

# Winthrop Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter No: 19

Tuesday 28th November 2017

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPALS

### Coming Events

Wed 29th December	Yr 5 Band Bannister Creek PS
Friday 1st December	Assembly C2 & C3
Friday 1st December	Cicerellos A2 & B3
Tue 5th December	Yr 6 Fete
Tue 5th December	String Concert 1.45pm
Tue 5th December	Cyber Safe Paul Litherland 6.30pm
Wed 6th December	Carols Night
Wed 6th December	Winning Faction Reward (Wattle)
Thurs 7th December	Yr 6 HBF Stadium
Friday 8th December	PP Concert 9.10am
Friday 8th December	Coogee Beach C4
Mon 11th December	Regional Recovery E6
Tue 12th December	Yr 6 Graduation Night 6.45pm

### Important Dates

P&C Meeting  
12th February 2018  
7.30pm Staffroom

Tel: 9310 6100 Fax: 9310 6249  
Jackson Avenue, Winthrop WA 6150  
[www.winthropps.wa.edu.au](http://www.winthropps.wa.edu.au)

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### “Thank You” Morning Tea



Next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15am in the Library, we will hold our thank you Morning Tea to acknowledge all of the parents and community members who have volunteered their time and energy to support the school. Whilst staff members have been asked to invite parent helpers and members of the P&C and School Board have been invited, there is a possibility that we may have missed inviting someone. Please note that this morning tea is not an exclusive event and if you know someone (including yourself) who has contributed to the school in some way then please do encourage them to come along. It is not “invitation only” and we know that people contribute to our school in many ways. We would love to see you there to share in a celebration of the people who support our school.

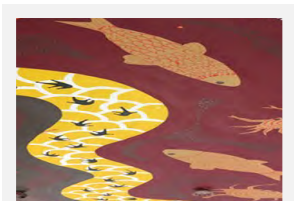
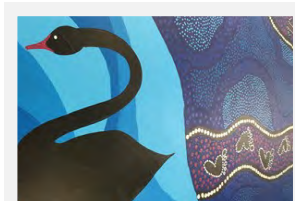
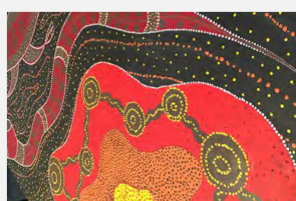
Inside this newsletter is a comprehensive and colourful overview of the fun that was our Hawaiian Quiz night, held on November 18<sup>th</sup> in the school undercover area. The P&C transformation of this area was incredible and it did not take much imagination to transport us to a tropical island! Particular thanks to Natalie Reynolds, Stacey Foster, Robin Shortland-Jones and Kylie Chatfield, for all their efforts on the night and for their artistic vision, set up, and pack up, thank you.

A lot of fun was had and a lot of funds were raised. The final total being just over \$12,000!

A magnificent effort.

To the whole P&C, on behalf of the Winthrop PS staff and students, we give our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing effort and commitment to supporting and funding projects which enhance our learning program. Our community is so fortunate to have such a willing and talented group working for it.

If you were able to attend last week’s assembly, hosted by D1, you would have already seen our magnificent art pieces which were created by our students under the direction of artist in residence, Jade Dolman. If you were unable to be at the assembly, there are some sneak peeks below of the works in progress. You will be able to view the originals around our school next year, when they are mounted for the whole community to enjoy. The inspiration for the artwork was the Nyoongar seasonal calendar which includes six different seasons in a yearly cycle. These are Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang.



Visit our school website at <http://www.winthropps.wa.edu.au/all-articles/9-latest-news/158-jade-dolman> to find out more about Jade Dolman and the six Nyoongar seasons.

*Karina Meldrum & Mark Wirtz*  
Co-Principals  
Winthrop Primary School  
An Independent Public School

Proudly supporting Winthrop Primary School

**Eric Hartanto**  
Principal & Property Consultant

**M 0421 272 152**  
[eric.hartanto@harcourts.com.au](mailto:eric.hartanto@harcourts.com.au)  
[applecross.harcourts.com.au](http://applecross.harcourts.com.au)

**Harcourts**  
Applecross

# News From Around The School

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Winthrop Primary School has two instrumental programs: a string program offered by the Department of Education and a band program run by the P&C. If your child is in Year 5 in 2018 and you are interested in them joining the band program you will need to collect an information pack from the Music Room and complete the enrolment form within. Forms are due now.

The selective string program offers Violin (Year 3), Cello (Year 4), Guitar (Year 5) and Double Bass (Year 5). Further information about instrumental music opportunities and selection criteria for strings can be found on our website at <https://wpsmusic.weebly.com/moremusic.html>

If you would like your child to be considered for selection in the string program, please contact Mrs Campbell at [Elizabeth.Campbell@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Campbell@education.wa.edu.au)

Note that children can only participate in one program unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### CAROLS

Winthrop PS will be holding a Carols evening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. There will be pre-performance entertainment from our music groups from 6.30pm and the performance starts at 7.00pm, running for approximately an hour. We encourage families to bring along a picnic and enjoy this community event. Each year level will be singing on the night and there will also be some community carols. We will be sending home information about what we would like your child to wear on the night - this will be fairly simple in nature.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION NIGHT

The Year 6 Graduation evening will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2017. Could all present be seated by 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start. A program of the evening will be sent home via the students close to the date.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

Students from C4 are organising a collection for Christmas hampers for the disadvantaged. If you would like to help could you please bring donations to C4 by 8th December.

Thank you  
Mrs Davies Ms Chua and students from C4

### BALANCE OF 2017 STUDENT UPFRONT CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTS

At the end of this year any credit balances in student's 2017 upfront contribution accounts will be automatically rolled over and will be credited to student's 2018 upfront contribution accounts.

However, if you would like a refund of the balance of your child's 2017 upfront contributions please contact the school office by 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and a refund will be forwarded to you.

### TERM FOUR ASSEMBLY DATES

December 1st - C2 & C3

December 14th - Graduation Assembly

### 2018 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 Wednesday 31st January - Friday 13th April

Term 2 Monday 30th April - Friday 29th June

Term 3 Monday 16th July - Friday 21st September

Term 4 Monday 8th October - Thurs 13th December

### CHILDREN LEAVING SCHOOL AT THE END OF 2017

To enable us to accurately determine our classes for 2017 it would be appreciated if the school could be notified of children leaving our school. Please complete the form below and return to the school office. This does not include our Year Six children.

My child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Will **NOT** be attending Winthrop Primary School in 2017

Destination \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** Unsure of Destination

## News From Around The School

### P&C SCHOOL FAMILIARISATION TOUR OF WINTHROP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 9am sharp. Please meet outside the Front Office for the start of tour.

### CYBER SAFE WORKSHOP For Parents and Carers

**DATE:** Tuesday 5th December  
**TIME:** 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
**VENUE:** Winthrop Primary School - Library

See attached for more information and to register.  
[click here](#)

### PRE-PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

Parents - please be advised that children are *not* allowed to play in the Pre-Primary play ground after school, even if supervised by a parent. This is due to duty of care and risk management concerns. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our children safe and our play areas in good condition.

### UNIFORM SHOP TIMES

The uniform shop will be open the day before school starts back in **2018** on Tuesday 30th January 11am - 12pm for Kindy/new families and 2pm - 3pm for all families. Beat the rush towards the end of the year and get next years uniform now... only 5 more opportunities to stock up before the end of term. For uniform information please contact Elise Bridges via email [elisebridges@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elisebridges@yahoo.co.uk).

Uniform shop is open every Tuesday at 8:30am in the undercover area.

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS



<b>Requested:</b>	<b>\$40,140.00</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$29,792.50</b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$10,347.50</b>
<b>Percentage rec'd:</b>	<b>74%</b>

The funds collected are used to purchase additional teacher assistant time, playground equipment, reading books, maths, science and history resources, sport and technology equipment. These resources benefit all students and allow our school to provide the very best learning opportunities for all students.

Many thanks to parents who have paid these contributions which are accepted at any time of the year at our office.

### ROOTS and SHOOTS – Soup Day

Thank you to everyone who made our Soup Day such a success: those who made soup, brought bread and butter and helped serve on the day. A special thanks to Emma Percival's mother who coordinated the day and Charlie Song's family who provided over 300 cups and lids for the soup.

We raised \$617 for the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT)  
With this money, we fostered 3 orphaned elephant calves.

### ROOTS and SHOOTS – 2017

We have an ongoing mobile phone collection here at Winthrop Primary School. Can you please deposit your old mobile phones (and those of your neighbours' and friends') in the box in the front office at Winthrop Primary School.

We recycle phones so the Coltan contained within them can be recycled. Coltan is a mineral used in electronics and its mining results in the clearing of habitat in coltan-rich areas such as the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where chimpanzees and the critically endangered gorillas live. It also drives the bush meat trade, further exacerbating the decline of great ape populations.

### CAR PARK SECURITY

Although rare in Winthrop, incidences of cars being broken into have happened occasionally and in most cases they are opportunistic crimes with visible items of value being targeted. So even if you only intend to leave your car for a short time, please remember to take valuables with you.

### BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION

This year we are collecting plastic bottle caps of any size and colours for our 2017 Japanese Be the Change project. We will be creating a Japanese themed wall mural to be mounted on the lattice of the courtyard outside the staffroom. We look forward to your contribution and help in collecting as many plastic bottle caps as possible for this project. Boxes will be placed at the Front office and each Teaching Block marked 'Plastic Bottle Caps'.

Thank you! Ong sensei



# News From Around The School

## CANTEEN NEWS

Many thanks to all our volunteers over this past year for their help in the canteen. It has been great to have some new volunteers in the canteen this year and we are looking for some more new faces to assist in the canteen next year! If your child is in PP - Yr 2 and you have some spare time on either a Wednesday or Friday it would be fabulous if you could help out.

As we are almost at the end of the year, we are running down our icecream and icepole stocks, so we apologise in advance if not all icecreams etc are available.

Once again, thank you to our canteen volunteers for their help this year.

Rochelle Evans on behalf of the canteen committee.



**IT'S FREE DRESS DAY**  
**Wednesday 13th December**  
**2017**

Gold coin donation

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property pile is once again turning into a mountain, so please check through it for any misplaced jackets or hats. Any items left at the end of the school year will be handed to the Uniform Shop to sell second hand.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day at the canteen from 8:30am to 8:50am and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Winthrop Primary School.

If a student at our school would like to get involved in the School Banking program and doesn't have a Youth saver account, there are two simple ways for their parents to open one.

### Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

### In branch

Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child's birth certificate



## P&C CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

As a part of the festivities at the Winthrop Primary School Carols by Candlelight on Wednesday 6 December, the P&C will be running a craft activity for the children and their parents.

**WHEN?** The activity will take place for approximately one hour before the Carols begin. Specific times will be published in the next newsletter.

**WHO?** The activity is open to all Winthrop students. K-3 students must be accompanied by a parent.

**WHERE?** On the oval beside the steps.

**WHAT TO BRING?** Nothing, all materials supplied.

**COST** \$1-\$2 per activity

### HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The P&C would like parents to volunteer their assistance with this activity to make it successful and to meet other P&C members. Additionally, parents are needed to help decorate the oval before the event. If you would like to be involved please contact.

### Art/craft

Andrea Edmondson [andrea.edmondson@hotmail.com](mailto:andrea.edmondson@hotmail.com)

and or

### Decoration

Kylie Chatfield [bnk.home@gmail.com](mailto:bnk.home@gmail.com)

## PLEASE NOTE

ALL Student should have received their BOOK LIST for 2018. If not can you please see the front office as soon as possible.

## POSITION VACANT

Would you like to join the friendly School Banking Team?

Are you available on Thursday from 8:20am to 9:20am?

Please let one of the school banking ladies know if you are keen to join in on the fun of school banking with Winthrop Primary School.

All positions are voluntary.



Help raise money for our school by shopping at Winthrop Gardens Supa IGA

School	Number of Participants	Total School Benefits
Winthrop PS	260	\$26,305.46



## News From Around The School

### P&C fundraising Quiz night-

The quiz night was such a resounding success that the organisers were absolutely blown away! The final wrap up and figure made from our wonderful evening will be in the last newsletter of the year. Many thanks to our volunteer bar staff + Natalie for running the bar. What fantastic quiz masters we had - Robin & Kylie for dealing the hard questions, not to mention the amazing decorations.

But the P&C members would like to make a very special mention of THANKS to our fundraising quiz night guru - Stacey. In amongst moving house, countless sleepless nights - she managed to coordinate ideas from many and pulled together a magnificent night. Thanks so much Stacey!! A job well done, now enjoy your new home.

A wonderful atmosphere of Hawaiian Colour in the below photo. It was a great night of the community coming together for our school.



## News From Around The School



In 2018, our classrooms will be Communicating through “Connect”.

Please check your email accounts if you don't already have a login!

**Every parent who has a registered email address with the school has been sent a username or an invitation to join Connect. If you haven't received an email in the past week please let us know via email at:**  
[jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au)

**Please keep your logins safe ready to use in 2018.**

Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department for staff, students and parents in public schools. Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/102803473>.

It is a uniform communication platform that allows teachers to communicate with parents and students to share information, send group messages and access resources. It will be the main way that teachers communicate with parents in 2018.

The students in year 4 – 6 will be shown how to access Connect to submit work in class, manage their responsibilities through a global class calendar and allow easier email access to/from the students, teachers and parents.

### **How will parents access Connect?**

If you have multiple children you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools.

All you need to “Connect” is internet access through a computer, tablet or smartphone device. There is no additional software required and your access is free.

We hope that you enjoy the Connect experience and see it as an exciting new way to stay in touch with your child's school journey.

If you have any questions or would like any more information please contact Jenny Cotham at:  
[jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au)

**STAY**

# CYBER SAFE

Presented by **Paul Litherland** from **Surf Online Safe**

Winthrop Primary School invites all parents and guardians to attend a P&C supported information session to find out about the many issues being faced by young people using the internet and social media.

#### **Cyber bullying**

How to act, react and cope

#### **Digital citizenship**

Where to safely engage online

#### **Online footprint**

Detection tools and minimising risk

#### **Social networking**

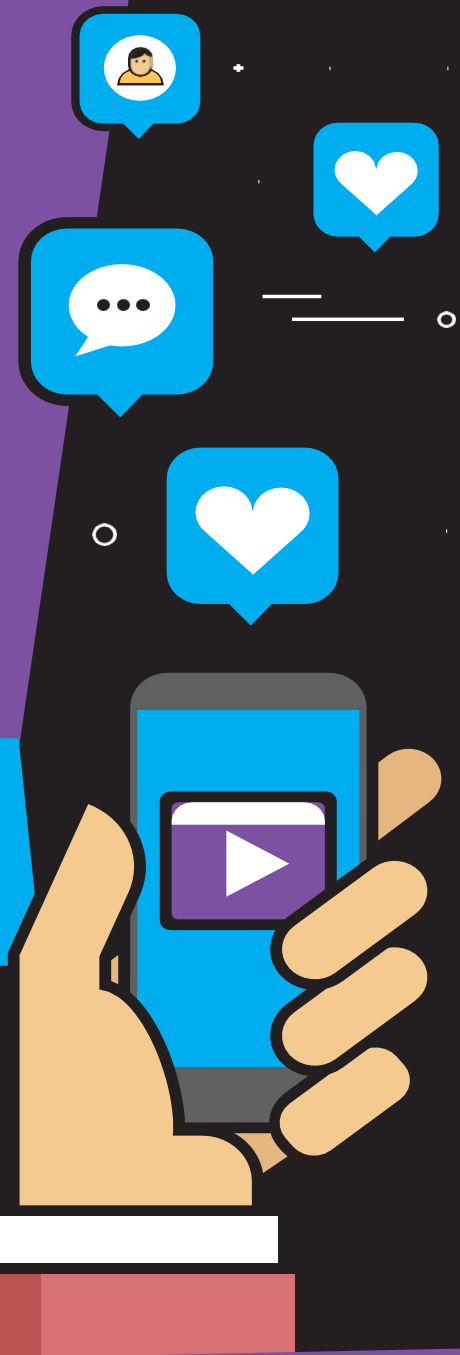
#### **and networking in general**

Looking at different platforms and their reach

#### **Sexting and exploitation**

Looking into this generations' vulnerabilities

#### **Laws surrounding cyber safety**



#### **What parents had to say about the presentation last year:**

'Wonderful presentation – all parents need to see it!'

'Please, please, please make this an annual event!'

'THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH! Highly, highly valuable.'

'Should be run every year as well to parents of younger students!'

'A crucial presentation!'

**Date: Tuesday, 5th December, 2017. 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**[Register here](#)**

**Queries: [jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au)**