Hello everyone

For those of you who attended the Musical Soiree last Tuesday evening I’m sure you will agree that Westbury Primary really does have talent! What an impressive group of young people with a great future ahead of them. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Jessica Borton, our instrumental and band teacher, who comes out to Westbury twice a week to deliver a first class instrumental program. She is able to inspire a real passion for music in her students and this evident in the number of accomplished musicians in our school and their enthusiasm for their music. This program is funded by Tasmanian Alkaloids and we are very grateful for their support. Jessica Borton is also very grateful to the generous parents who have given money to support the purchase of new music for the band. This is a wonderful testament to the generosity of the Westbury community. Thank you.

Congratulations to our school choir who once again gave a fantastic performance at Sunday evening’s Carols by Candlelight. Well done also to our Flautists and Clarinet players for stepping up to perform at late notice.

On Friday you will receive your child’s End of Year Report. This report is a summative report and provides you with your child’s final assessment in English, Mathematics, Science and History. Teachers have also written a general comment which gives information about social development and the general capabilities of Ethical Understanding and Personal and Social Capabilities. If you have any questions about this report please talk with your child’s teacher.

Kindergarten reports will be sent home with children on Thursday.

Enjoy your week

Alison Brooks
**Two Amazing Volunteers**

On behalf of the whole school community, the Parents and Friends Association would like to recognise the amazing contribution made by two ladies who have volunteered at Westbury Primary School over a very long period of time.

Sally-Anne Peck began her work as a canteen volunteer when her children were at WPS and continued in this role until this year. Her weekly commitment to this role often went unseen by the greater parent body and so we are so pleased to have an opportunity to draw some special attention to Sally-Anne’s tremendous service to our school over the last 13 years.

We would also like to acknowledge the many hours of service given by our out-going uniform co-ordinator, Kathryn Pearton. Kathryn has enjoyed being part of the process of welcoming families to WPS by being the point of contact for new and second-hand uniforms for the last 8 years, an amazing timeframe over which to provide this essential service to our school.

We asked Miss Woolley’s Grade 4-5 class to contact Sally-Anne and Kathryn to arrange a time to conduct an interview regarding the roles they have so freely given their time to for the benefit of our school. Thank you to William Fitzallen, Samara Willshire, Natasha Brown and Emily Payne for conducting and presenting their reports for the newsletter – you may have noticed these in last week’s edition.

We trust that Sally-Anne and Kathryn will both look back on their time as volunteers at WPS with satisfaction and fondness, and no doubt these inspiring ladies will continue to find ways in which to serve their community in a volunteer capacity.

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**HOT LUNCH ROSTER**

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This is the last week for hot lunches.

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**Chaplain’s News December**

Where has this year gone?

For me this year has been a busy and very exciting year. I have had many opportunities to connect with students within the school and also out of the school on a range of different excursions which I have really enjoyed. This term I have had some involvement with the school choir and I was very impressed by their performance at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday night. I thought they did an outstanding job.

For craft this week we will be making a small basket out of wool and the students will have the option of making a couple of Christmas items which they might like to give to friends or family members. I would like to thank all the parents that have helped me this year because, without them, I would not have been able to run some of the great programs we have had. Thank you also to the staff for letting me be involved in the learning time in the classroom. I have really enjoyed working with the students and being there to help the teachers in their busy classrooms.

At this time of year we get so busy and it is easy to get caught up in the business of life and the season, but I would like to remind everyone to take the time just to stop and take a breath - to really enjoy the happiness of the season and focus on family and friends.

I am looking forward to 2014 and working with the children, staff and parents of Westbury Primary School again.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday.

Tanya Jones
Chaplain

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On Monday 2nd Dec. WWT members, Des King and Di Robinson, presented the two Tidy Towns awards at the morning Assembly, as well as sharing the State Winner for our population category Plaque and Trophy with them, so as each class had the opportunity to share these over the day, in their individual Class rooms. The students response when these were shared at the Assembly was the same as the Westbury group who attended the Tidy Towns Awards at Latrobe on Friday Nov 22nd Luncheon.

WOW !! when we presented these the students were all so proud and also thanked us for inviting them to be a part of The National School Tree Day and creating their " Living Time Capsule" and also for their weeding and mulching excursions invitations on The Town Common. What a just and wonderful reward for all the students, teachers, volunteers and Town Common members and for all the hours of physical hard work, that we have all contributed to at The Town Common area and these Awards are both something to be very proud of and a just reminder THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !!!

Together, we all have a MAGIC future, which The Town Common Committee will continue to grow on with the Westbury Primary School. We already have 300 plants organised, that are kindly gifted to us from Habitat Nursery at Liffey, for the 2014 National School Tree Day, with the Westbury Primary School students and have also extended the Schools Invitation by Participation again with the Principal, Ms Alison Brooks.

THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED AND WELL DONE AGAIN !!

Di Robinson
**Fitness Taekwondo Self Defence**

**Your Local Club at Westbury**

Classes now on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4.30 till 6.00 pm
At the Westbury Uniting Church Hall

Call your Westbury Instructor Mark Kolodziej on 0408133510 or Visit our class for a free introduction

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**AQUA FITNESS**

NEW For 2014! Time to jump into the heated pool at Deloraine Primary School and get wet and get moving!
A fun fitness session that uses the water buoyancy and resistance to give you a fantastic total body workout. Great for toning, cardiovascular fitness, stress relief, co-ordination and balance.

**STARTS WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 2014**

**When:** every Wednesday 7pm – 7.45pm
**Cost:** $13 per session
**Wear:** Bathers, swimsuit (no loose fitting clothing, a bra worn under swimwear recommended for support) and aqua shoes may be helpful (not necessary but can assist with movement in water)
**Contact:** Liza Darrow 0432 419355

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**“LEARN-TO-SWIM” PROGRAMME FOR 2014**

**A FREE COMMUNITY SERVICE BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF DELORaine**

**FOR THE CHILDREN OF DELORaine AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS**

**REGISTRATION DAY:**

WHERE: Deloraine Council Pool
WHEN: Thursday 2nd January, 2014
TIME: 10.00a.m. – 4.00p.m.

WHERE: Deloraine Council Pool
DATES: Monday 6th January, 2014 to Friday 10th January, 2014
TIMES: Mornings — 10.00a.m. to 12.15p.m. Afternoon—12.45p.m. to 3.45p.m.

Further enquiries, please contact Rotary “Learn-to-Swim”
Gayle Gerrard
0407 875 756 6362 3035
Please note children must be 5 years or older

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**CPR, Deloraine, Friday December 13th 10am or Apply First Aid Deloraine Sat December 14th full day start 9am**

Last course until end of Feb 2014

please email to enrol f-a-c-t@bigpond.net.au

ph / fax 03 63 623 633 mobile 0409 852 073

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**Deloraine Junior Football Club Christmas Party**

Combined with the Deloraine Football Club and the Deloraine Devils Netball Club

When: Sunday 15 December
Time - 12.00 for DJFC

Meat provided, drinks and snacks available to purchase. Bring the family and join in the fun with Zorb balls, jumping castle, water slide and much more. Prospective players for 2014, Auskick participants and their families welcome!

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**On Wednesday January 22nd & 29th**, from 11am to 2pm there will be school holiday sessions for kids & parents. At the Deloraine Community Garden. Making your own Deloraine Community Garden. Making your own Herb garden or worm farm. Parents must accompany children

Bring lunch to share Gold coin donation

Those who book will be able to take their garden or worm farm home with them. Ring 6362 2678 to book your place.