan	9.00-1.00
Tuesday 3rd Nov	Regina Sunarko	9.00-1.00
Friday 6th Nov	Marianne Underwood	9.00-11.00
Monday 9th Nov	Caroline Moro	9.00-11.00
Tuesday 10th Nov	Bev Meadowcroft	9.00-11.00

Thank You.....Wendy

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If you are not happy with the outcome of your nails they will be FREE!

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Lost

Approximately 2 weeks ago in the Winthrop area a hand reared weero. He is grey with a little yellow on his tail, very friendly and whistles a lot. Please contact Janine on 0419 954 455 if you have found him.

Halloween Celebrations: Keep Your Children Safe

Are your children planning to go "trick or treating" on Halloween Night on Saturday 31 October?

Parents are advised to make sure their children are accompanied by a responsible adult if they are going to visit neighbouring houses.

Have fun and stay safe!

Community News

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

Community Information Session

If you are keen to know more about the Fiona Stanley Hospital project at Murdoch, drop into the Bibra Lake Community Centre, Parkway Road, Bibra Lake anytime between 4.00-7.00-pm on Tuesday 24th November to hear more about the progress of the development. A range of information will be on display and project team members will be on hand to answer questions about upcoming construction and site works, road networks and traffic planning, the hospital's design, landscaping and environmental planning and more. For further information please phone 1800 659 475, or Nicola on 9228 1999. The e-mail address is fsh@health.wa.gov.au



Congratulations to **Jacob** who is touring Japan with other Australian athletes to learn and compete in karate against students from the Philippines and Japan. Along with the sporting component Jacob is experiencing some fantastic cultural opportunities including playing the "Taiko", (Japanese drum), and is putting into practice his Japanese lessons learnt at school.