Hello Everyone

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter break, indulging in chocolate and spending time with family.

Last Thursday teachers participated in professional learning here at school and spent some of the day learning about the importance of feedback in enhancing student learning. We explored different forms of oral and written feedback and began working on a more uniform approach to providing feedback to our students across the school. We looked closely at the traditional method of marking student work and discussed how this is not the most effective method of providing information about learning to students.

It is too often an automatic response to correcting spelling errors and other surface features with comments at the end. This type of information is too much for students to process and is often unrelated to the learning intentions of the task. We are collectively working on ways to provide the most meaningful and productive forms of feedback to students about their learning which will include individual teacher/student conferences, specific learning intentions and targeted written feedback. Teachers are also trying to establish a distinction between praise and feedback with research clearly showing that descriptive feedback is much more effective in eliciting student learning than a general comment of ‘well done’ or ‘great work’. While these comments have their place if we are serious about promoting optimal learning we need to be more deliberate in our use of feedback.

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If you would like to know more please talk with your child’s teacher and I will endeavour to share more of our work over the coming months.

The Northern Midlands Carnival will be held this Thursday 4 April. Ms Jales and Miss Woolley will be attending with their whole classes. Please make sure your child has returned the permission form to the school office prior to the carnival.

Mr Doug Poulton has been working hard to generate interest in an ANZAC Sports Day for Westbury. We are pleased to announce that Westbury will be hosting an ANZAC Sports Day at the Westbury Recreation Ground on Thursday 18 April.

It will be a day of fun, running and novelty events reminiscent of the ANZAC sports of old. If you are interested in being involved we would be very grateful for your help.

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Alison Brooks, Principal
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Bracknell Primary School will be joining us for the day and our Parents and Friends will be providing a BBQ and drinks as a fund-raising event for our school so the more the merrier!

I would like to remind parents and students about the importance of not bringing electronic equipment or other precious games or toys to school. This includes ipods, DS consoles, toys and mobile phones. These are expensive pieces of equipment and teachers cannot assume the responsibility for keeping them safe. If your child needs to have their mobile phone for before or after school use please have them leave it at the front office for safe keeping. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Enjoy your week.

Alison Brooks

**Netball Training**

Netball Training will commence on Tuesday 9 April 2013 at 12.50pm in the netball courts for those from grades 3 – 6 wishing to play netball this year. Please bring a drink and wear sandshoes.

**Jenny Brown**

**Co-ordinator**

**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013.

We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

**HOT LUNCHES ARE BACK!**

The hot lunch menu for 2013 has been sent home (separate to the newsletter) today. **Please note that lunches are now on Thursdays.**

Orders need to be in this Friday 5 April for hot lunches next Thursday 11 April.

**HOT LUNCH ROSTER**

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**PROBUS COOKING ROSTER**

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

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

The next meeting for the Parents and Friends will be held on Friday 10 May at 2.00pm in the Parent Room.

All welcome to attend.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photo day is Thursday 11 April 2013.

♦ **Please enclose correct money as change is not available.** Cash, cheque and money orders are accepted. Credit cards can only be used for payment when ordering online.

♦ **All children must have their envelope on photo day whether they are ordering photos or not.**

♦ **Do not seal envelopes inside each other.**

♦ **Family envelopes are available at the school**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The staff, students and wider Westbury community wish the following students a very happy birthday for next week:

Peter Burns, Indianna West, Noah Curtis, Jade Donohue, Natasha Brown, Courtney Burns
Last week Grades 4-5 and 5-6 went on an excursion to the planetarium for a show based on Pluto and how it became a dwarf planet. We also went to the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery to see the Glover prize exhibition. Hopefully one day you'll see our work hanging in the Art Gallery.
MEANDER VALLEY SUNS
Junior training will change to Thursday nights at 4:45pm.

Auskick will start at the Westbury Football Ground on Sunday 14 April at 10.00am. This will be registration day.

Enquiries to Leigh Watts on 0417 593 466.

Deloraine Auskick 2013
New time Tuesdays 4:00pm till 5:30pm
Starting from 14th May till 23rd July
All sessions at Deloraine Football Ground unless notified

Registration afternoon 4.00pm Tuesday 7th May 2013 this will include a Sausage Sizzle and Games.
For Boys and Girls aged 5-12 years old.
Footy Skills, Games, Lots of Fun!
$65 including 11 weeks of training, insurance, football, and a backpack with merchandise.
Payment must be made on Registration Day (Cash or Cheque)

Enquiries to : Michael Sullivan 0409 974 427 or Email : mjauskick@gmail.com

“Deloraine First Aid Course”
Do You Live In An Area, with out medical services???
Do you know what to do in an emergency??????

Sunday 21st April 2013
9am to 5pm

Enrol Soon, Limited Places available.

Are YOU, your family, friends, neighbors, and staff up to date with their first aid training?

To arrange a course or for more information please contact
First Aid Concepts Tasmania
Email f-a-c-t@bigpond.net.au
Phone / fax Angela 63 623 633
Mobile 0409 852 073

Queechy Penguins Hockey Club invites U14
Boys & Girls for the 2013 hockey season
Games are played each Saturday morning starting Term 2.
All games and training on Olympic Standard Synthetic Surface at St Leonards.
Training is Thursday evenings from 6pm til 7pm.
Cost is $60 for the season.
Uniform:
Red Socks, Royal Blue Shorts or Skirt.
Club socks are sold at Sports Authority.
Club shirt is supplied.
Players require a stick, clean sports shoes, mouth guard and shin pads.
No experience necessary
U14 Boys Coach – Andrew Harris
U14 Girls Coach – Sue Pinkard
Players must be U14 or turning 14 in 2013.
For further information please contact Andrew Harris andrew.harris@education.tas.gov.au or phone: 0407 871 830.