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NEWSLETTER

TERM 1—2016

From the Principal's desk

It was just great to see all the students back and a big welcome to our new students and families in particular our new Kindy and Pre Primary students whom I am sure have thoroughly enjoyed their start with us this term.



The Education Support Centre has had its highest ever number of student enrolments. We now have 40 students and I would like to thank all our teachers and education assistants who have been really busy with lots of classroom changes and getting everything ready for what has been a brilliant start.

We have lots of exciting things happening around the Centre this year including the purchase of new I pads, a kitchen upgrade and we are also looking to develop our early year's playground with permanent new equipment. Thank you to all parents and carer's who have participated in their child's Individual Education Plan. This provides us with a great platform for your child to receive the maximum learning opportunities available at our Centre.

Parents have a valuable role to play in making our schools a great place for our students to be. Please consider becoming a member of the School Board or the P&C as you can really help make things happen. For further information call into my office for a chat.

Our very first afternoon tea for parents/carers and students was exceptionally well attended and provided a lovely opportunity for parents old and new to catch up and develop friendships.

In the last 2 weeks of term swimming took place at Balga Leisure Centre, where our students had a fantastic time.

Gary Hobson
Principal
Westminster Education Support Centre

Term 2 Reminder

**The school will be closed on
Tuesday 26th April**

**Staff will be attending
Professional Development on
Tuesday 26th April.**

**Students are to attend on
Wednesday 27th April**

PARKING

**Please note the car park off
Marloo Road is a staff only
facility. It is a very busy place
and can be dangerous for
students being picked up or
dropped off there.**



The **Water Corporation** attended our Centre last week and impressed us all with a Waterwise Presentation. It was lots of fun and Captain Waterwise gave us all lots of ideas on how to save water!!





Wow! What a fantastic start to 2016 we have had! The students have all settled beautifully and are all working hard and doing their best.

In language we are having fun learning sounds, practicing our writing and using different senses to learn words. We also love using our new Reading program called 'Dandelion Readers'.

In Maths we are learning all about numbers and we love singing the BIG Number song.

This term our theme is "All About Me" and we have had fun painting pictures of ourselves and looking at our baby pictures and how we have grown up to now. We also do cooking every week and we are learning to follow easy recipes and we are practising to use kitchen equipment carefully. In Science and Art we are learning about 'Water' and we have had a fantastic incursion where we met Captain Water wise and learned all about saving water around the home. We ended Term 1 with the best activity yet -Swimming lessons! What a fantastic term it has been indeed!!!



Room 2

Teacher: Mrs McCulloch

Education Assistants: Miss Tozer - Mrs Vrankovic
Mrs Argyropoulos - Miss Pettit

What a great start to 2016 Room 2 have had! Everyone has settled in well to their new classroom and welcomed our new friend Jai. Term 1 has been full of exiting learning opportunities. We began the term learning about different modes of transport and planned and made our own sailboats. We then tested to see if they would float on water and how many weights they would hold, with success all around!

We have been learning all about money in Maths and practised our money counting skills during two shopping trips to IGA across the road.



We have loved learning about a chicken life cycle and watched the eggs hatch into chicks. They were very cute and fluffy! We also learnt how to hold them gently and helped to feed them.



Every Thursday we have going to Gladys school to learn about and ride bikes. Richard from Cycling WA has taught us how to check our bike before we ride and some important skills.



Welcome to Room 3 for 2016.

We have been so impressed with our students' abilities to adapt to their new class structure, staff and routine in such a short period of time. They have settled back into school beautifully.

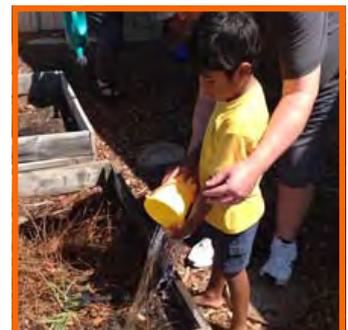
It is also lovely to see friendships developing within the classroom so quickly.

In Room 3 we value our home – school partnerships and have enjoyed meeting all of you who have been in to school or who have contacted us. It was lovely to see our families at our welcome afternoon tea. Both the staff and your children appreciate you taking the time to be there.



Our program in Room 3 covers the 8 learning areas of the Australian Curriculum and seeks to develop the child as a whole. This includes a heavy focus on independence, communication and social skills. By linking our learning through songs, stories, craft and play the children are engaged and motivated to participate, as well as having constant opportunities for facilitated and spontaneous social interaction and communication throughout the day.

Room 3 is such a happy place to be! We look forward to a year of friendships and learning together.



Room 9

Teacher: Mrs Deans

Education Assistants: Mrs Lamey - Mrs Quinones
Mr Poposki - Mrs La Galia

The year 4 – 6 students in ESC 5 have made a great start to the year. They have already become good friends and it is wonderful to see them help each other and use kind and supportive words when interacting.

A highlight of the term has been the Let's Ride program in which the students have been learning safe bike riding skills from Richard from Cycling WA. This has been made possible by the Government's Sporting Schools Grant.



We have also enjoyed watching the eggs hatch in to some very cute chicks. The students learnt how to carefully handle them and were very excited observing the changes as the chicks grew.

Our theme for the Semester is 'Water' and the students have conducted a number of investigations around the Water Cycle including learning the meaning of the words 'evaporation', 'condensation' and 'precipitation'.

