



**Westminster**  
Junior Primary School  
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# WESTMINSTER JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### ISSUE 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015



Years 1, 2 and 3  
Artwork

## Principal's Message

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing holiday with their children during the last holidays. I know you would have been very unhappy when the holidays finished and you had to return your children to school. Due to unforeseen circumstances the incoming Principal who was supposed to start at the beginning of this term will not be starting here until week 4. The new Principals name is Mrs Jo Hine. She comes to us from Tuart Rise PS and has had quite a bit of experience as a Principal at various schools. Please take the time to introduce yourself and show her the WJPS hospitality.

### MEDICAL FORMS

It is extremely important that you keep the school updated on any medical issues concerning your children. If your child has a medical issue it is always a good idea to touch base with the class teacher at least a couple of times a year and also to ensure that all medical forms are kept up to date and all permission slips are signed. I am not being melodramatic in saying that sometimes lack of information that can easily be supplied to the school may sometimes result in a situation that may literally be a case of life or death.

Even if you suspect that your child may have allergies or you are uncertain about a condition let your child's teacher know.

### ATTENDANCE

While over 90% of the students attending WJPS have an excellent attendance record we do have a small group who seem to be constantly absent. This makes it very difficult for the class teacher to run an effective program in the classroom as they will be constantly re-teaching concepts for students who have been away. Even if your child is away just 5 times a term, throughout the course of their schooling they will have missed half a year of school. In today's competitive world you want to give your children every opportunity possible for success so please don't just decide for example, that a 2 week holiday in the middle of the school term (coincidentally when air fares are cheap) is going to be beneficial to your child because all studies that have been done indicate otherwise.

### Student Absences - New Option to Notify WJPS by SMS Message

SMS Student Name,  
Class, Room Number &  
Reason of Absence on:

**0437 808 544**

### 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.

### Westminster Junior Primary

#### Calendar Dates

- Room 4 Assembly- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- History Incursion "Then and Now" -  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.
- Disability Services Commission, Local  
Area Hot seat Hosted by CPC  
Westminster- 8.30-10am Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
May, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
July.
- NAPLAN Week- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- Combined School Assembly WJPS &  
WPS- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.
- School Board Meeting 3.15pm- Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Bringing Up Great Kids Hosted by the  
CPC Westminster - 9.30-11.30am 27<sup>th</sup>  
May- 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- School Photo Day- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
2015.
- Balga Friday Market - Each Friday 8am-  
12noon. Located at Princess/Wallington  
Reserve Balga.

## WINTER

Having said all that about maintaining a good attendance I think it is also very important that if you feel your child is too sick to come to school then please keep them home. With the winter months fast approaching it is important that illnesses such as flu aren't "shared" with the rest of the class/school. We also don't have the facilities (or the staff) to look after sick children. If your child doesn't have a school jacket or jumper remember that the P&C run the uniform shop in the under-covered area every Tuesday morning. They are there from 8.30-9.30am. Please remember that the people who run the uniform shop (Alisa, Britt and Norm) are volunteers and take time out of their own busy days to help the school. Can you also ensure that you put your child's name on their jumper/jacket.

## THANK YOU

For the final time thank you to the entire school community (staff, parents, students and relatives and friends) for the support that you have given me in the past year. As the new Principal coming in is a Dockers supporter I want to use this final opportunity to say "Cam the Mighty Eagles".

Thank you

**Chris Flynn**  
**Principal**

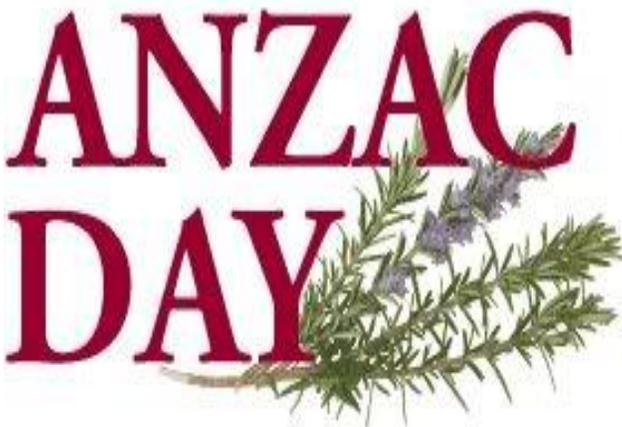
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## News

### ANZAC Day

We wish to thank Georgina Newton (Eloise's Mum Room 10) for the great job she did of arranging the bouquets. Thanks also to Mrs Hayman, Mrs Fairbairn and of course Mrs Thompson. The ANZAC flowers looked stunning and the children who placed them at the flagpole showed such grace and respect.



### Year 1, Room 10- ANZAC Biscuits



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**For Student Absences  
please contact the  
office on:**

**(08) 9349 4290**

**Please clearly state  
your child's name and  
room number.**

**Or**

**Alternatively SMS  
Student Name,  
Class/Room Number &  
Reason of Absence on:**

**0437 808 544**



## Community Events

### BALGA FRIDAY MARKET

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.

### Disability Services Commission Local Area Coordinator HOT SEAT! Hosted by the Child and Parent Centre Westminster

8.30am to 10.00am  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Drop in and ask any questions related to caring for children with additional needs.  
Stay for a cuppa afterwards.

### Bringing Up Great Kids Hosted by the Child and Parent Centre Westminster

9.30am to 11.30am

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!**

A five week parent program that runs from 27<sup>th</sup> May until 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

### Child and Parent Centre Westminster

24 Marloo Road  
Westminster

Phone: 9440 1097

Email: [cpcwestminster@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cpcwestminster@thesmithfamily.com.au)

# Community News Continued...

The Child and Parent Centre has been operating fully since December 2014, we have lots of activities for children and workshops and information sessions for parents. We are located at 24 Marloo Rd (opposite Matt Williams Reserve) on the site of the Junior Primary School.



Here is a story which one parent asked us to share.

## Child and Parent Centre Westminster: A mum's story

"I want to share my story with everyone about how the Child and Parent Centre has helped me feel part of this community. I came to Australia with my husband four years ago with a baby and I now have another two children. I started to go to the playgroup last year and here I have met my best friend.

The centre is a place for children to come and make friends, play and learn, but it is also so much more. Here I have found everything I have been looking for and it is a safe place. I was always thinking, where do I go and what can I do with the kids? Especially in the school holidays. I went to the centre and they told me "we are here for you, you can come here with the children instead of sitting at home", so I took my children lots of times and they played and I talked to other parents.

The ladies at the centre make me feel so welcome, you can ask any question or come with any problem and they will listen. Recently my son had to go into hospital and my husband and I were so worried, we did not know how to prepare him. They helped me to understand what would happen and gave us some ideas. It made us feel less scared and because we knew what to expect, my son also was not scared.

When you read this please know that you are welcome and you will find more than you expect. It feels like they are part of my family.



The Herb Graham Recreation Centre is currently holding Junior Basketball Programs for the ages 6 to 15. The Junior Program runs on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The program is designed to engage all junior basketball players at all skill levels and age groups. The program is run as a casual program so there is no formal commitment. The program runs as follows:

. 9:00am – 10:00am Skill Development Coaching

. 10:00am – 12:00pm Junior Competitions

(U/11, U/12, U/13 & U/15, U/16)

Term Fees are \$60 per player

Weekly fees are from \$8 - \$10 per player  
Coaching or Game \$8  
Coaching and Game \$10

For any further information or enquires contact Luke Coburn via email at

[Luke.Coburn@stirling.wa.gov.au](mailto:Luke.Coburn@stirling.wa.gov.au) or contact the Herb Graham Recreation Centre on 9205 7320

**CENTRECARE**  
Personal, Parenting and Relationships  
Free Workshops June / July 2015  
Free Crèche facilities available



### Effective Parenting - The Early Years For parents with young children aged 0-6 years

4 x 2 hour sessions designed to help parents develop understanding and skills around childhood development and behaviour. The workshops address ways to support children to move from one developmental stage to another.

**Date:** Wednesdays 10, 17, 24 June and 1 July 2015

**Time:** 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre Roseworth, 1 Stoke Court, Girrawheen, located on Roseworth Primary School site



### Who's The Boss?

An introductory workshop for parents and caregivers who want to communicate more effectively with their children.

**Date:** Wednesday 3 June 2015,  
co presented by Mirrabooka Disability Services Commission  
Local Area Coordinator 9440 4898

**Time:** 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

**Venue:** Child and Parent Centre Roseworth, 1 Stoke Court, Girrawheen, located on Roseworth Primary School site



### Circle of Security Parenting Workshop Expressions of Interest

Centrecare is also looking for expressions of interest from parents and caregivers who would like to attend the Circle of Security parenting workshop, an 8 week early intervention program to help you become more attuned and responsive to your children's emotional needs



All workshops provide parents and caregivers with a safe and supportive environment to reflect on their parenting.

For further information or to enroll for any of the above free workshops please contact Centrecare Mirrabooka on (08) 9440 0400

