Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Enrolments

If you have not already completed the WJPS Class Planning 2015 slips that have been forwarded home to you, we would like all of the slips back as soon as possible please. We are trying to plan our class rooms and teacher arrangement for the coming school year, so your input is vital & necessary.

Whether your child is staying or leaving, we would like confirmation of this information. If you are unsure of your situation in 2015, we would like to know that too please. Start of week 3, Term 1 all financial planning will be set in place for the coming year so our school will benefit by being organised and ready.

Being Sun Smart

With the days now becoming quite hot and with the sun becoming more intense it is extremely important that children remember to bring and wear their wide brimmed hats. The Senior School also now has a policy of only allowing the wide brimmed hats. Putting on sunscreen is another useful habit for your children to get into especially over the coming school holidays when children will be outdoors more often.

School Board

Last Monday afternoon the School Council had their final meeting for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them personally for their contribution to the effective operation of this school throughout 2014. A number of them have re-nominated to be on a newly formed School Board for 2015. It is important that we have a good cross section of the wider community on our Board. This means we need parent members, community members and Education Department employees. We are required to have between 5 and 15 members who will need to commit to a number of meetings during the year and be willing also to keep up to date with the schools objectives, priorities and general policy directions.

On December 3rd, I will be holding an information session to discuss WJPS transitioning to IPS status and also to answer questions about the roles and functions of the new School Board. This will be an opportunity to have any questions about 2015 answered. This meeting will be held in the library from 3.30pm.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2014

School Contributions help towards providing important resources for your child. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who have already paid their School Voluntary Contributions for those who have yet to pay, we would appreciate your support as soon as possible. These monies go to supporting the purchase of equipment to benefit your children.

2014 Contributions

Kindy - $50
PP - Year 3
1 child ($20)
2 children ($30)
3 or more children ($40)

THANKS TO SUPPORT FROM WESTMINSTER IGA WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER TWO SHOPPING VOUCHERS AS RAFFLE PRIZES FOR ALL WHO PAY THESE FEES.

Westminster Junior Primary Calendar Dates

- 17th – 21st November - WJPS Art Show. All welcome, held in the Undercover area during school hours.
- Wednesday 27th November Final Suitcase Circus act.
- Wednesday 3rd December - WJPS IPS Session
- Tuesday 16th December - WJPS Christmas Pageant.
- Thursday 18th December - Last day of Term 4.
Art

If you haven’t already visited the Under-cover area this week then I suggest you try to find the time tomorrow morning to view the art display that has been set up. There is a huge variety of creative work done by the children from both the senior and the junior schools. I would like to thank Mrs Swanepoel and Ms Shiminski (the Junior and Senior Art teachers) and a number of volunteers who spent many hours setting up the area so that the children and their parents could see the work on display. The children are all very proud of their efforts.

Thank you PP2

Finally thank you to PP2 students and staff who were the hosts at the assembly on Tuesday. The enthusiasm of these Pre-Primary children and indeed, many children at this school, is inspiring.

It reminded me of a quote by Henry Chester:

“Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power, and influence”

Thank you

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Punctuality

A reminder that class commences at 8.55am. Students are to be at school 15 mins prior to 8.55am. It is important that students arrive on time as programs commence at 9.00am and those who are late miss out on the start of these important programs.

School News

Room 6

Room 6 have been enjoying another of Roald Dahl’s books this term as we have been reading Matilda. She is a gifted student who plays pranks on her parents and the very mean Headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. After reading The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) last term, we are looking at Roald Dahl’s writing style and the similarities and differences in the two main characters. The children love reading and listening to this author as he uses a lot of humour in his stories.

Miss Turner will be off on holiday next week. She is taking Long Service Leave, visiting Rome, Greece, Turkey and Malta with her sister’s family and her parents. She hopes everyone has a great end of year and will see you all in the New Year!

Prevention is Better than Cure

WJPS Year 2 Teacher Mrs Lis Mathiasen has had her paper published in the Children- Open Access Paediatrics Journal on 16th October 2014. The title is: ‘Prevention is Better than Cure: A Hands On, Play-Based, Innovative, Health and Well-Being Program in Remote Australia’. You can view the paper online at www.mdpi.com/journal/children.

Thank you- Year 3 Choir

Miss Versey would like to say a big thank you to all of the Year 3 choir members who sang at the opening to the Child and Parent Centre Westminster. All the attendees were very impressed by their singing and thoroughly enjoyed the song “Absolutely Everybody” so well done!

Year 3 to Year 4 Enrolments 2015

Enrolment packs have been sent home to all Year 3 Parents and Caregivers at WJPS. If your child is going to attend Westminster Primary in 2015 look out for this pack and return to the Senior School when you have completed the relevant forms. Please contact Shelley Gilham at the Senior School Office anytime if you have any queries at all.
Community News

The Official Opening of the Child and Parent Centre
Westminster

The Child and Parent Centre - Westminster (Managed by The Smith Family) was officially opened on the 6th November 2014 by the Minister for Education, Hon. Peter Collier. Representatives from a number of local agencies and schools attended the opening.

The Drumbeat group from Westminster Primary School gave an excellent performance to start off proceedings with a bang. Following the speeches and plaque reveal the official proceedings came to a close with an engaging performance of “Absolutely Everybody” (Vanessa Amorosi) by the Junior Primary School choir.

The team at the Child and Parent Centre – Westminster are very excited to be in the new centre and are looking forward to further building upon the connections already made within the community. A Community Open Day will be held during the school holidays – more information to come soon.
Suitcase Circus Drawing by Amar Palic Year 2 Room 6