



Westminster
Junior Primary School

WESTMINSTER JUNIOR PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It seems to be this year that with the start of each new term you have a new Principal introducing themselves to the school community. I am fortunate to be following on from two very competent leaders who have left a very progressive and dynamic school with an experienced, skilled and very kind and friendly staff. The fact that so many staff have been here for so many years indicates how wonderful this school is and how much they love teaching your children. I am not exactly new to Westminster myself, as I have been at the senior school for the past 8 years and as a consequence will know many families that attend this school. Over the coming months I hope to meet as many of you as possible. You don't have to wait for an issue to occur before you come and make your acquaintance. An open and friendly dialogue at all times will be paramount in order to continue your child's academic and social progress through WJPS.

Picking-up your children

I am extremely concerned about the chaotic nature of Ungaroo Road when children are being picked up after school. I have informed the ranger of the situation and have explained how one side of the road is being used for parking when there are quite clearly signs that say NO PARKING. Successive Principals have had this problem to deal with and unless many thousands of dollars were spent on some sort of kiss and drop system like the senior school, there is, I am sorry to say no simple solution. What I do ask is that parents/caregivers remain extremely vigilant when driving through this area and obey the signs as they are there for a reason.



Uniforms

As in the senior school it is wonderful to see so many students wearing their school uniforms. With the winter months we always get the coloured jackets creeping into the school which is understandable because of the very cold conditions first thing in the morning. However there is a cheaper option to those jackets. The wonderful P&C provide school jackets almost at cost price. These jackets are designed for hard use by children at school and also help to make the children feel a part of a big family. (Please remember to put your child's name on their clothes)

Fighting

I have had a few discussions with some of our students about resolving their issues by fighting with their peers. So far these have been relatively minor issues, but the concern is that when these problems occur they aren't immediately speaking to staff members. They are instead reacting immediately and sometimes violently to an issue that could quite easily be resolved. We all know that there is always going to be times when children don't get along for whatever reason however if you are able to reiterate what we are saying about talking to a staff member when problems arise and/or they are feeling a little anxious then we will be able to resolve the particular issue quickly.



Coming Events

On Wednesday we will be having a NAIDOC assembly from 9.15am until approximately 9.45am. During the day students will then be involved in various NAIDOC activities. Thank you to our AIEO Ms Clare Jones for getting this organised.

In the last two weeks of school, this term, the children (PP - Year 3) will be attending swimming classes. I am giving you advanced warning as these lessons will probably cost in the region of \$50.00/child. The lessons will be conducted at Balga Leisure Centre which is a heated pool.



Chris Flynn
Principal

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Westminster JPS Reminder Dates



Wednesday 6 th August	NAIDOC Day
Monday 11 th August	P & C Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday 12 th August	Room 4 Assembly
Monday 18 th August	Science Alive Incursion
Tuesday 19 th August	West Coast Eagles Visit
Wednesday 20 th August	Year 1 Excursion to Lockridge
Monday 15 th September to Friday 26 th September	In Term Swimming Commences

P & C News

To our very dedicated and loyal volunteers who helped at our Bunning's Sausage sizzle on Sunday 3rd August I express my sincere gratitude, without your assistance this event would not have been the success that it was. Our Chaplain, **Mrs Susan Earle** experienced her first Bunning's sausage sizzle and after selling 1076 sizzles, she has now qualified as an "expert". Well done Susan! I also know that Mrs Earle will now have the opportunity to purchase her drums so she can commence the Drum Beats Program. This program is designed to motivate, engage and build confidence, spirit and a sense of community in our children. "Rhythm is Life". We look forward to an upcoming performance.

P & C Meeting - Monday 12th August:

Starting at 7.00pm and ending around 8.30pm in the Westminster Junior School staff room. Come along and show your support.



Sports Carnivals Sausage Sizzles Wednesday 3rd September and Friday 5th September:

To coincide with the Senior and Junior schools' sports carnivals in September, the Committee will be organising a fundraising sausage sizzle on Wednesday 3rd September and Friday 5th September. Volunteers will be needed for the event and to assist in the Canteen. Please remember that all money raised from fundraising goes towards the benefit of ALL our students. Volunteering a small amount of your time is the only way we can run these events successfully. **Please don't assume that there is always someone else who can do it!**

Fathers' Day Raffle:

Raffle tickets are being sold for two (2) Fathers' Day Hampers valued at over \$200 each. Once again these hampers have been kindly donated by Mrs Sandra Notis from **Priceline Warwick**.



We thank Sandra for her continued support of our P&C and her contribution to our fundraising. The tickets will cost **\$3.00 each** and can be purchased from the **Canteen** from **Monday 11th August**. They will be drawn at the sports carnivals on the respective days.

Family Portrait Fundraiser – Sunday 14th September:

The P&C is co-ordinating a Family Portrait Day with Advance Life Photography on Sunday 14th September. The information flyers and vouchers will be sent out by Friday 8th August. So look out for them in your children's bag! **The photographs will be taken in the Westminster Primary School Library.** Please encourage your friends and relatives to participate in this Family Portrait Fundraiser.

Footy Finals Fever Day – TBA:

An all-time favourite! Show your support for your favourite football team and enjoy a fun day. The P&C will once again be involved with this event by hosting a sausage sizzle. So watch this space for more information.

“Rainbow” Disco – Friday 17th October:

The P&C is excited to co-ordinate the school disco for the children of the Westminster schools. The theme for this disco is “colour”. So come dressed in your favourite bright, colourful or even fluorescent outfit for a night of fun and excitement. More information will follow soon.



Canteen: Open Monday to Friday.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist during the week, so if you can spare an hour or two please see our Canteen Manager Mrs Liesl Smithers.

Uniform Shop:

Uniform Shop: Open Tuesdays 8.30am – 9.30am

Parents please encourage your children to wear our school uniform. Not only is it part of our dress code, but there are many benefits and reasons for children wearing their school uniform including:

- **Increase students' self-esteem** because they do not have to participate in the "school fashion show." Dressing alike helps students learn that what really counts is on the inside.
- **Promote a sense of teamwork** and increase school spirit.
- **Save families time and money.** Our school uniform is inexpensive and affordable compared to “designer” labels. Wearing the uniform daily makes it easier for parents to know what their child is wearing every day without having to shop for new clothes.

Helen Notis

P & C President



Community News

Child and Parent Centre Westminster- Free Parenting Workshops- Ngala

Family and Children 's Services invite you to our free Parenting workshops with a focus on the early years.

This program is facilitated by Ngala and supported by the Child and Parent Centre – Westminster. A State Government Initiative. Creche Available.

- Wednesday 27th August 6:30pm to 8:30pm Building Brains
- Wednesday 3rd September 6:30pm to 8:30pm Families moving for work
- Wednesday 10th September 6:30pm to 8:30pm Guiding Children's Behaviour
- Wednesday 17th September 6:30pm to 8:30pm – Transition to school

Where: 22 Ungaroo Road Westminster (Library)

Bookings essential, for further information please call 9205 8555 or visit

familyservices@stirling.wa.gov.au.



Stranger Danger Study- University of Western Australia

UWA are interested in hearing how you feel about your neighbourhood and its impact on your child's health and safety, including stranger danger.

If you are the parent or carer of a child attending primary school, live in Westminster and are willing to participate in a 1 hour group discussion (at a convenient time for you), please contact Jacinta Francis at jacinta.francis@uwa.edu.au ph: 6389 9206 or Sarah Foster on 6389 9215 to register your interest. Refreshments will be provided and crèche is available. All taking part will receive a **\$20 Coles/Myer** voucher thank you for your time.

Balga Friday Market

Where: Princess/Wallington Reserve, Balga

Sellers admitted from 6:30am to 12:00pm at \$10 per bay. Buyers from 8:00am to 12:00pm for no cost. Bric a Brac, plants, clothing, tools, books etc are all for sale.

For further details please contact Renee Colvin on 9342 5861 or Alan Stafford on 9342 4895.

