Hello Everyone

What a great first week we had with students getting straight back into work and meeting the high expectations of Westbury Primary School from the start; well-done everyone. I would like to acknowledge our wonderful teachers and teaching assistants who have worked hard to set up inviting classrooms, plan interesting and engaging learning experiences and spent time in getting to know their students and setting high standards around behaviour and conduct. Westbury is indeed lucky to have such a high quality teaching staff.

Over the next couple of weeks teachers will begin sending home Reading Diaries and Home Readers. This is a valuable program and we would appreciate parental support in making time each day to read with their children. If you have any questions please talk with your child’s class teacher.

A big thank you to Mrs Rootes, whose devotion to the ‘Hawks’ resulted in a visit from 8 Hawthorn team members last Friday. It was a great morning of activity and fun with our students mixing it with the likes of Sam Mitchell, Luke Breust and Matt Suckling. The players were very impressed by the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship of our students. Everybody had lots of fun and were rewarded with a healthy morning tea of delicious fruit.

Thank you to Jenni Rixon, Jayne Cresswell and Cindy Chung for preparing the fruit and having it ready for our hungry students.

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We have been fortunate to have secured the services of Miss Anna Woolley who has been working to support classes and teachers and ease the pressure of our growing class sizes. If our numbers remain constant we will explore some different options and ways to provide more manageable class sizes.

Thank you to those parents who have taken the time to come and talk with me and share concerns. Your feedback is very important and an opportunity for a discussion is much more productive than a second hand message which may not always reflect the truth of a situation. Our priority is to provide quality education for our students and we are working hard to ensure that this remains the case. Please do not hesitate to come and have a chat if you have any questions.

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LEVY PAYMENTS
Invoices for 2013 levies have been sent out. Full payment is due by 22 February.

If you would like to pay in instalments (due 22 February, 22 March, 19 April and 24 May), please see the office for a confidential payment plan.

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.

Alison Brooks, Principal
You may have noticed that the Office has undergone some minor alterations during the holiday period. This work was carried out by GLB. I would like to make mention of the great job that they have done in creating a high functioning work space. GLB’s workmanship has been exceptional and their eye for detail excellent. We have really appreciated their professionalism and ability to work to deadlines. Feel free to come and have a look.

On Tuesday 26 February the Parents and Friends will host a Welcome Back to School Sausage Sizzle. This will be a great opportunity to meet teachers and for all our new families to get to know our school community better. We would love to see you there.

Enjoy your week.
Alison Brooks

THANK YOU
Thank you to Angus Piercey from AA Maintenance and Tim Rixon from Travenco Engineering for responding to our call for help after the recent vandalism. They have generously donated their time to repair and reinforce the fort ensuring that it is safe for our students to play on.

POLAR FLEECE JACKETS
To ensure polar fleece jackets arrive in time for winter, if you would like to order one, please complete the order form below and return to the office by next Tuesday 19 February.

Payment will be required upon collection of jackets.

Please detach and return to the office by Tuesday 19 February

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Polar fleece jacket (zip front)

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MAYPOLE
Practice for Maypole will start from next Tuesday 19 February. Practice will be every Tuesday and Thursday at 1.30pm.

I am also looking for someone who has the time to come and learn the dances and be able to take over from me after this year’s St Patrick’s Festival.

Kylie Frost
Co-ordinator

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
The next meeting of the P&F will be held in the Parent Room on Friday 22 February at 2.00pm.

All welcome to attend.

Volunteers
We are looking for volunteers to assist us with the following:

HOT LUNCHES
If you are able to spare two hours on a Wednesday, please consider going on the roster to help with Hot Lunches.

PROBUS
The P&F cater for Probus on the third Thursday of each month. We are looking for people to assist with cooking for the morning tea.

Remember that the more people on each of these rosters, the less times you need to assist throughout the year.

If you are interested in helping with any of these, please see Kim or Ramona in the office.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking will start tomorrow, Wednesday 13 February.

Students can bring their deposit books and money to the classroom where they will be collected and banked.

This will take place each Wednesday from now.

Kathryn Fitzallen
Banking Co-ordinator
Hawthorn Football Club visit

8 February 2013
Junior Football Gala Family Day
11am-2pm on Sat 24th Feb at Westbury Footy Oval
For new and old players and families
Sausage sizzle, jumping castle and more
Phone Leigh 0417 593 466
First training is on Tues 26th Feb at 4.45pm (all welcome)

The Deloraine Big Band and Arts Deloraine are holding a Valentines Dance on Saturday 16th February. This is both a fundraiser and 30th birthday celebration of The Big Band. From 7.30 til late. Tickets $20 and $15 conc and Arts Del members.

GLYS offers vocal tuition in a group environment for young singers from Grade 2 -12. Directed by Denise Sam and Cherie Partridge, GLYS rehearsals will start on Wednesday 20th February from 4.15 – 5.15 pm at Newstead College.
For more information contact:
Denise: 0419369781
Cherie: 0438902230
Email: glyschoir@gmail.com

Meander Valley Gymnastics Club
Fun, friendship & skill development
Monday: 5.30pm – 7.30pm – Experienced gymnasts
Thursday: 5.00pm – 6.00pm – 5-9 years
6.00pm – 8.00pm – 10 years +
Westbury Sports Centre, Franklin St. Westbury
Experienced Coach
All Welcome
For further details contact Tricia – 6393 2586

Longford Junior Football Club Inc Registration Day
Sunday 17th February 2013 10am – 12.00pm
Longford Recreation Ground
Under 9’s through to Under 16’s
Come along and register for a team
Meet the Coaches & Committee
For more information contact:
Michael - 0409 701 984
Karen – 0419 382 156

The Deloraine Junior Football Club Registration Day for Season 2013 will be held on Saturday, February 16 at the Deloraine Football Ground. The day runs from 11am until 2pm and will include a free BBQ, Jumping Castle and Water Slide.
Everyone Welcome!