



Westminster
Junior Primary School

WESTMINSTER JUNIOR PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are now half way through what is becoming another busy term. It has been wonderful meeting the children and families over this side of the Westminster school campus although on the whole, I would say it is mostly re- acquaintances because of the number of children who continue through to year 7. My office is always open if you have any concerns. If you see me before or after school do not hesitate to speak to me if you have an issue that you feel needs to be discussed.



Incursions

Today we joined with the Senior School and the Education Support Centre to participate in a free incursion presented by a couple of players from the West Coast Eagles Football Club. James and Rik The Eagle presented “The Eagles Rock My School” Program which is about respect, health and education. Everyone had a great time at this free event.

If your child has participated in any school incursions in recent months and has not paid can you please send the money in to school as soon as possible. Some of the recent incursions are as follows; Out of the Bag (\$4.40) and Science Alive (\$2.50) your support in this matter is appreciated.



P & C

During my time at the Westminster schools one of the things that has really impressed me is the hard work and dedication of our P&C. This small group of committed helpers are responsible for running the canteen and operating the uniform shop. They are also involved in various fund raising ventures such as sausage sizzles at Bunnings and at the sports days they also run the disco evenings (to name just a few of the things they do). These things all help our school immensely with extra funds. They are a hard working group of individuals BUT they need help. They need the support of any parent who has a child at either of the 3 schools on this site. At the last P&C meeting we had just 4 parents. This was out of a school enrolment of over 500 students. In saying all this I do realize that many parents have many commitments and do find it difficult to give the time however if you can just spare a few hours a month (even to help in the canteen) it would be very much appreciated and you will get to know some wonderful individuals.

Student Health Care Forms

With this newsletter you will have received a form asking for details about your child's health. Can you please take the time to fill this in as it is imperative that our records of your child are up to date. This is especially important for when the children are on excursions or, as is happening in a few weeks' time, they are at the swimming pool. If there are serious health issues then a face to face meeting with your teacher or a member of admin will be necessary and medical action plans which need to be completed by a doctor may be required.

Swimming

As mentioned in the last newsletter, swimming lessons will start at the start of week 9 (15th September) and will continue for 2 weeks. The Balga Leisure Centre, where the swimming classes are conducted, is a heated pool. We have managed to keep costs at last year's prices (\$45.00/child) but it will need to be paid to the school before the 29th of August.

Chris Flynn
Principal

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Westminster JPS Reminder Dates

Wednesday 20th August	Year 1 Excursion to Lockridge
Tuesday 26th August	Room 6 Assembly
Wednesday 3rd September	Sports Carnival
Tuesday 9th September	PP1 Assembly
Monday 15th September to Friday 26th September	In Term Swimming Commences

P & C News



Thank you to all our parents who attended our meeting on Monday 11th August, your support is paramount to the success of your P&C.

What's on in September?

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**. 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 have been out so please look out for them in your children's bag! **Please contact Helen via email to make a booking time**. Upon making a booking, please enclose **\$20** in an envelope with a Family name including the name of your child, their classroom number and a contact phone number.

This can be given to me directly via the Canteen or left at the Front Office for collection. Mrs Gilham and Mrs Alexander will kindly accept this money on behalf of the P&C.

The photographs will be taken in the Westminster Primary School Library.

Please encourage your friends and relatives to participate in this Family Portrait Fundraiser.

Canteen: Open Monday to Friday

NO HELP NO CANTEEN! It's as simple as that! The Canteen operates with the strength of volunteers and our Manager Mrs Smithers. Without this close relationship, the Canteen would not operate at all. If you can offer your assistance then please see Leisl. Don't let our schools miss out on the privilege of having a Canteen 5 days a week!

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.

It is sad to see so many of our children forgetting their school uniform colours. We understand that the Uniform Shop has not catered for **Royal Blue** "bottoms" ie trackies or leggings, as we are unable to match the prices offered at various department stores, but this is **NO** excuse for students to be seen in alternative coloured "bottoms". The Committee will make an effort to source a winter "bottom" in the 2015. We have a school skirt for our girls and rigger shorts for our boys. They are smart when teamed up with our school shirts and jumpers. **Be proud of your school and wear your uniform!**

Helen Notis

P & C President

Child and Parent Centre Westminster



Fathers Day Photo Competition

We want to recognise men for the positive influence they have on our children. Submit a photo that shows a positive relationship between a man and a child/children. To enter simply go to: [facebook.com/mirrabookadads](https://www.facebook.com/mirrabookadads) or [submit your entry form at Mirrabooka Square Shopping Centre Centre Information Desk](#). All photo entries will be on display at Mirrabooka Square Shopping Centre. Entries close at noon Friday September 5th.

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.



Community News

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.

