



**Westminster**  
Junior Primary School

# WESTMINSTER JUNIOR PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our returning families and/or new families to our school for 2014. This promises to be another very exciting year. The staff have worked very hard to develop engaging and targeted programmes for your children. A reminder that we are always available to speak with you should you have any concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing. The first point of contact should always be your classroom teacher.



### Child and Parent Centre

I am sure that you have all seen the new building site. This will be the brand new Westminster Child and Parent Centre servicing our school and a number of the surrounding schools. I point out that as a building site entry is prohibited. A temporary gate has been placed in the Marloo Road fence for access to the Early Childhood areas. This will be opened at drop off and pick up times and closed at all other time of the day. The new sand pit and play areas are operational from yesterday. The limestone blocks will be used to make new borders for the student gardens on the other side of the school.

### Staff

Student Census will be this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, staffing allocations will be finalised and positions confirmed. Until then this is the most likely staffing for the school. We will be commencing the year with approximately 285 students. Year 3 is full. We do have vacancies in our year 1 area and other year levels.

### 2014 Classroom Staffing

<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
K (K1, 2	Room 7	Mrs Haddock/Ms Zhang
K (K3, 4) / PP	Demountable	Miss Strachan/ Mrs Fairbairn
K (K5, 6)	ELC 3	Mrs Thomson/Mrs Bowen Sutton
PP1	ELC 2	Mrs Wells /Mrs Fairbairn
PP2	ELC 1	Mrs Brooks/Mrs Fairbairn
Yr1	Room 11	Miss Thompson/Mrs Marsala
Yr1	Room 10	Mrs Frapple/Mrs Ingham
Yr 1 / 2	Room 9	Mrs Keene
Yr2	Room 6	Mrs Brown
Yr2	Room 4	Mrs Mathiasen
Yr3	Room 3	Ms Zhang, Mr Anastas
Yr3	Room 2	Ms Winter
Art	Art Room	Mrs Swanepoel
PE	Various	Mr Timms
Music	Library	Mrs Cutler, Miss Zhang
Lit Mentors	Various	Mrs Walton, Mrs Brooks
Science Mentor	Various	Mrs Walton

LSC  
EALD  
Support  
LOTE (Indonesian)

Office  
Various

Mrs Kata  
Mr Anastas, Ms Chan, Mr Timms  
TBA  
Mr Siow

Our Special Needs paraprofessionals are in different rooms and some have changed the students they work with. We won't have final mainstream paraprofessionals sorted until after student census. See your class teachers for information



### [Booklist Payments Please](#)

It has been wonderful getting the positive feedback from parents about how easy it was this year to come back to school and have your entire child's equipment there for you. The other bonus is it worked out at a significantly cheaper cost for families. I thank Mrs Alexander and her team for all the hard work and many hours spent organising this process. **[Please make sure you have finalised your payment through your class teacher.](#)** Thanks to those parents who have already done so.

### [School Website and Adventure Play link to Griff Longley](#)

Please visit this regularly. I will try to put some informative pieces there for parents. Mr Timms provided this link through our website this week. Have a look at the session on the importance of imaginative and challenging play to your child's development.

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LyO2UOFXhcl>**

Those of you who use the website can copy the link. Others please type it into your browser. It is worth a look.

### [Born Storytellers](#)

Twenty of our year 2 and year 3 writers participated in a 20 week session with Kevin Price on how to construct and write a book. Their work has now been published. Parents who had children work on this project last year should have been contacted re the Book Launch. Please visit their website where you can purchase the book written and illustrated by your children. **<http://bornstorytellers.net/>**

### [Student to Student Reading](#)

This is a programme coordinated by The Smith Family.

“Literacy skills are essential and a student's ability to read and write today will determine their future ability to participate in school, the community and later, the workforce. That is why it is so important to provide effective literacy support to students who have difficulty with reading.

The aim of the **student2student** program is to improve students reading levels, which in turn increases their confidence and their ability to cope with, and understand, their everyday school work.”

Your child will have an older child from another school help to read with them and mentor them through reading. Books are provided. You need to have a landline to be considered. Please contact Mr Mulcahy or Mrs Walton if you are interested in this opportunity.

### [Donations Required](#)

Mrs Walton requires cleaned 1lt cardboard milk cartons for the garden. Please deliver to classroom teachers. Ms Winter also requires old scarves for weaving and threading, please deliver to Room 2.



*everyone's family*

### P & C and School Council

These are very important organisations for you to get involved in and which support your child's schooling. The P&C meets once per month. We need lots more support so let's get more of our parents especially Kindy and Pre Primary there. Where possible please organise for your children to be cared for by others while you attend the meetings. The School Council meets once per term and reviews the operational aspects of the school. If you are interested please see Mr Mulcahy. The School Council role is to look at the strategic direction of the school so parent input is critical.

### Community Nurse

All local community members are reminded that the school now has a full time Community Child Health Nurse, Rosemary Austin. This service can provide all the functions of the nurses who operate out in the community for children in that 0-4 yrs range. The service is for any family enrolled at Westminster Schools or any family who reside in Westminster. For further information please telephone Rosemary on 0400825618 or for appointments call 1300 749 869. The clinic is run from Room 10 at Westminster Primary School on Marloo Road, Westminster.

### Playgroups

Adeline Ryder, Megan Hill (Aboriginal Playgroup leaders) and Deb Harrop (our Tiny Tots Playgroup leader) lead our highly successful playgroups and an important service to our whole school community. Numbers in both groups have grown significantly over the last year. Please see the office for further details.



### School Contributions 2014

These contribution amounts are set by your School Council. The money helps provide 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.

#### **Kindergarten \$50**

**Pre Primary to Year 3 - 1 child (\$20), 2 children (\$30), 3 or more children (\$40)**



Thanks to support from Westminster IGA we are hoping to be able to offer two shopping vouchers (amounts to be advised) as raffle prizes for all who pay these fees.

Peter Mulcahy  
Principal

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### Westminster JPS Reminder Dates

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Room 2 Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>P &amp; C AGM 7pm at WJPS Staff Room</b>

# P & C News

The P&C Association held their first meeting for 2014 on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. A sincere thank you to our existing members who attended, your support is greatly appreciated. We hope to see some new faces at our next meeting.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2013, the P&C co-ordinated an end of year fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Balcatta. What a fantastic day we had! It was a mammoth effort selling 1103 sausage sizzles. We had a contingency of volunteers who helped make the day a success. Sincere thanks to Norm Gibbons for his tireless efforts in organising the event.

## **P & C Annual General Meeting(AGM) - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March, the P&C AGM will be held at 7.00pm in the Westminster Junior Primary School staff room. All positions including President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will become vacant. If any parent or caregiver would like to nominate for a position, please attend the

AGM and express your interest. This is great opportunity to become involved with your P&C. Immediately following the AGM, will be a general P&C meeting and should conclude around 9.00pm.

## **Uniform Shop:**

It's great to see so all our students proudly wearing the school uniform.

However, for the Uniform shop to remain open during the term we urgently require parent helpers. Our current uniform co-ordinator, Norman Gibbons will not be readily available to open the shop on a regular basis. His is requesting the help of at least 2 people who are well organised, have good communication skills and can spare an hour or two during the week. If you are interested in helping in the Uniform Shop, on any given day, please contact Norman.

## **Canteen:**

### **Open Monday – Friday.**

Lunch orders will be taken between 8.30am - 9.20am. For those who may not be aware, the canteen offers an easy and convenient online ordering system. For more information visit [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) or speak to Mr Norm Gibbons or Mrs Liesl Smithers on how to register. There are many benefits and rewards if you order online.

We are always looking at ways to promote our Multicultural Community through our canteen. Our Canteen Manager is very keen to incorporate new dishes from our many diverse cultures as part of our menu for 2014. If you have a flare for cooking and wish to share you culinary talents please feel free to visit Liesl at the Canteen and discuss your ideas over a "cuppa".

Liesl is currently seeking volunteers who can spare a day or two during the week to help out in the Canteen. This is a great opportunity for any parent or caregiver to be involved with the Westminster Community. Your children will love seeing you behind the counter!

**Helen Notis – President P & C**