Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Kindy 2016

We will be running 3 Kindergarten classes in 2016. Once these classes are full, children will go on a waiting list. If you have not enrolled your child yet, please do so as soon as possible because places are filling up fast.

Your child is eligible for Kindergarten if they are born between 1st July 2011 to 30th June 2012.

Kindergarten is the beginning of a child’s journey through school and they learn important early literacy, numeracy and social skills.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please call the school on 9349 4290. Also, if you know of any children living in the local area who may be of kindergarten age please encourage them to contact us.

Fathering Project

Thank you to the families who attended the information night for Dads last Thursday. We all received great information on being a better parent. One of the tips, was organising a ‘Dad’s Date’. This is when Dad takes out one child and spends time just with that child. It can be as simple as going for a walk to the park or taking your child out for an ice cream or dinner. Use this time to listen to your child and ask them about their friends and school. This is a great idea!

We will have a Westminster Dads meeting soon to organise activities for kids and Dads to do together. We will directly contact all the families who attended the Dads Evening.

Fantastic NAPLAN Results

Congratulations to all the Year 3 students and their teachers over the past five years for the excellent results in this year’s NAPLAN. Westminster Junior Primary has a recent history of performing well in national testing compared to similar schools.
This year, our school performed above the state average in writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. This is an outstanding result and demonstrates how well the teaching and learning programs operate at our school.

**Interim Swimming**

Don’t forget that swimming starts next week. If parents would like to pay for swimming lessons in instalments, please see the lovely ladies at the front office.

**Athletics Carnival**

Thanks to Warren Timms and all the wonderful staff who helped out at the Athletics Carnival. It was a wonderful day and the students showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to our P&C who kept everybody fed with their delicious sausage sizzle.

**Book Week**

“Books Light Up Our World” was the theme for Book Week and this was certainly the case at our school. Thank you to our parents and caregivers who supported Book Week by helping our children dress up in a variety of costumes. It was also great to see so many staff get involved in dressing up as this was very entertaining for the students, as they guessed which book everyone was from.

Ms Jo Hine
Principal

**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.

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**Westminster Junior Primary’s on Facebook!**

WJPS has started 2 new Facebook pages that you can access. This is a new service that the school is undertaking and we will be improving it as we go – any feedback is more than welcomed.

1. **Public page** – this page is for general business that everyone can see ([https://www.facebook.com/westminsterjps](https://www.facebook.com/westminsterjps))

2. **Private group** – this is for newsletters, important dates and special events. You will need to send a request to the page admin that will then check that only parents become members for privacy reasons. If for some reason you aren’t approved come and let us know and we will add you. ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/westminsterjps/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/westminsterjps/))

**Pre-Primary Enrolments 2016**

Enrolments are now open for Pre-Primary 2016. Please advise any parents of students not currently attending our Kindergarten, we are now accepting new enrolments.

Please complete and return the Pre-Primary 2016 enrolments by **Friday 25th September**.
Westminster Junior Primary’s
Kindy to Year 2 Sports Carnival
Westminster Junior Primary’s Book Week
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A reminder that your child has enrolled for swimming commencing next Monday 14th September at Balga Aquatic Centre. Please ensure that they have the following:

- Children are to be sent to school dressed in their usual school uniform.
- For the swimming lessons, children require:
  - A towel, Bathers,
  - T-shirt to wear after swimming,
  - Thongs – *only to wear to the pool* (Normal footwear while at school)
  - Hat (with name on it), Sunscreen
  - A strong plastic bag (with name on) to hold belongings

**PLEASE NAME ALL BELONGINGS**

- IMPORTANT! Please advise the office by Thursday 10th September if your child’s medical information has changed or needs updating. A medical form has been included with this newsletter.
- Should your child have a medical condition requiring medication e.g. asthma (puffer) then an “Administration of Medication” form must be filled in before staff can administer any medication, please see the office for this form.
- PLEASE NOTE – This information is essential to ensure that your child’s health is fully supported during swimming lessons which start next week.

Jo Hine
Principal
8th September 2015
Community Events

50 Years... So Many Stories.....

All are welcome to attend
FUN for all ages!

You’re Invited To Help Us Celebrate!

Saturday 12 September, 2015
10am-3pm,
Official Opening at 11am
with Special Guests.

The celebration will include:
- Fun Activities for Children
- Live music
- Special Guest Appearances
- Shooting Competitions with the Perth Glory and Perth Wildcats
- Food/ Beverages
- Mural Reveal
- School Tours/ Displays & More

For More Information please contact Mirrabooka Senior High School
(08) 9370 5950 or principal@mirrabookahigh.wa.edu.au

Community Workshop

The Mighty Toddler
Viewing the world through a toddler’s eyes

Children between one and three years of age are generally enthusiastic and energetic. Sometimes, however, their behaviour can be difficult to manage.

This workshop will introduce parents to the concepts of the major developmental tasks of toddlerhood and provide strategies to enable their toddler to safely negotiate these stages.

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2015
Venue: Child & Parent Centre-Westminster
24 Morley Road
WESTMINSTER
Time: 9:30am - 12pm
Cost: FREE
Facilitator: Melinda Ashley

Light refreshments & handouts provided

Supported by the Child & Parent Centre-Westminster,
A State Government Initiative.

To book a place please email:
workshops@clanwa.com.au
Perth Metro: 9477 0400
Peel/Rockingham: 9581 5915
www.clanwa.com.au
www.facebook.com/clanwa

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Primary Child Development Program for 4 - 13 Years

- Develop the whole child
- Enhance academic performance & GATE results
- Improve reading, writing & maths
- Develop self esteem & social skills
- Support parents
- Foster creativity, problem solving & time management
- Boost brainpower & discover the genius within

Where: Westminster School – Art room
When: 3:15pm to 4:45pm every Thursday
Program Duration: 16 weeks
Batch starts soon
Heavily discounted registration & course fees
Places are limited
Registration is essential

To register please contact Kajal Gajjar
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E: Kajal.westminster@ucmas.com.au
W: www.UCMASaustralia.com.au

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ABACUS Base Program for Age Group 4 - 13 Years
New classes start 2016! Please register now

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Congratulations to all our students for their participation and tremendous sportsmanship during the Sports Carnivals on Wednesday 2nd September and 4th September. The Carnivals were well organised and extremely successful. Congratulations also go to our Father’s Day Raffle ticket winners.

We would like to thank Wilhem and Anita from Westminster IGA for donating our major prizes towards the raffle. Their continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated by the Westminster Schools Community.

Donations were also received from Bunnings Balcatta, Coles Supermarket Warwick, Supa Cheap Autos, Balcatta Bunnings, Fremantle Football Club, West Coast Football Club, Hawthorn Football Club, Westminster Child and Parent Centre and Gordana. Thank you to all for your support of the Westminster Schools Community.

The P&C would also like to acknowledge Mrs Janine Freeman MLA for her kind donation towards our sports carnivals. We appreciate her continued support of the Westminster Community.

For the P&C events at the Sports Carnivals including our sausage sizzle, raffle and the running of our Under Cover Café Canteen, to have been a success, we were hoping to have a contingency of volunteers on both days. Unfortunately, we were lacking help on Wednesday 2nd September. It was disappointing not to have enough volunteers to assist on the day. On the flip side, the events on Friday 4th September were extremely successful due to a large number of parents and carers who volunteered throughout the day. With the tireless efforts of those who assisted and helped on both days, in total we sold over 500 sausage sizzles. What a great result!

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!
What’s on in September?

P & C Meeting - Monday 14th September

Starting at 6.30pm and ending around 8.00pm. Bree and Julie have kindly offered to host the meeting at the Child and Parent Centre on Marloo Road. Come along and show your support.

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.

What’s on in October?

P & C Meeting - Monday 19th October

Time and venue to be announced.

“Spooks and Super Heroes” Disco – Friday 30th October

Planning has started for the all-time favourite P&C event – our School Disco. This year’s theme is “Spooks and Super Heroes”.

Have you got a favourite Super Hero or do you prefer scary ghosts and spooky monsters? Whatever you choose, we promise it will be a night to remember. This year we will have spot prizes during the night and we will be awarding prizes for the most creative costumes. Oh and if you are a parent or teacher attending, we will expect you to dress up as well!

More information will be provided later.

As this will be the last P&C News for the Term, we wish everyone a restful and relaxing break. See you all in Term 4.

Helen Notis
P&C President