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WESTMINSTER JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Teacher Sharon Walton with Year 3 Students and our school's chicken 'Berry' in the Westminster Junior Primary School vegetable garden as featured in the Eastern Reporter. Photo courtesy of The Eastern Reporter Marcus Whisson www.communitypix.com.au

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Assemblies

Well done to the Year 1 students in Room 10 for their efforts at hosting week 6's assembly on Tuesday 3rd June. We were provided with great insight into the discovery and settlement of Western Australia. This was very timely, considering our Public Holiday last week in recognition of WA Day. Thank you and well done to our Year 1 students from Room 11, who were able to entertain us at Tuesday's assembly (week 7) with recounts of their excursion to Shenton Park Lake.

School Arrival and Pick Up Procedures

Thank you for supporting the school drop off guidelines that were included in the last newsletter. Whilst it is important that students do not arrive prior to 8:40am, it is wonderful to see them eagerly arrive ready to commence their school day prior to the bell at 8:55am. **Please be reminded that children are not to play on any equipment prior to school.** Likewise, the play equipment is out of bounds after school, unless children are directly supervised by their own parent/carer. **Duty of care of your children on the equipment is not provided by the school before or after school.**

Collecting children early from school

If you need to collect your child early from school, please remember that they need to be signed out at the front office. The office will provide you with a 'Request to Leave Early' slip which needs to be handed to your child's class teacher upon collection. Please ensure you have this slip, prior to attending your child's classroom, to ensure you can collect your child quickly.

Reporting to Parents Timeline

Semester One Reports for Year 1 to 3 students will be sent home week 10. These reports contain important information about your child's progress. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in your child's report, please make an appointment to discuss this with your child's teacher. Kindergarten and Pre Primary students will receive their portfolios and class teachers will commence interviews from Monday 23rd June. Your class teacher will communicate this information in more detail.

Westminster Junior Primary Calendar Dates

- Saturday 14th June P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Balcatta.
- Friday 20th June Pupil Free Day.
- Room 2 Assembly 24th June.
- Week 10- Student Reports.
- School holidays commence Friday 4th July.
- Term 3 commences for Students Tuesday 22nd July.



Visit Bunnings Balcatta on Saturday 14th June from 9.00am & support your P&C & their band of volunteers who are doing a combined sausage sizzle fundraiser with the Year 6 & 7 Students from the Primary School.

Pupil Free Day Friday 20th June (no school)

Please be reminded that **Friday 20th June is a pupil free day** and therefore students **do not attend** school on this day. We are one of several schools involved in the Swan West Network. Staff from Westminster JPS and the Primary School will be attending a Conference on this day and therefore the school will be closed. The Westminster ESC attends a different network and therefore the ESC will be open on June 20th.

Parking

Parking around the school is often at a premium. Please be reminded that no vehicles are to park in front of the double gates on Marloo Rd. Access to these gates must be available at all times, and staff vehicles need access through this area for staff parking. Your cooperation in regard to this matter is greatly appreciated.

School News

2014/2015 Entertainment Books

The 2014/2015 Entertainment Book is now for sale and offers a new Digital Membership. The book is \$65 and can be purchased from our school office. Our school receives \$13 from each sale.

Community News

Healthy Families for Happy Futures Presented by Medicare Local Perth North Metro

Do you want your family to make healthy lifestyle choices but not sure how?

Join our FREE workshops for parents and children. Access to a nutritionist, physiotherapist and psychologist.

9th August 2014 Osborne Park. Any queries please contact Medicare Local on 9201 0044 or email info@pnml.com.au

P&C

Our P&C is a joint committee operating between the Junior Primary, Primary and Education Support Centre. Our P&C are responsible for several matters including the operation of our school canteen and the Uniform Shop. Without the help and support from many volunteers, the operation of such services could be affected. The P & C is currently seeking a Secretary. If you are interested in nominating for this position, please leave your name at the school office for the P & C President, Ms Helen Notis to contact you. The P & C have held both day time and evening meetings this term, to determine an effective time to meet. **Our next meeting will be held on Monday 11th August at 7:00pm in the Junior Primary School staffroom.** We would love to see you at our next meeting.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2015

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten 2015 for **children born between 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.** Please see our office staff for an application form. **Applications close on Friday 25th July.**

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P & C News

It was disheartening to see that our "daytime" P&C meeting was not attended by more parents on Monday 9th June. We understand that it's difficult for some to come along to our evening meetings so we thought we would trial a different time slot. Despite our efforts including Mr Hobson putting on morning tea, only the loyal few who regularly attend, were present.

At the moment, our P&C functions well because we have a small, loyal and dynamic group of volunteers on your Committee. Unfortunately these volunteers will eventually retire from your P&C as their children either move on to high school in the coming years or they leave our school. It is imperative that we seek the help and assistance of parents NOW so we have a contingency plan in place before this happens.

We will offer training and guidance to any parent who is interested in learning or taking up an active role on the Executive Committee. Being on the P&C is not scary or intimidating, it is rewarding and satisfying; it's a great opportunity to know what's happening in our schools, you become involved as part of a decision making group, you get to know your teachers and principals and you are kept well-informed with educational changes.

It's an opportunity to share your expertise, meet with other parents, help organise "fun" and community activities, raise funds for projects and resources that will assist our children. Being on the P&C should make you feel like you have made a difference!

Most will be aware that our Uniform Shop and our Canteen are managed by our P&C. If there is no support from our parents and carers our P&C will cease to function and these services will stop. I can't image our Schools without a Canteen or Uniform Shop. Can you?

If you feel that you are ready to be part of your P&C, please join us at the next meeting and express your interest. We are always mindful that time is precious and people have other commitments and family restraints. But if you can reschedule these commitments and make time for your P&C, it would be greatly beneficial to our children and our School Community as we plan for the future.

Helen Notis – P & C President





Student Art Work Display in our Office Area