Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Fathering Project

To all our Dads, Grandads, Uncles or Father Figures, Westminster JPS has been invited to become part of the “Fathering Project”. The Fathering Project aims to help fathers realise how important they are in a child’s life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.

The “Fathering Project” is organised by the University of Western Australia and is a non-profit organisation. Dr Bruce Robinson, a Professor at the University of Western Australia, leads the “Fathering Project” and his work in this area helped earn him the title of ‘Western Australian of the Year’ in 2013.

Historically schools have been very good at supporting mothers and inviting them into the school. An unintended consequence of this has been a weaker focus on the importance of dads and their role in schools and the learning of their children. A positive ‘Father Figure’ in a child’s life is critical and can make a significant difference.

At Westminster JPS we have many Dads and Grandads who are the most significant person in a child’s life, as well as the sole carer.

We wish to not only support you but to also help you excel in this role. This is our way to help those who are helping us!

There will be a “Fathering Project” meeting on Thursday 25th June at 10am at Dryandra Primary School, 45 Dryandra Drive, Mirrabooka. Joining us will be Mr Colin West to discuss how our school, Dads and Father Figures can become involved.

A Word for Our Mums

The “Fathering Project” is not about replacing mothers. It is about helping our dads and father figures to be co-parents and share the responsibilities and joys of their child’s education. The project is keen to recognise that their work in no way devalues the role of mothers in the lives of their children. On the contrary, it is impossible to over emphasise the importance and powerful role that women play in children’s lives. The project focuses only on fathers and father figures in our work because we often see a lot more of mums at school, so we have turned our attention to where the need is greatest.

If you wish to be a part of this exciting project, please return the slip in the newsletter, which is located on page 2, by Friday 19th June. If you would like to know more about the “Fathering Project” go to their website at: http://thefatheringproject.org/

Ms Jo Hine
Principal
News

School Photos

School photos will be happening on Wednesday 17th June.

Please ensure all school photo money and envelopes are returned to the classroom teacher by Monday 15th June.

Apologies

We would like to deeply apologise for the number of school incursions and excursions this term. We will endeavor to improve the organisation of these events in the future.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

Children Born Between 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2016, please come into the office for forms before closing date Friday 24th July.

Westminster Junior Choir

Year Three students are invited to join the Westminster Junior Choir every Monday from 10-10.30am, starting 8th June. By joining, students are agreeing to attend every session (except for reasonable circumstances), demonstrate their best behaviour and participate fully in each activity. A contract is going home for the students and parents/guardians to sign. For more information, students please see Miss Felsinger or your classroom teachers.

Entertainment Book 2015/2016

Entertainment Books are now for sale! The books are $65 each and can be purchased from our school office. Our school receives $13 from each sale.

THE FATHERING PROJECT

I ____________________________(name) would like to attend the meeting regarding the “Fathering Project” on Thursday 25th June at 10am. My best contact phone number is ________________.

Signed: ______________________
Community Events

Westminster Junior Primary School
22 Ungaroo Road
WESTMINSTER WA 6061
Phone: (08) 9349 4290
Fax: (08) 9349 4483
Web Site: www.westminsterjps.wa.edu.au

For Student Absences please contact the office on:
(08) 9349 4290

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

Please clearly state your child’s name and room number.

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

8.30am to 10.00am
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.

MIRRABOOGA COMMUNITY DAY (FREE EVENT)
SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 10-2PM
@ETERNITY CHURCH, 42 MIRRABOOGA AVE, MIRRABOOGA

MIRRBABOOKA COMMUNITY DAY (FREE EVENT)
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT
FRUIT AND VEG MARKET
BOUNCY CASTLES
FOOD HAMPERS
COFFEE AND CAKE
FOOD AND DRINKS
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON
FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE...

We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate
5 - 12 JULY 2015

Mirrabooka NAIDOC Event 2015
Herb Graham Recreation Centre
38 Ashbury Crescent, Mirrabooka
Wednesday 8th July 10.30am - 2.30pm

- Welcome to Country
- Elders Yarning Space
- Cultural Music and Dance
- Art Activities • Children’s Activities
- Information Stalls • Pony Rides and much more....

Enjoy some lunch
- Sausage Sizzle
- Kangaroo Stew
- Damper and Jam

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Westminster Junior Primary School
African Beat Incursion