

Mother’s Day Breakfast BBQ
On Friday 6th May at 8:00am and it will be held in the lawn area off Marloo Road. Gates will be open at 7:50am.

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Caregivers

New Staff
I would like to welcome some new staff members to the Westminster Junior Primary School community. Ms Nikki Nelson will be working on Monday and Tuesday to support our students who have English as a Second Language or Dialect. Mrs Michelle Smith is replacing Mr Timms, who is on leave, as our Physical Education teacher. Mrs Smith will share this role with Mrs Abbott. Mrs Penny Thornton joined us last term and will continue in her role as support for teachers in Mathematics. Ms Sam Dodd is also continuing in her role as Education Assistant in Preprimary 2.

All these staff bring with them a wealth of experience and complement the fantastic work that is being done in classroom with students.

Funky Friday Dress Up Day
On Friday 13th May we will be having a Dress Up day to raise funds for our music program. We are keen to buy more instruments for our students. Students and staff can wear bright coloured clothing to school and bring a gold coin donation.

Mother’s Day Breakfast BBQ
To celebrate the important role that mothers, grandmothers, auntsies and other caregivers play in the lives of our students, we would like to invite children and their families to a Mother’s Day sausage sizzle. This special event will be held on Friday 6th May at 8am. So please come along and join us for breakfast.

There is no cost to families and we will provide Halal and vegetarian options. We would like to extend this invitation to all the dads, it would be great to see as many families as possible at the event.

School Development Day
On Tuesday 26th April all staff worked collaboratively on how best they can support students meet our school expectations of Be a Learner; Be Safe; Be Respectful.

KindiLink Reminder
There will be no KindiLink on Thursday 5th May. Our KindiLink team will be attending a Professional Learning Seminar.

However, we will be back to normal next week with a session on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 12pm.

KindiLink is a programme for Aboriginal families with the focus on 3 year olds and their smooth transition into Kindy next year.

Westminster Junior Primary Calendar Dates
Term 2, 2016

- School Photos
  Wednesday 4th May

- Pre-Primary Afternoon Tea for Mums
  Wednesday 4th May at 2:00pm

- Mother’s Day Breakfast BBQ
  Friday 6th May at 8:00am

- Kindy 3 Afternoon Tea for Mums
  Friday 6th May at 2:00pm

- NAPLAN Testing
  Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May

- Room 10 Assembly
  Tuesday 17th May

- Shared Assembly (WJPS & WPS)
  Tuesday 31st May

- WA Day (Public Holiday)
  Monday 6th June

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Ms Jo Hine
Principal

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Mrs Mathiasen in Room 4 is offering year 1 to 3 students to become a member of the Recess Chess Club. The club is open everyday at recess. We will teach you how to play this exciting game. I have a number of children in my class who will help teach you how to become a great chess player.

History of Chess
Chess is a classic game of strategy. It was invented in India more than 1500 years ago. Legend has it that the King of India asked his wise men to make a game that would make the children of the royal family logical thinkers, able to focus and concentrate, problem solve and analyse situations. The King wanted this so that the children could grow up to become clever generals on the battlefield.
The wise men invented chess. Since then the game has spread to every country in the world with millions of clever children playing this great game.

Why is chess a great game to play?
Chess is one of the most powerful educational tools we have to strengthen our children’s mind. It is an easy game to learn, and the wonderful thing about chess is that as soon as kid’s have learned the rules they get “chess fever”. They get hooked and want to play at every given opportunity.

Research shows that chess can enhance the development of reasoning, concentration, patience, and perseverance, as well as develop creativity, intuition, memory, and most importantly, the ability to analyse (think outside the square box), learn to make tough decisions and solve problems in a flexible and logical manner.

Chess is a game that offers instant punishments and rewards for problem solving. It creates a pattern of thinking systems that, when used correctly, bring success. Children also become accustomed to looking for more and different alternatives. Competition fosters interest, promotes mental alertness, challenges their minds, and produces the highest levels of achievement. Research also shows that a learning environment organized around games such as chess has a positive affect on children's’ https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/836c09attitudes toward learning. Children love games and chess motivates them to become willing problem solvers and logical thinkers.

I have six chess sets in my class. This means that only 12 children can play at the time. I have ordered another four sets so that I can offer more children to join the club. Hopefully the chess sets will arrive during the school holidays.

So come along for a great game of chess during the week.
I look forward to seeing you in Room 4.

Mrs Mathiasen
Room 4 Teacher
Entertainment Books 2016

Entertainment Books are now available for purchase!!

The books are $65 each and can be purchased from Westminster Junior Primary’s Front Office. Our school receives $13 from each sale. The Entertainment Books are available as a Book (with a gold card and vouchers) or as a digital Membership that puts all the offers in the Book, on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button.

You can also order online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/836c09

Community News

Westminster Aboriginal Playgroup
A playgroup for children aged 0-4 years and their parents/caregivers.

Enjoy playtime with your little ones and have a yarn and a cuppa.

When: Fridays in School Term
Time: 9:30am to 11:30am (morning tea provided)
Where: Child and Parent Centre – Westminster
24 Marloo Road, Westminster

To register your interest and to find out more please call Child and Parent Centre – Westminster on 9440 1067.

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
School Banking

The School Banking program at Westminster JPS provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. School Banking day is every Thursday at 8:30am in the Undercover Area with your deposit book & hand it to the Commonwealth Bank representative. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

The rewards items available during 2016 are:

Flying Snake Tail  Mud Splat Handball
Wildlife Writer Set  Outback Pat Bag Tag

AND MUCH MORE!!