Dear Parents and Carers

The school year is now in full swing, with lots of learning, interesting activities and events that are part of life at Winthrop. Next week, approximately ninety Year 6 students will be embarking on their camp to Busselton. An exciting time for them and a highlight of their primary school years!

Healthy Food Policy

To help us comply with the Department of Education’s Healthy Food and Drink Policy, please do not send any food to school for your child to share with others on their birthday or other special event. Teachers of Year 1-6 students are unanimous in their support of this request and are happy to discuss other ways to acknowledge or celebrate your child’s special day. For Kindy and Pre-Primary students, please ask your child’s teacher about appropriate food to share. Please click on the link above for more information on the Green, Amber and Red food categories.

DES Review

Every three years, Independent Public Schools are subject to an independent review by the Department of Education Services. Winthrop Primary will be undergoing our review on the 7th and 8th of March. The independent review is an objective, independent verification of each school’s self-review of its performance. It aims to provide assurance to the community, the Director General of the Department of Education and the Minister for Education that the school has met the commitments outlined in its Delivery and Performance Agreement and Business Plan.

Building Fund Wind-Up

You may have noticed the new covered area in E Block, providing shade and another covered play area for our senior students. This cost approximately $35 000 of which $23000 were school funds and $12000 being the total balance from the Winthrop PS Building Fund, which will now be closed. Thank you to all of the parents who contributed to the Building Fund over the past few years – I’m sure you’ll agree that your donations have been put to good use.

Mark Wirtz and Karina Meldrum
Co-Principals
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Group lists are currently being finalised for SIM (School of Instrumental Music) classes. Places are available for:
- Year 3 - violin
- Year 4 - cello
- Year 5/6 - double bass
If you are new to the school and would like your child to be considered for entry into these selective classes (entry criteria apply), please see Elizabeth Campbell in the music room, or email me at Elizabeth.Campbell@education.wa.edu.au. If you have previously expressed interest, I still have your details and your child is still under consideration.

Elizabeth Campbell
Music Specialist

DIY HELP NEEDED IN THE DRAMA ROOM

Hello fellow Thespians and supporters of THE ARTS! We are seeking some (or one) clever DIYer/s in our Winthrop Community. We need help to assemble two (heavy) tray storage units for our Drama Room. These have been sent to us in two flat packs and is BEYOND the simple DIY skills of Miss Stanton (she can’t be fabulous at everything...he he!) if you are able to help, could you please see Miss Stanton in the Drama Room or email her on: anna.stanton@education.wa.edu.au

Hope someone out there can help!
Warm regards, Anna Stanton
Anna Stanton

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th of March

Dear Parents,

Our school photo day is coming! Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student in years 1-6 will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. If you place your order online please return your envelope to the photographer on the day.

You have the remainder of the current year to order, 5 days after photography a late fee will apply. Please check the website.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order the moment you receive your personalised envelopes.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.

Refer to our website for your sibling closing date. Late requests cannot be granted.

Ong sensei

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

ASSEMBLY TERM ONE DATES

Feb 24th - B3 & B4
March 17th - Yea 6
March 24th No Assembly - Fraction Swimming Carnival
April 7th - Anzac Service - School Councillors.
School & Community News

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to all who have volunteered to help in the canteen for Term 1. The canteen is able to run smoothly with the help of so many volunteers. Pizzas will not be able for lunches in Term 1. Sushi and Rice paper rolls are still available on Wednesdays as is Subway for Friday’s. Just a reminder to make sure you update existing accounts with the correct class room details for 2017, otherwise the lunches will go to the wrong classrooms.

For new families to the school or parents of Pre Primary children, lunches can be ordered through the Our Online Canteen. www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/ website by setting up an account. Lunches are available Wednesday and Friday, with the canteen being open for ice cream sales as well. Ice creams range from 50c -$2.00. No amount greater than $5 can be changed. From Year 1 the children are able to come to the canteen. Lunches will be delivered to the Pre Primary classes.

Thanks again to our volunteers for Term 1
The Canteen Committee

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 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.

ELECTION DAY BBQ
Saturday 11th March - please email pncwinthropps@gmail.com if you can volunteer to sizzle some sausages on that day!

2017 TERM DATES

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Help raise money for our school by shopping at Winthrop Gardens Supa IGA
Winthrop Primary School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation, on 13th March 2017 at 7pm, and all parents, carers, teachers, local community members and friends are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents, carers and teachers of how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way. This event is not appropriate for children to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples’ privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they’re accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Jenny Cotham, Community Links Coordinator, Winthrop Primary School (jennifer.cotham@education.wa.edu.au).

Monday, March 13th - 7pm