COMEING EVENTS
September 10 to 19 - Tas Dance
September 24 to 26 - School Camp

September 25 - Performance by Kym Lardner

Hello Everyone

I have been delighted to see so many of students wearing school uniform. When you walk around the school and see students in our school colours you get a real feeling of community and a sense that students are proud to attend Westbury Primary School. If you need assistance with uniforms please contact the school office as we may have some good quality second hand items available. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately for school.

Last Friday Grade 5/6 held a whole school election, complete with preferential voting, ballot boxes and officials. The students voted for fruit, and watermelon was the clear winner and will be served on fruit day this week. Davin Foulkes, from the Australian Electoral Commission, visited the class on Thursday and explained the voting process and the importance of making your vote count. The process was a great success and we are hoping to run our 2014 SRC elections in the same way later in the year.

During this month the ACARA School Satisfaction Survey will be conducted for students and parents. This survey provides an opportunity for parents and students to provide feedback to our school and help us identify what we do well and identify opportunities for improvement. Random samples of students (from Year 5 and above) and parents will be invited to participate, and some of you will have already received a letter inviting you to do so. Your responses will be secure and confidential. We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has clear direction when planning for the provision of future programs and services for students. Those students who are randomly selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.

On Friday Mrs Broomhall and I took a group of students into Launceston to participate in the Streets Alive Arts Trail. We were very impressed by the conduct of the students and their enthusiasm for all the workshops and exhibitions. We received many favourable comments from the artists and a great day was had by all.

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I have included some important information in this week's newsletter about school attendance. Please take the time to read through the information and contact me if you have any questions in relation to school attendance.

Enjoy your week

Alison Brooks

School Attendance:
School attendance is compulsory for all students in Tasmania between the ages of five and the end of the year in which the student turns sixteen. It is the responsibility of both the school and the parents to ensure that students enrolled in school attend regularly. Research shows that regular school attendance leads to greater school success and higher achievement for students. The long term effects of regular non-attendance are significant.

If a student misses, an average, 1 day per week during their school life they will have missed more than 2 years and one month of school by the time they have completed school. So it is clear that every day counts.

At Westbury we have an increasing number of absences and we are working to address this issue. You can support us by always contacting the school to let us know that your child is away and informing us of the reason for the absence as early as possible on the day of absence. This can be done by phone, email or written note.

Absences fall into a number of categories and these are recorded daily.

Explained – parent/carer has made contact with the school and a reasonable explanation is given.

Unexplained – parent/carer has not made contact with the school.

Unauthorised – parent/carer has provided a cause for the absence that is considered unreasonable.

A DoE authorised letter will be sent to parents in the event that their child has had 5 days of unexplained or unauthorised absence.

We appreciate you support in this important matter.

disclaimer
Parents should note that advertisements for educational services, companies, activities or similar events are published as a ‘community service’. Westbury Primary School is in no way liable for the quality, supervision or integrity of the provider and strongly suggests that parents make their own enquiries before engaging with the advertised event.
Do you know a Wonder of Westbury?

This could be a person, a business, a special place, a tree or plant, a house, a garden, anything that you think is wondrous in Westbury and deserves appreciation. Nominate that Wonder and it will be awarded a ‘Wonder of Westbury’ Certificate during Westbury Week 13-19 October 2013. Nomination forms are available from Meander Valley Council and community outlets. For more information contact: Jodie Walters on 6393 5300 or email jodie.walters@mvc.tas.gov.au

TSO Chorus visits Westbury

The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Chorus are 80 strong and bring a feast of choral music to communities. Performing a cappella or with piano accompaniment their program is full of classical favourites. Appearing at the Westbury Town Hall on Saturday 21 September at 2.00 pm. Tickets $30/25 - for information contact 1800 001 190 or www.tso.com.au

Working Well With Young People

‘Working Well With Young People’ is a free orientation program to youth work. It is aimed at helping adults to better understand the needs of young people and to work more effectively with them. It consists of two evening sessions to be held at the Westbury Town Hall Supper Room on Wednesday 23 and 30 October between 7.00 – 9.30pm. 15 places are available. This program is supported by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. For details and registration please contact Patrick Gambles on 6393 5300 patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au

HOT LUNCH ROSTER

| September 12 | Cindy Chugg          | Amanda Taylor |
| September 19 | Amanda Taylor        | Cindy Chugg   |

LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING NEWS

In Term 3 Launching into Learning is fortunate to be involved with ‘Sing and Grow’. Sing and Grow is an early intervention music therapy program, and is facilitated by Alex Morse clinical therapist. This program is an extension to current programs offered to at WPS for our Launching into Learning families. Sing and Grow runs each Friday from 9.30am - 10.30am till the end of term, which is held in the Open Learning Room, next to the Library.

Pre-Kinder - If you have a child 3-4 years of age (born in 2009) now is the perfect time to bring them along to our pre-kinder program (Friday 9.00am - 10.30am). Alternatively, if you know of anyone who has a child turning 4 this year, could you please pass on this information or encourage them to contact the school office for further information.

Thank you,
Kim Riley - Kindergarten & Launching into Learning Teacher

PARENT NOTICE BOARD

A reminder that notices are put on the Parent Noticeboard outside the Kindergarten room.

Please check this for local Community Notices.

NEXT PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING:

Friday 13 September 2013.

Advent Pageant Meeting

There will be meeting for all people interested in being part of the Advent Pageant Committee on Wednesday September 25 at 1.30pm in the Westbury Primary School Meeting Room. If you are interested in becoming involved, please come along and join us in planning this great community event.

Do you know a Wonder of Westbury?

Half Way to St Paddy’s Talent Quest

Saturday 21 September at 7.30 pm at the Westbury Uniting Church Hall. Application forms from Andrea on 0409 344 763 or dnabadcock@bigpond.com.
TOWN COMMON MULCHING WARRIORS

On a very sunny warm Tuesday afternoon on 3 September 2013, we had an excited Class and Teacher Aid of 1/2 students and Mrs Cindy Chung, from Westbury Primary School arrive at the Car Park of The Town Common, we could hear the excited students before we could see them !!

The students joined us after some recreation time on The Village Green, on their walk down to the Town Common and still had " full batteries of energy " when they joined Town Common members, Des King, Ian Gatenby and Di Robinson on the Town Common at the Car Park.

We had wheel barrows, rakes and boxes ready to use for mulching the garden bed, on the left hand side of the walking track onto the Town Common, which again was kindly organised by Mike Pel of MVC, as well as our work in progress sign and an onsite portaloo.

That bag of Gardening gloves purchased for the Weeding Warriors in June 2013, accompanied the Class and are now getting lots of use.

One team of students finished off the large garden bed on the right with The Town Common sign at the Common entrance, while the 2nd team started mulching on the other bed and we soon had a great team effort, by approximately 40 students and helpers and together started totally transforming these beds, from trees with lots of dead weeds, to landscaped garden beds.

It was also rewarding to see the care of large worms, we uncovered in the piles of mulch, being carefully handled and viewed by curious students then real thought and discussion given by the students, as to where to carefully relocate them.

Its a wonderful opportunity for Town Common members Des, Ian, Geoff, Stuart and myself, to share our on going work in progress afternoons, on The Town Common, with the students and staff/helpers of The Westbury Primary School.

The mentoring and sharing the afternoon together, with us all enjoying the same experience and actually physically doing a Community Project together, that creates lasting memories, co ownership and real environmental benefit, that is already visible to all visitors and that the public are commenting on, so positively !!

WELL DONE TO ALL THE CLASS OF 1/2 STUDENTS, Mrs Cindy Chung and Town Common members.

We all Thank The WPS Principal, Ms Alison Brooks for allowing the students, to be an ongoing part of this fantastic “Outdoor Class Room” experience, we are all creating, as a valuable part of the School Curriculum.

Di Robinson

Little Athletics Tasmania & Athletics Tasmania are pleased to present the IGA Tasmania 2013 Northern Regional Coaching Clinic on Sunday 22 September at the St Leonards Athletics Centre, Launceston from 12.45-4.00pm. The free clinics are designed as a come and try day and are open to children from the age of 4. To register phone Colina on 0432389526 or go to www.littleathletics.com.au and click on Tas.

Deloraine Little Athletics Centre Registration Day is 28th September, 9am-12 noon at the Deloraine Primary School oval.

Vacation Care

A Vacation Care Program has recently been sent out by your school, if you would like more information or like to make a booking, Please phone or text Tricia our Bposhc Co-ordinator on 0429 327 370.

Please book by end of term to avoid disappointment.

#Care may not be available if enough bookings are not received.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK
http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/bposhc/?fref=ts
"Streets Alive"
FREE Hot Soup Day

Hot soup this week will be pumpkin soup and a bread roll. This will be free to all students as part of the chaplaincy program.

Makes about 15 cups

**Pumpkin soup**

- 1 pumpkin (cut into pieces)
- Onion: diced
- 1 small potato (diced)
- 1 carrot (diced)
- Celery (1 small stick)
- Curry powder: 1-2 teaspoons
- 1 teaspoon veg stock powder
- 1 teaspoon chicken stock powder
- 2 chicken stock cubes
- Water
- Butter for frying

Fry onions, butter and curry powder with half the pumpkin, add rest of pumpkin, potato, carrot, celery, stock powder and stock cubes. Add water just to cover bring to boil then let simmer till vegetables are soft. Blend and then serve.

Please return the form below to the office by Wednesday September 11 if your child would like soup on Friday.

If you child/children would like soup and a bread roll this Friday 13 September, please fill in the form below and return to the office by Wednesday 11 September.

| Name: _____________________________ | Class: ______________ |
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ALL-SCHOOLS GYMKHANA
Deoloraine Showgrounds, Sunday 29th Sept 2013
Commencing at 8.30am

This gymkhana is only open to current full time students. The school with the most points at the end of the competition will win the Perpetual Trophy.

Entry Fee: $20 one horse, one rider must compete in all sections to be included in scores.

Ribbons: Ribbons will be awarded to 4th place.

Shield: The Perpetual shield will be presented to the school with the highest points score for the day. In the event of a tied score the winner will be decided on a count back (Topsy not to count).

Trophy: Forestry Tasmania’s Highest placed team of 3 riders – consists of the 3 highest points scoring riders from each school. Schools must nominate their team members.

Champions: Sashes will be awarded to Champion and Reserve Champion. No points will be awarded for these classes.

Games: Games will be run under Pony Club Rules.

Age: To be the age rider is on the day.

For further information Contact:
Jane Becker 0497 2154 40 Rogers Rd Kimberley 7304

Entries close Sept 21st Late entries will incur $10.00 penalty per ride.

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MEANDER VALLEY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2013

MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER:

Weave the Wind Project @ Westbury Community Garden. 9.30-3pm

We will be making windbreaks for the fences around the Community Garden. We will also be painting tyres again for some more garden beds. Children need to wear old clothes, bring a hat, drink & sunscreen. Lunch & morning tea provided.

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THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER:

Movement to Music, song & dance @ Deoloraine Little Theatre.

Children come along for some fun with music, dancing & maybe even singing, and acting. Children need to wear comfortable clothes & wear sneakers/comfy footwear. We will walk to Train Park for lunch, weather permitting. Hat, drink bottles & sunscreen.

Morning Tea & Lunch provided each day.

Cost: $10 for 1st child, $8 2nd child, $6 3rd child.

Bookings & Enquiries to: Kylie Johns 0400 758 019

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