



Year 1 Students enjoying success at the WJPS Sports Carnival held on Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

One of the biggest differences between what is a good and effective school and what is a great school, that children love to come to, is the type of people you associate with at your school (i.e. the children, parents, staff and others). We have at WJPS a school clientele that makes us the envy of other schools in the area because of the friendly nature of our parents and children and collegiate spirit and support of the staff. So if issues arise between your children or with other parents or even with staff, please let admin know so that we can work with the aggrieved parties to solve the problem as quickly as possible. We encourage your support in this matter to continue the great spirit and friendly nature that we have within this school.

IPS

Westminster JPS will become an Independent Public School in 2015. You will not notice too much in the way of differences to the running of the school and there will certainly be no changes at all to the quality of education your child will receive, however Independent Public Schools will have the flexibility and responsibility to make decisions across a wide range of operations.

It still means that we remain part of the public school system and as such still have obligations regarding **compliance, delivery and performance, public accountability and governance**. Each of these areas could be fully explained here however rather than overwhelm you with details now, I just want to put into your minds one of these points.

Governance

The school council that has traditionally operated within schools will be replaced by a school board that will need to include business and industry representatives as well as parents. The delivery and performance agreement and the one-line budget will need to be endorsed by the school board and quarterly reports are provided to the school board on the school performance. The school board will also participate in the selection of the Principal when a vacancy arises.

As you can see this will be a very important position and is one that you may want to consider in the near future. If you are interested by all means come and have an informal chat with me.

My congratulations go to Mr Paul Marshall (Principal Term 2) and Mrs Sharon Walton who worked hard on their presentation to realise the successful IPS application for WJPS.

CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED

THE CANTEEN'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT

- FREE ice cream (at term end) to students of the parent/caregiver who has helped at least once per week.
- FREE muffins on the last day of term to the CLASS which has the most parent/caregiver helpers at the canteen during the term.
- YOUR help CAN influence the canteen menu item choices.
- FREE lunch to parent/carer on the day you help.

GREAT WAY OF BEING INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Westminster Junior Primary Calendar Dates

- Monday 8th September - P&C Meeting 10:30am. School Council 3:15pm
- Tuesday 9th September - PP1 Assembly.
- Sunday 14th September - Family Portrait Fundraiser.
- Monday 15th September to Friday 26th September - In Term Swimming Commences.
- Friday 26th September - Last day of Term 3.

P&C

For many years we have had the same dedicated individuals on the P&C and due to the fact there have been so few of them, it has meant that they have had to do everything and they are doing it for your children.

These same P&C members in some cases no longer have their children attending these schools and are now doing this voluntary work simply because they don't want to see all the work they have put in, wasted due to lack of interest.

Without a doubt the P&C members would love to take a lesser role on the P&C if others from the school community were to offer to help in some way.

Last Monday (1st September) the canteen did not open as there were no volunteers to help that day and therefore the children could not order any lunches.

The P&C are now putting in place,

prizes and rewards for parents who agree to help in the canteen. Please take advantage of this opportunity to join in and help our children. You might also find that you will make some lasting friendships, and your children will love seeing you behind the counter. You will see the P&C in action once again manning the sausage sizzle at the senior sports day on Friday. Please consider helping us, you may even like to assist at the uniform shop every Tuesday morning.

Sports Day

It was a very busy day on Wednesday with our school sports day. I really enjoyed my first sports day at WJPS. The enthusiasm and team spirit of the children is a credit to them and to those involved in developing them. Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers and school staff, I am constantly reminded of the saying- "It takes a whole village to raise a child" and with the support that we have from parents/caregivers here that is certainly true.

Father's Day

Last evening, we had our Kindy and Pre Primary Fathers' Day event. Hopefully it was also a relaxing evening for the mums who don't have younger children. They may have actually got a chance to put their feet up for an hour (although according to my wife if you are a woman that never happens). Anyway it was great to see the interaction and involvement from so many dads that were able to turn up.

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Principal

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School News

Book Week

On Monday 25th August, Years 1-3 were treated to a visit by author Sally Murphy and staff from the Mirrabooka Library in celebration of Book Week. Sally Murphy has written many children's books and she shared some of these with the children. Everyone was motivated by Sally's enthusiasm to READ more books!

Kindy & Pre Primary Father's Day Event

Kindy and Pre Primary classes held a Father's Day event on Wednesday 3rd September. The dads who attended enjoyed a special night with their children. They drew pictures, did puzzles, built with blocks, played with play-dough and painted. Thank you to all the dads who came, it was great to see the joy on the children's faces.



Kayleigh Bright from PP1 with her Dad enjoying the Father's Day Event.

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Child and Parent Centre Westminster



Parent and caregiver morning tea

for carers of children aged 0-4 with additional needs

Find out more about how local services can support you.

Join us for morning tea and a chat while your children have supervised play.

When: Tuesday 30th September
9:30am-11:30am

Where: Child and Parent Centre
Westminster
Marloo Road, Westminster

RSVP by: 22nd September



To attend, please register as a carer, and for the morning tea, by calling the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222 and asking for Lauren.

Siblings also welcome.

Places are limited so please book early.

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Parent and caregiver morning tea

for carers of children aged 5-8 with additional needs

Find out more about how local services can support you.

Join us for morning tea and a chat while your children have supervised play.

When: Wednesday 8th October
9:30am-11:30am

Where: Child and Parent Centre
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Marloo Road, Westminster

RSVP by: 26th September



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