Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

END OF TERM 1

We have now come to the end of term one and also the end of my tenure here. Next term there will be a new Principal at Westminster Junior Primary School. At the time of printing this newsletter I still do not know who will be taking over but you can be assured there is a stringent process for selecting new Principals so whoever is chosen will be the best possible candidate.

Miss Thompson will be going on long service leave for the next two terms. Her place as Deputy Principal will be covered by Ms Jo Turner in Term 2 and Mrs Bev Keene in Term 3. Miss Thompson’s classroom duties will be covered by Mrs Gilda Marsala and Ms Jacque Hollier. Mrs Astrid Phillips will also be going on leave in the first five weeks of next term. We would all like to wish Miss Thompson and Mrs Phillips a well-deserved holiday.

Disappointingly we are also losing one of our very capable and hard-working Education Assistants. Ms Kira O’Neill will be leaving us to work for The Autistic Association. Our loss is their gain and we wish Kira every success in her new career.

PARENT SURVEYS

Thank you to all those parents who have responded to the survey that we sent out with the children towards the end of last week. I apologise for making the reward an icy pole but I know if I said they were going to get an apple or something else nice and healthy, the children wouldn’t have been nearly so keen to get their parents to fill in the survey. I don’t think the provision of healthy rewards was one of the survey questions and just as well as we might have failed on that one.

PARKING

I wish to, for one last time, restate the need for courtesy and utmost care when picking up and leaving children in Ungara Road (along the front of the school). A couple of solutions to the overcrowding problem might be to park your car a little further away (Deering Street has a footpath all the way) and walk from there. Or alternatively if you are close enough walk or ride with your children and get healthy at the same time. Walking also provides a great opportunity to really talk to your children. There are bike racks in the Senior School that the Junior School can utilise.

2015 Uniform Shop Opening Time

The Uniform Shop will be open EVERY TUESDAY ONLY from 8:30am - 9:30am. Thank you to the volunteers who offer their time to run the shop.

2015 Contributions

Kindy - $50
Pre Primary-Year 3
1 child ($20)
2 children ($30)
3 or more children ($40)

Westminster Junior Primary Calendar Dates

- **Balga Friday Market** – Each Friday 8am-12noon. Located at Princess/Wallington Reserve Balga.
- **Thursday 2nd April** - Easter Bonnet Parade, 2pm Undercover Area.
- **Thursday 2nd April** - Last day of Term 1 2015.
- **Friday 3rd April** - Good Friday (School Closed).
- **Wednesday 8th & Thursday 16th April** - School Holiday Art and Craft for 4-8 years old. Hosted by the CPC Westminster.
- **Wednesday 15th April** - Relax and Recharge hosted by the CPC Westminster.
- **Monday 20th April** - Staff Development Day. SCHOOL CLOSED FOR ALL STUDENTS.
- **Tuesday 21st April** - Term 2 Commences.
- **Wednesday 22nd April** - ANZAC Day Assembly.
- **Wednesday 27th May** - School Photo Day.
THANK YOU

Thank you to the entire Westminster Junior Primary School community for the welcome that you gave me and the continued support that I have received since day one. Thank you to the very hardworking staff that never stop in their efforts to provide the best possible education for your children. Thanks to the parents and caregivers who have shown time and again that they welcome a committed and supportive school and who will not be afraid to ask questions that will allow their children to continue to grow and develop. Finally, thank you to the children who will always find ways to delight and even inspire.

I would like to finish with a quote from H Jackson Brown Junior - "Live so that when your children think of fairness and integrity, they think of you".

Your children are a testament to the upbringing they receive from you.

School recommences on Tuesday 21st April. The next day we will be having our ANZAC Day commemoration. If you have flowers in your garden can you please bring them to school for the class wreath. Have a happy and safe Easter break.

Thank you
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News

Seven Year Olds Speak Again Book –
Year 2 Room 4, 2014

Congratulations to Mrs Mathiasen and Year 2, Room 4 in 2014, for their published book ‘Seven Year Olds Speak Again’. The publication contains 24 wonderful stories and illustrations. Our contribution to building the National Library’s collection is greatly appreciated and being preserved as part of the library’s documentary heritage.

Self Portraits by Year 1 and 2 Students

Well done to the Year 1 and 2 students for completing wonderful self-portraits with the guidance of WJPS’s Art Teacher Mrs Swanepoel.

The Balga Friday Market operates on each Friday at Princess/Wallington Reserve Balga. Sellers admitted from 6.30am to 12 noon at $10 per bay, and buyers from 8am to 12 noon at no cost. Bric a Brac, plants, clothing, tools, books, toys etc are all for sale and morning tea/coffee, light snacks, cool drinks can be purchased. For further details please contact Renee Colvin on 0422 327 909 or Alan Stafford on 9342 4895.
Community Events

School Holiday Art and Craft
For families with children aged 4-8 years

Have fun painting and creating together.

WHERE: Child and Parent Centre – Westminster
24 Marloo Road, Westminster (opposite Matt Williams Reserve)

WHEN: 9:30am-11:00am, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 15th April

Places in each session are limited. Registrations are essential.

To register for one of the sessions please call 9440 1097 or drop into the centre between 9:30am and 4pm.

Relax and Recharge
for carers of children with additional needs aged 0-8 years

Join us for a relaxing morning while your children have supervised play.

• Gentle Yoga (participation is optional)
• Shoulder massages
• Morning tea

When: Wednesday 15th April
Arrive 9:15am for 9:30am start.
Finish 11:30am

Where: Child and Parent Centre
Westminster
24 Marloo Road, Westminster

To attend, please register as a carer, and for the session, by calling the Commonwealth Respite and Carers Centre on 1800 052 222 and asking for Lauren or call the Child and Parent Centre Westminster on 9440 1097

Siblings also welcome. Please wear comfortable clothing for yoga session.

Places are limited so please book early.

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