Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. This week we have had our annual Christmas Pageant and book prize assembly and I was very impressed. Miss Thompson spends many hours in 4th term in preparation for this assembly and she is ably assisted by many members of staff who willingly spend much of their own time preparing for this event. The children also spend many hours practising to make sure everything is just right on the day. The combination of all this time spent, always results in a wonderful and entertaining event.

Thank you to all staff, students and parents who contributed.

As I said at the assembly a big thank you to those members of staff who have already left or are leaving us this year. Mr Greg Brown, Mrs Val Cutler, Miss Kim Versey, Mr Adrian Sio, Ms Katerina Saveski, Mrs Gillian La and of course our two previous principals this year Mr Peter Mulcahy and Mr Paul Marshall. Thank you all for the dedication and commitment that you have given our school.

It has been a year of major changes and these will continue into the 2015 school year. During 2014 we gained Independent Public School status.

This means that we gain a certain amount of autonomy with regards to staffing, finance, and utilities management. We are still a part of the public school system and as such have to abide by the various Acts (e.g. the School Education Act 1999 etc.) like all Government Schools in Western Australia.

As stated in a number of newsletters, another important difference to the management of the school will be the formation of a School Board. This will be made up of parent/community members and staff. Board meetings will be held once per term to discuss the business plan, the one-line budget and to endorse quarterly reports delivered by the school principal on the schools performance.

Next year we are also entering a new world of ONE-LINE BUDGETS. All schools will be operating under this system and it will mean that, initially at least, schools throughout the state will be very careful with the monitoring of their finances.

2015 BOOKLISTS

If you have been unable to secure a booklist order this year, they will again be available for ordering first week of term one through the class room teacher.

2015 Contributions

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

Thank you to all the families at WJPS who have paid for their children’s Booklists and Contributions for 2014. It is always much appreciated!

Westminster Junior Primary
Calendar Dates

- Thursday 18th December- Last day of Term 4.
- Friday 30th January 2015 – Uniform Shop is open from 9am to 12pm.
- Monday 2nd February 2015- First day of Term 1 2015.
CSIRO Visit

Nikki from CSIRO came to talk to Year 3 Room 2’s class about her recent fieldwork testing water samples in rural WA. We learnt all about what it is like to be a scientist in the field and travel in a 4 wheel drive mobile laboratory. She also brought samples of rocks she has collected for us to look at, and then she gave every child a piece of volcanic rock from an underwater volcano. What a great gift!

Crazy Glasses Craft Session

Students in Room 2 spent an enjoyable morning crafting their very own “crazy glasses” and we had many wild and wacky designs. Who knew our children could be so creative!
Community Events

Westminster Junior
Primary School
22 Ungaroo Road
WESTMINSTER WA 6061
Phone: (08) 9349 4290
Fax: (08) 9349 4483
Web Site: www.westminsterjps.wa.edu.au
For Student Absences please contact the office on:
(08) 9349 4290

School Holiday Art and Craft
For families with children aged 4-8 years

Have fun painting and creating together.

WHERE: Child and Parent Centre – Westminster
24 Marloo Road, Westminster (opposite Matt Williams Reserve)
WHEN: 9:30am-11:30am, Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th January

Places in each session are limited to 10 families. Registrations are essential.

To register for one of the sessions please call 0438 224 041 or drop into the centre between 9:30am and 4pm.

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Where are they now?
Sara Newing

I started at WJPS in 2002 and joined Mrs Keene’s Year 2 class. I graduated at WJPS and went onto the Westminster Primary where I graduated Year 7. I then went to Balcatta SHS for Years 8 & 9 and then changed to Warwick SHS for my final high school years. As part of the Year 11 & 12 ACE program I was able to choose a TAFE certificate to complete because the requirements of the course was to attend school 3 days a week and go out into the workplace for the other 2 days. As an alternative I was able to attend a TAFE 1 day and be in the workplace for the other.

In Year 11, I completed a Certificate III in Children’s Services which meant working in a childcare centre to gain experience. After completing my Cert III I knew I wanted to find a career working with children so going into Year 12 I chose to do a Cert III in Education Support. I knew I wanted to work with children so I decided to go on and do the Certificate IV which will allow me to apply for primary school teaching at university. As part of my prac I had to work in a primary school. As soon as arrangements were being made I requested to work at WJPS. I was very excited to go back and see the school and how much it had changed! I worked with the Year 1’s in room 10 with Mrs Frapple. I had lots of fun working in the classroom and I learnt so much. I was able to come back and see teachers who taught me and it was such a pleasure. It didn’t feel like I was just on prac at Westminster. All the staff and children welcomed me and made me feel comfortable. I have completed my Cert IV and I was so lucky to have been able to work at such a great school and I know I’ll try my hardest to be back once I’m a qualified teacher.

Sara Newing.