From the Admin Team

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Winterfold Primary School for 2019. We hope that all families had time to enjoy a bit of a break with each other, whether it has been at home or a holiday away from home. We can let you know that the Winterfold Staff have returned refreshed and reenergised, ready to give each and every student the best educational opportunity throughout the entirety of 2019.

Winterfold continues to enjoy being the school of choice in the district and as a result a new purpose built classroom demountable was added to the school site next to Room 12. Ms Fern Vallesi and her Year 1 students are the lucky recipients to enjoy all the niceties that come with a brand new classroom.

Just a couple of things we like to reinforce at the start of each year:

- Drop-off and pickup parking is at a premium around our school. We do not recommend using Wardle Place as there are safety risks for our students. Older students should be dropped off a block or two from school allowing parents with younger students closer access. Please abide by our parking signs displayed in these areas.

- It is expected that students DO NOT arrive before 8am. Students arriving between 8:00 – 8:15am are required to immediately walk to the admin bench so they are in an area that can be supervised. At 8:15am students may then proceed to their classrooms.

- At the end of the school day it is expected that students leave the school grounds safely and quickly as possible. If parents/carers wish to stay on the school grounds for a chat or have their child play it is expected that this take place on the play equipment on the Southern end of the top oval or the Natureplay area. Please refer to the Before and After School Guidelines in this Newsletter.

If everyone can respect these dot points then that would be greatly appreciated by all Winterfold Staff.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 they will be attending swimming lessons at Coogee Beach starting from next week and concluding a fortnight later. You should have returned your child’s permission slip and money to the front office; however if you have not please do so by close of business Thursday, 14 February (tomorrow).

Please note that Winterfold will be holding its parent information sessions next week. These sessions give your child’s teacher an opportunity to cover their own teaching philosophy, curriculum sessions and behavioural expectations. It is also a good opportunity for you to briefly introduce yourself. Please refer to the information session’s times and days following this article.

Each child gets only one opportunity to make their schooling the most successful and rewarding. As a parent you have a great deal of influence about how rewarding and successful it can be. In this very busy world it is easy to forget to set aside a time each day to sit with your child and ask about their day. Take the time to delve into their day, become an active partner in their education. Research shows that children achieve a great deal more success in education when their parents show an active interest in their schooling.

Cheers,

The Admin Team.

Term 1 Week 2, 13 February 2019

Classroom Parent Information Sessions

- Monday, 18 February, 5pm - Rooms 6, 7, 8 Red Block
- Tuesday, 19 February, 5pm - Rooms 9, 10, 11 Blue Block
- Wednesday, 20 February, 5pm - Rooms 1, 2, 3, Yellow Block
- Thursday, 21 February, 3pm - Rooms 4, 5,12 and 13 Pink Block and Transportables

We understand that families may have classes they would like to attend at conflicting times and recommend spending some time in each class.

Attendance for last 7 days: 94.25%
Lates: 82 (12 per day)

WHAT’S HAPPENING……..

Monday, 18 February - Friday, 1 March
- Swimming Lessons commence at Coogee Beach for Students in Years 5 & 6

Monday, 4 March
- Public Holiday - Labour Day

Friday, 1 March
- Room 8 Assembly in the PAC
WPS Staff Professional Development Days, Public Holidays & Term Dates for 2019

As you are aware there are a certain number of days set aside each year where your children are not required to attend school due to our staff attending Professional Development (PD) Days.

The PD Days for 2019 are:
- Term 1, Week 1 - Thursday, 31 January and Friday, 1 February prior to students commencing on Monday, 4 February
- Term 2, Week 5 - Friday, 31 May
- Term 3, Week 5 - Monday, 19 August
- Term 4, Week 5 - Monday, 11 November and Week 10 - Friday, 20 December

Note: Students cease schooling on Thursday, 19 December 2019

Public Holidays for 2019 are:
- New Year's Day - Tuesday, 1 January
- Australia Day - Monday, 28 January
- Labour Day - Monday, 4 March
- Good Friday - Friday, 18 April
- Easter Monday - Monday, 22 April
- Easter Tuesday - Tuesday, 23 April
- (Repealed Public Service Holiday - TBA)
- Anzac Day - Thursday, 25 April
- Good Friday - Friday, 18 April
- Easter Monday - Monday, 22 April
- Easter Tuesday - Tuesday, 23 April
- (Repealed Public Service Holiday - TBA)
- Anzac Day - Thursday, 25 April
- Western Australia Day - Monday, 3 June
- Queen's Birthday - Monday, 30 September
- Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25 December
- Boxing Day - Thursday, 26 December

Please do not send your children to school on these days.

2019 Term and Holiday Dates are:
- Term 1 - Monday, 4 February - Friday, 12 April
- Holiday Break - Saturday, 13 April - Sunday, 28 April
- Term 2 - Monday, 29 April - Friday, 5 July
- Holiday Break - Saturday, 6 July – Sunday, 21 July
- Term 3 - Monday, 22 July - Friday, 27 September
- Holiday Break - Saturday, 28 September - Sunday, 13 October
- Term 4 - Monday, 14 October - Thursday, 19 December
- Holiday Break - Friday, 20 December – Sunday, 2 February 2020

Uniform Shop SALE!

Jackets - size 16 only, $20.00
Polos - size 16 only, $12.00
Faction Tops - size 4 only (all factions), $10.00
Grey Drill Skirts, $10.00
Rain Coat/Poncho, $5.00

Second hand items (asstd) available at only $2.00 a piece.

All items must be paid for in full before releasing from the uniform shop. Unfortunately we cannot hold but we are available at the uniform shop every Tuesday morning from 8:20am until 9am for your convenience. If unable to attend during this time, please speak with Lisa or Amanda to make other arrangements during Uniform Shop hours.

We are more than happy to exchange items with tags on and unworn. Once items have been worn we are unable to exchange. Please ensure you have the correct item and size before wearing.

Thank you
Uniform shop Volunteers Lisa and Amanda ☝️

P&C News

The P&C AGM was held on the evening of Monday, 11 February, in the library. It was wonderful to welcome a new group of faces to the P&C and to welcome back members from previous years. As part of the AGM the P&C has elected a new President, Cherie O’Byrne. Congratulations Cherie, we know you’ll be great!

We do have an urgent call out for nominations for the position of Secretary for the P&C this year as the position is currently vacant. The position is only an annual one and is a very flexible one which does not require a large commitment (on average less than 1 hour per week during term).

Key Secretary position functions:
- Collating the agenda for meetings
- Taking minutes at the meetings and circulating them post meetings
- Checking the P&C email account (and responding/forwarding messages)
- Written correspondence to and from the P&C

If you think you can lend a hand, please contact winterfoldpandc@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday, 12 March, at 6.30pm in the Library.

ROOM COORDINATORS 2019

A big thank you to all our room coordinators from 2018. The P&C along with the support of the school are looking for a parent Room Coordinator for each room for 2019. The Winterfold Primary School and the P&C organise the Room Coordinator program and there is a parent convenor to coordinate. They will help you with your activities.

Room Coordinators take the lead in communication with parents and carers, occasionally help find volunteers for school events and sometimes arrange social events outside school hours for parents and / or students. Mainly it is just passing on information. Volunteering to be a Room Coordinator is a great way to get to know other parents in the school and make new friends. It’s a relatively easy task and more than one parent can share the role for each room. It is not seen as an onerous commitment but just about information sharing and enhancing communication. This year we’re trying to make it even easier with the school helping us collect contact details on a form sent home today and attached to this newsletter, please complete and return to the P&C Box located in the front office.

We are looking forward to hearing from you. Please call or text Sarah King (0419 888 244) or email via winterfoldpandc@gmail.com to let us know if you are keen and we will then send you more information to help you get started.

P&C Canteen News

Winterfold Canteen has hit the ground running! Term 1 we continue with our summer menu and spare copies are in the office and at the canteen counter. Is your child in Kindy this year? They can order lunch as well and we’ll hand deliver it. The canteen produces approximately 100 lunches each day and we really need volunteers to help get it done. If you have any time available please contact Kym or Kylie on winterfoldcanteen@gmail.com or come in and see us. No experience is needed and it’s a great way to meet other parents and enjoy a coffee.

We hope to see you soon!
8 Week Movement, Mindfulness & Meditation Programme

Imagine this!

- Better sleep patterns.
- Calmer mornings at school drop off.
- Improved concentration and attention span.
- Increased ability to retain and recall information.
- Confidence when approaching new experiences.
- Less emotional meltdowns and shorter in duration.
- Ability to turn a negative mindset into a positive mindset.
- Improved self-esteem.
- Having lots of fun while learning!

We have lots of fun while learning, addressing well-being through Movement, Mindfulness and Meditation. This is such a precious gift to gift our children and a skill set they can take into their adulthood.

We still have spots available. Max of 10 students per class. Here is a link where you can express your interest for your child/ren to participate:

https://form.jotform.co/Mindbodysoulbalancing/expression-term-1-2019

For more information please feel free to contact Clare Milner at Calming Minds:
0401 508 556 or clare@calmingminds.com.au

Scholastic Book Clubs LOOP

Dear Parents and Carers,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year the school will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. You'll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. The books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests. There are many inexpensive titles to choose from (some books cost as little as $2) to build your Home Library.

Just look over the flyer with your child, select the books you want, and go to:
http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/ or download the Scholastic Book Club App found in the iTunes Store or Google Play. For ease of use and to ensure families are placing correct orders and making secure Credit Card payments, we are offering Linked Online Ordering and Payment Payments (LOOP) only, please do not send in any money to the school for Book Club Orders.

The books will arrive around two weeks after the Book Club LOOP closing date. Upon closing orders, they are submitted to Scholastic and will be delivered to the school and given to the Class teacher for distribution. Owning your own books is something special! Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school, however there is never any obligation to place orders. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Information and catalogues have been distributed via classrooms today and the due date for the first catalogue is Friday, 22 February 2019.

I hope you enjoy Book Club in 2019!

Laura Bell-Ocejo (Library)
Winterfold Primary School is committed to ensuring that our students are safe before, during and after school. These guidelines are intended to assist parents to support the school and its vision for our students.

**Guidelines for Before and After School**

**Before School Procedures**

**Overview**
Our school starts quite early and this is to negate the effect of Christ the King traffic. We are aware that this early start can be challenging for some parents, but ask you to have your children at school on time, as late students miss out on essential learning opportunities and disrupt the learning of other students.

**Guidelines**
- The best time to arrive at school is between 8.15am and 8.20am, whereupon students may go straight to class where their teachers will supervise them to set up for their learning for the day (unpack bags, chairs out etc).
- Students who arrive at school before 8.15am need to go straight to the Admin Block bench where they will be supervised until released to their class at 8.15am.
- Students arriving after 8.25am must go through the front office, collect a Late Note and present it to their teacher. We must sight the student. Games and activities are not permitted before school as we cannot provided duty teachers as they are busy setting up for the day’s learning.

**After School Procedures**

**Overview**
It has long been the practice at WPS to not allow students to play on playgrounds after school because of duty of care issues. However, this has impacted on some of our parents who have asked if this can be relaxed. It should be noted that the issue of Duty of Care whilst playing after school does not relate to parents who are supervising their own children. The issue has always been about the unsupervised students who are attracted to the playground.

**Guidelines**
- Students who are under the DIRECT supervision of a parent or carer may play ONLY on the top oval until 3.30pm. This includes the southern playground and also includes the Nature Play Playground. The use of other playgrounds has Duty of Care implications for WPS staff so these are not to be used..
- Students being collected by another parent or carer, and who will leave the school site with that person, are considered to be under the supervision of that person
- Students who do not meet the above 2 points may not play on any school equipment and are to leave the school promptly at 2.40pm as per normal.
- Parents at the oval playgrounds after school need to establish amongst themselves that all students at the playground are being directly supervised by an adult who holds the Duty of Care for that student/s as per the two first dot points.
- Students not being directly supervised by a person holding the Duty of Care for them need to be asked to leave the school grounds by supervising parents at the playgrounds, and if there are issues with this not happening, the school office needs to be notified by a parent at the playground.
- If parents become aware that there are any safety or maintenance issues related to the oval playgrounds, they should notify the school office. Supervising parents should ensure that children use the playground in appropriate ways (ie keeping sand within the playground area, not running up the banks etc).