



Westminster
Junior Primary School
An Independent Public School



WESTMINSTER P&C NEWS

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P & C News

The Olympics are finally over and we can all get some sleep. But just a reminder, do not put away your Olympic spirit as we prepare for our Olympic Theme Disco on Friday 16th September.

Over the weekend Tammie (P&C Secretary) and I had the privilege of attending the WACSSO (WA Council of State School Organisations Inc) Annual Conference. The theme this year was **Connect, Collaborate and Educate – Many hands make life work**, being a reflection at the many ways schools deal with the complex social issues and changing lifestyles in the community. We had the opportunity to listen to many inspiration speakers, attend workshops and be motivated by a panel of students from different schools and backgrounds. We quickly voted on Constitutional Amendments and Action items submitted by P&C Associations.



Westminster Primary School, Junior Primary School and Education Support Centre were well represented at the Conference through our Drumbeat performance, Choir performance and art display. Tammie and I were extremely proud of our students who represented our Schools and our Community. Under the direction of Mrs McNeill our Choir sang beautifully and with Mrs Earle close at hand, our “drumbeaters” entertained us with their performance. Well done to all our students you did us proud!

On Tuesday 16th August we held our P&C Meeting. It was well attended and very lively. Thank you to all members who participated in the discussion on various matters and concerns.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind us that the P&C Association is a forum for parents and citizens who have an interest in their children’s education and work together to represent the school.

What is the function of our P&C?

- Gives parents/carers and opportunity to learn about our school’s policies and programs;
- Brings parents/carers together to share information and views;
- Works closely with our schools to build positive attitudes to students and families;
- Raises funds and provides additional resources and amenities for the benefit of our children at the Westminster Schools.

The P&C has the best interest of our children at the forefront of our discussions and decision-making. We pride ourselves on being a dynamic committed and dedicated Committee seeking the best outcomes for our children. We always welcome new members.

The P&C has been an integral part of the Westminster Community. Over the last eight years we have ensured that we have maintained a respectful and harmonious relationship between the P&C and our three Schools. We have worked closely with the Westminster ESC, Primary School and Junior Primary School to ensure that we understand and promote the culture and know what the Schools stand for.

Some of the projects funded through your P&C Fundraising

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| Giant chess set | Outdoor table tennis set |
| Drumbeat Programme | Playground equipment for Edale Kindy |
| Annual Book Prizes | Playground equipment upgrade for Junior & Senior Schools |
| Air-conditioning of class rooms | Playground equipment for Education Support Centre |

Kiss and Drive	School football team socks (Subiaco Oval AFL game)
Faction Shade Areas	Healthy Lunch programme
Scitech	Wakakarri
Canteen Fridges etc.	New BBQ
Anzac Day/Art Show morning teas	Early Learning Centre concrete work

SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday 2nd September**
 - **Westminster Schools Combined Sports Carnival Sausage Sizzle**
 - **Father's Day Raffle**
 - **Volunteers needed!** If you are available to help, please leave your name at the Undercover Café with Norman Gibbons.
- **Monday 12th September**
 - **P&C Meeting**
- **Friday 16th September**
 - **Olympics Themed Disco**



**Kindy – Year 2 : Start 5.30pm and Finish 6.45pm Sharp
And**

Year 3 – Year 6 : Start 7.00pm and Finish 8.30pm Sharp

-  **Finals Day Week 10– To be advised**

An all-time favourite! Show your support for your favourite football team and enjoy a fun day. The P&C will once again be involved with this event by hosting a sausage sizzle. So watch this space for more information.



Other Matters

I am often surprised to see parents/carers who do not use the “Kiss & Drive” as it is intended. For instance, parking the car and leaving to find or drop your child is not the “done” thing. Traffic needs to flow as it can become an area of concern for the safety of our students. Please be courteous to each other and follow the rules to avoid any serious accidents.



Following the independent Public School (IPS) presentation to a panel with Ms Bev Jones, Mr Chris Flynn and myself, we now sit and wait until September to find out if Westminster Primary School has been successful in its application for IPS status.