Hello everyone

Last week at Principal’s Forum we looked at some interesting research on school retention and educational outcomes. One aspect of the research looked at social capital and the importance it plays in determining educational outcomes. What this means is that participation in school-based activities, relationships with teachers and participation in sporting activities all help to positively influence higher rates of participation in education and training for our young people. Some other indicators of educational success include being an independent reader by the end of year 3, having a clear career pathway early in life and consistent school attendance. Regular school attendance is crucial in helping children connect with school and in ensuring that they don’t get left behind socially or academically. The role of the parent is critical in helping children to value education and in understanding its importance. By ensuring your child attends school regularly you are giving them the best chance of greater success in later life. This is important and we need to work together to make sure our students are given the support they need.

This week some of our students commenced Horse Handling with Constable Justine Hartum. This is a wonderful program and is designed to help students develop confidence self-efficacy, trust, impulse control and social connection. Working with animals has some wonderful spin-offs for children and we are very grateful to Justine and Cindy Chung for taking the time to facilitate this program for us.

Last week all of our students participated in Westbury Week activities centred around the town hall. It was great to see our students interacting with community members, learning new things and enjoying themselves outside the school environment. We would like to pass on our thanks to all the people who worked with our students and made it such a rewarding week.

Earlier this year some of our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition which is sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. The competition was comprised of a number of different mathematical problems that students had to solve within a set time.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

Wednesday 23 Kinder/Prep 1 Excursion to the Hospital
Thursday 24 2/3 & 4/5 Excursion to Franklin House
Friday 25 Student Free Day

November

Monday 4 Recreation Day
Friday 29 Advent Pageant

December

Thursday 19 End of Term 4

2014 Term Dates

Term 1: 5 February to 16 April
Term 2: 5 May to 4 July
Term 3: 22 July to 26 September
Term 4: 13 October to 18 December

2014 Student Free Days

Tuesday 4 February, Thursday 17 April,
Monday 21 July and Friday 24 October

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.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WERE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT.

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**PROFICIENCY:** Emily Payne and Jessica Rushton.

Well done to all students who participated and we commend you for having a go.

Miss Woolley has been working with her Grade 4/5 students on creating ‘Bump it Up Walls’. This is a teaching strategy that helps students know what ‘better’ looks like and helps them to set personal goals for achievement. Working this way enables students to contribute to their own learning as they recognise where improvement is possible by referring to work samples displayed on the ‘Bump it Up Wall’. There are some examples in this newsletter for you to enjoy.

Enjoy your week

**Alison Brooks**

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**HOT LUNCH ROSTER**

October 24  Annette Barrett
Sally-Anne Burns

October 31  Kathryn Pearton
Simone Triffitt

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**PROBUS COOKING ROSTER**

November 21  Tammy Sheahan
Justine Hartam
Alison Wightman

Please leave cooking in the Parent Room by 9.00am on the morning of Probus

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**SUN SAFE HATS in TERM 4**

Westbury Primary School is a Sun Safe School and therefore endorses the wearing of sun safe hats at appropriate times. **All students are required to wear their school sun hats in Term 4.**

We would appreciate it if you could ensure that your child has a school hat to start the term. Hats are available for sale at the school office. Students without hats will have to remain in the shaded part of the quadrangle during recess and lunch. We thank you for your cooperation.

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**WOOLWORTHS ANIMAL CARDS**

Do you have any spare Animal Cards?

If so, Westbury Cubs and Joey Scouts would appreciate them.

Please take them to the Westbury Library.

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**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 Gamble on 6393 5300

patrick.gambles@mvc.tas.gov.au
**P & F Catering**

Catering is one of the main fundraising for the P&F committee. There are our regular events such as Rotary dinners and Probus morning teas, as well as special events such as Westbury Week Coffee Shop and the Wonders of Science Day.

These events would not be such a success without your support. We would like to thank everyone who so generously donate their time and the ingredients to make muffins, cakes and slices. All contributions are always greatly appreciated.

If you would like to help out, but are unsure what is required, please talk to Jayne Cresswell (our catering co-ordinator) or one of the other committee members. Even if you don’t enjoy baking, there may be other ways that you can help out by donating ingredients for sandwiches or cheese platters, for example.

This week, we are asking for your support of the following events:

**Friday 25 October (Student Free Day)**
District Teacher’s Meeting
**For this event, please leave your contributions in the Parent’s Room on Thursday 24 October.**

**Wednesday 30 October**
Westbury Library Literacy Program Afternoon Tea
**Please leave your contributions in the Parent’s Room in the morning.**

Thankyou

**Aspergers Parent Support Group**

Thank you to all parents who have expressed interest in the parent support group.

The first meeting will be held on Monday 11th November from 1:30 – 2:30pm in the New Hall at Deloraine Primary School.

Any queries please contact Bernadette Bennett on 63622742 or Penny Burbury on 63622012.

With thanks,
Bernadette

**ATTENDANCE**

School attendance is mandatory for all children between the ages of five, until the end of the year in which they turn sixteen. All schools in Tasmania have a legal requirement to maintain accurate records of all student attendance.

If your child is away for any reason we would ask that you contact the school office to inform us of their absence on the day/s they are away. This then allows us to ensure accurate records of attendance at all times.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Westbury Primary has two new Uniform Co-ordinators, Alison Wightman (Lucy in P-1) and Emma Clarke (Jacob in 1-2 and Oliver in Kinder). We would like to thank Kathryn Pearson for her hard work and dedication to this volunteer role.

We will be having a Pre-Kinder uniform viewing soon. Please keep a look out for the details.

If you would like to order or look at the uniform please contact us or you can get an order form from the office.

Thankyou
Alison (0418 931 195)
Emma (0438 297 775)
JANUARY 2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM

Monday 20th to Friday 31st Jan 2014
30 minute lessons available from 9.00am each day
Same Instructor each day
Qualified experienced Austswim Instructors
Ages: 4 to 12 years – small classes all levels catered for
Just Swim – Kings Meadows
63 442244
www.justswim.com.au

HADSPEN CRICKET CLUB

Hadspen Cricket Club have announced Jacob Castellar as its junior development officer for the 2013-14 season.

The club intends to fill under 15s and under 13s sides in this year’s NTJCA competition and welcome all existing and new players to the club but needs more players to be able to field sides in junior competitions this season.

A 2nd registration day will be held at the Hadspen Cricket Ground (Scope Park) on Sunday, October 27 from Midday to 1.00pm. Mat Gardener and Dion Frame will continue to operate the club’s twilight team after a successful first year in the comp and Terry Plumbridge will take over from Steve & Gary Neville to run the Milo cricket program which starts Monday, 28th October at 4.15pm.

To continue the success of our program, we really need parents and friends who are able to help in coaching, scoring and kiosk roles. For more information call Jacob on 0418 173 775 or David Burk on 0418 128 869 or for Twilight enquiries Belinda Gardener 0400 228 374 and Linelle Frame 0419 535 334

JUNIOR CRICKET 2013/2014

REGISTRATION
Registrations are still being taken for girls and boys under the age of 15, who are interested in playing cricket for our Westbury and Deloraine branches of the Westbury Shamrocks Junior Cricket Club. Come along to training on Thursday night from 4.30pm to register.

TRAINING
Training sessions are on Thursday nights at 4.30pm commencing Thursday 17th October.

GAMES
U13’s/U15’s – games are Friday nights commencing Friday 8th November

MILO CRICKET
For the younger children, Milo Cricket will be held on Thursday nights for 8 weeks from 5.30pm for one hour commencing Thursday 24th October. Cost is $45.00.

CONTACTS
U13’s/U15’s
Sharon Headwood – 0417 592 291
Junior Development Officer
Milo Cricket
Kieran Humm – 0458 858 701
Milo Cricket Co-ordinator

ALL WELCOME
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

Cressy District High School

150th Anniversary Fair & Open Day

Saturday October 26
10AM - 2PM

Come and Celebrate!