

From the Principal's desk

How quickly has the first term of 2015 flown by? We have been so busy in the centre with lots of highlights throughout each and every classroom.



Community access is a unique feature of the many programs we have on offer at the centre and I was privileged to join our students for lunch at IKEA. Excursions like these provide our children with fantastic learning opportunities developing life skills such as: catching Public Transport and learning to use a smartrider card, handling money, communication skills and engaging with the community.



This is our inaugural year as an Independent Public School and our new school board has met for the first time this term. I would like to thank all board members from the whole school community for giving up their time to work with the school in ensuring that it continues in its positive direction and ensures the best teaching and learning experiences are available for every child. If you would like more information about the school board, please don't hesitate to call into the office to see me.

Shortly the school Annual Report will be published and I encourage the whole community to check it out on our website and can be found at....

WWW.Westminsteresc.wa.edu.au

Take care and have a safe and relaxing break.

Gary Hobson - Principal



Just a reminder that staff will be attending a Professional Development Day on Monday the 20th April.
Students are to attend on Tuesday 21st April 2015.



Wear Blue for Autism!

2 April 2015
World Autism Awareness Day



Congratulations to the... Heraud Family as they were the winners of this terms IGA Gift Voucher. Thank you to all the families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions and charges. It is much appreciated.



Room 1

Teacher: Mrs Deans

Education Assistants: Mrs Lamey - Mrs Calder
Miss Pettit - Miss Rajah

The students in ESC1 have made a great start to the year. Our theme for this term has been transport with a number of activities based around this subject. The class has had some hands on experience with different forms of transport during our community access visits. We used the bus, train and ferry to take the 'scenic' route to IKEA. We also had a visit from Balcatta Bunnings who delivered a workshop in which we made model trucks. The students enjoyed using the tools and equipment and produced some excellent models.



Andre and Damon at the Bunnings workshop.



BUNNINGS
warehouse



Guot enjoying a trip on the ferry.

The students have also enjoyed conducting a number of science investigations including testing paper helicopters and finding out how to make a toy car travel further.

Kyle completing a puzzle during Friday maths games.



Jesse and Damon observing their paper helicopter.



Jesse testing toy cars down different sized ramps.

Teachers : Mrs Utting - Mrs Dunn

Education Assistants: Mrs Bos - Mr Noone - Mr Poposki

We have had a busy start to 2015 with both staff and students working together to provide a happy and safe environment for Room 2 to work in.

Solomon & Sunday working hard during maths.



Aaron working hard learning his community sight words for spelling.



We have been involved in planting seeds and describing the changes from seed to fully grown plant in Science and have also produced a wonderful mural for art involving all the things that are needed for a healthy plant environment.



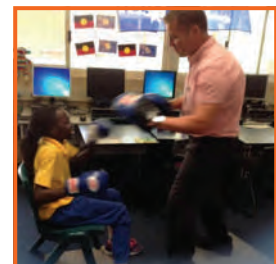
Our finished Art Mural.



In history we are studying Australia and are working hard to complete a powerpoint presentation for our parents about a state/territory from Australia.



We are also studying special days that are celebrated in other cultures, we especially enjoyed Chinese New Year.



Mr Hobson enjoyed joining Room 2 for our weekly Boxercise class.

Once again room 3 has had a great start to the year with community outings, excursions and lots of learning. The students had a fantastic time catching public transport and had lots of fun on the Ferry! Students had the chance to practice their money and counting skills when buying their lunch at Ikea and learnt all about direction, maps and being around other people.



A special visitor from Bunnings had the students making toy cars and racing each other with the completed wooden cars. The students did a great job using all the tools correctly to make their cars and they looked great when painted and decorated.



The students in room 3 have been enjoying the new play equipment with the fantastic new ball pit and sand pit in the play area. It's great to see the children playing together and participating in some sensory and social play.

What a fantastic way to start the year, we are looking forward to continuing all the hard work and fun next term.

