Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

School Photos

Westminster Junior Primary’s school photos will be on Wednesday 4th May. We will be sending home envelopes soon.

Mathematics

Our school has a strong focus on literacy and numeracy and we consistently achieve good results in these areas when compared to similar schools. Recently teachers have been assessing students numeracy skills from Preprimary to Year 3. This testing will help teachers plan what students need to learn next.

Parents can help their children develop their numeracy skills by working with them in fun ways at home. Maths is a key skill which children need to acquire for use in their everyday lives. There are many aspects to maths, and these can be explored at an early age through everyday informal contexts.

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Mathematics

Model counting to your child, and emphasise pointing to each object slowly and saying the numeral aloud at the same time. By learning to count objects up to five and then perhaps matching the correct number card to the five objects, your child is beginning to link the number five to the five objects. Keep practising this skill until your child is competent with counting objects to five. As and when you feel your child is ready, you can introduce them to counting objects to ten and then progress further to twenty. Give your child time at each stage to grasp the concept and number skills involved.

Harmony Day

It was lovely to see so many children dress up for Harmony Day. Many of our students dressed in their country’s traditional costume or wore the colour orange. It is great to celebrate the wonderful diversity and cultural heritage that our families bring to Westminster Junior Primary.

Bins

Just a quick reminder for parents not to place used nappies in our bins. This is a health and safety issue for our cleaners.

Ms Jo Hine
Principal

Harmony Day

Westminster’s P&C needs your help! We are asking our children to donate an Easter egg at the Undercover Area. The more eggs that are donated the more baskets we can make.

The raffle will cost $1.00 per ticket and are available at the Canteen.

Westminster Junior Primary

Calendar Dates

Term 1, 2016

- Easter Egg Raffle
  Thursday 24th March
- Bonnet Parade
  Thursday 24th March
  Starts at 2pm
- Easter Holidays
  Friday 25th March and Tuesday 29th March
- Room 4’s Assembly
  Tuesday 5th April
- ANZAC Day Service & Morning Tea
  Wednesday 6th April
  Service starts at 9:15am
- END OF TERM 1
  Friday 8th April
- Start of Term 2
  Wednesday 27th April
- School Photos
  Wednesday 4th May
Toilet Training Workshop
A free session for parents of children 18 months - 4 years

Toileting can be a difficult time. Come along and join us for a question and answer session facilitated by the Child Health Nurse.

DATE: Tuesday 26th April
TIME: Arrive 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start.
The session finishes at 2:30pm.
VENUE: Child and Parent Centre - Westminster
24 Marloo Road, Westminster
CRECHE: Free

PLACES IN THE CRECHE ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK IN EARLY
Call 9440 1097 or drop in to the centre between 9.30am and 4.00pm to register.

Tasty Toddler
A free session for parents of children 1 - 3 years

During the session we will talk about how children's feelings and attitudes towards eating change as they develop and how parents play an important role in providing opportunities for healthy food choices.

DATE: Wednesday 27th April
TIME: 9:30am-11:30am
VENUE: Child and Parent Centre - Westminster
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KindiLink
A program for Aboriginal Families
Westminster Junior Primary

When: Tuesday & Thursday
9:30 – 12:30

Who: 3yr olds with Parents/Carers

Free Bus & Food Supplied
Little Brothers and Sisters Welcome

Starts 9th February 2016
Come together to play and learn.

To book or for more info call 9349 4290
Year 1 Marine Excursion
Harmony Day