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WESTMINSTER JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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NAPLAN 2015

Year 3
Rooms 2, 3 and 4

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I would like to thank all the staff, students and parents for the warm welcome I have received on starting at Westminster Junior Primary School. The school community is a very friendly and welcoming one and it has been great to see so many happy, smiling faces every morning. The children have been very confident and introducing themselves to me. I have been very impressed by the beautiful manners shown by many of the students. I am very keen to learn the names of all parents and children, so if you see me around the school please come up and say hello.

I would also like to thank Mr Chris Flynn for the great work he has done as Principal for the past year.

A Little Bit About Me

I have been working in city, rural and remote schools for over 25 years as a Principal, Deputy Principal and teacher. I am married with two children, aged 10 and 14. We moved from Bridgetown last year in order for our children to attend school in Perth. For the past ten years, I have had a strong focus on Early Childhood education and am passionate about teaching young children.

So becoming the Principal at Westminster Junior Primary is a dream come true!

Road Safety

I would like to ask all parents and caregivers to take care when crossing roads around our school. Not all cars follow the speed limit and children need help dealing with the traffic until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, pedestrian and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles

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

- Farm Excursion Kindy 3 & 4- Wednesday 20th May
- Disability Services Commission, Local Area Hot seat Hosted by CPC Westminster- 8.30-10am Tuesday 2nd June and Tuesday 7th July.
- School Board Meeting 3.15pm- Friday 22nd May CANCELLED
- Bringing Up Great Kids Hosted by the CPC Westminster – 9.30-11.30am 27th May- 24th June 2015.
- School Photo Day- Wednesday 27th May 2015.
- WA Day Public Holiday- Monday 1st June
- Room 6 Assembly- Tuesday 2nd June
- Musica Viva Pre Primary - Year 3- 1:30pm Tuesday 2nd June
- African Beat- 1:30pm Thursday 11th June
- Combined School Assembly WJPS & WPS- Tuesday 16th June
- Balga Friday Market – Each Friday 8am-12noon. Located at Princess/Wallington Reserve Balga.

- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

Parents and caregivers have a key role in educating their children about road safety. Children learn about road safety largely by experience. Parents and adult carers have opportunities in day-to-day routines to discuss road safety with children on the way to the newsagent, local shop or going to school.

Whenever crossing roads, it is an idea to talk about when and why it is safe to cross the road with your children so they can gain a good understanding of road safety issues.

Ms Jo Hine
Principal



News

Big thanks to Mr Brett Samuels for donating a guitar to the school. The guitar was donated to assist with the Literacy Through Music program run by Mr Anastas. <https://literacythroughmusic.wordpress.com/>



NAPLAN Testing 2015

Thank you to all the wonderful staff involved in preparing our students for NAPLAN last week. Miss Thompson came in from her well-deserved break and helped organise the testing. Students worked hard and should be proud of the way they completed the testing.



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

**Alternatively SMS
Student Name,
Class/Room Number &
Reason of Absence on:
0437 808 544**

Or

(08) 9349 4290

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



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 2nd June
Tuesday 7th 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 27th May until 24th June 2015.

Child and Parent Centre Westminster

24 Marloo Road
Westminster

Phone: 9440 1097

Email: cpcwestminster@thesmithfamily.com.au

Musica Viva

Akoustic Odyssey presented by Musica Viva is coming to Westminster Junior Primary School on **Tuesday June 2nd**. Westminster has worked with Musica Viva for the past four years with great success. Permission slips will be sent home with the newsletter and are required to be **returned to the classroom teacher with \$4 before Friday 29th May.**

Here is some information on the performance:

It's no wonder Mediterranean music had such a strong effect on Odysseus. Like the infamous Sirens, these outstanding musicians will capture your heart. As a world music quartet, Akoustic Odyssey brings to life the stirring and exotic sounds of Greece and Latin America. In addition to world music, this performance takes students through such diverse styles as rock, Baroque, Latin and jazz, all infused with the history and culture of one of the most important regions in the Western tradition. Performing original compositions on exotic instruments including the toubberleki, Akoustic Odyssey is a truly multicultural experience for students.

For more information on Musica Viva concerts and related activities around Australia and internationally, visit <http://www.musicaviva.com.au/education/about>



I give permission for my child/children _____ of class _____

To attend the Musica Viva in Schools concert **Journey to the Mediterranean by Akoustic Odyssey** and enclose \$ 4 (per child)

Signed:

Parent / Guardian:

Approval for Musica Viva to ask for feedback from students has been provided by The University of Western Australia, in accordance with its ethics review and approval procedures. Any parent considering giving their child permission to provide feedback, may raise any questions or issues about the evaluation at any time by calling Lindsay Lovering, WA State Manager – Musica Viva on 9284 2808 or Christina Davies, Assistant Professor, The University of Western Australia on 6488 1285. In addition, any person not satisfied with the response received may raise ethics issues or concerns, and may make any complaints about this evaluation by contacting the Human Research Ethics Office at The University of Western Australia on (08) 6488 3703 or by emailing to hreo-research@uwa.edu.au.