From the Principal

Great news! Thanks to very generous sponsorship from Tasmanian Alkaloids, Westbury Primary can once again offer the popular band program co-ordinated by Jessica Borton. This program is for Gr 4-6 students and will commence early next term.

Congratulations to Lachlan Brown who has been selected to compete in the State Athletic Carnival. Lachlan will be part of the Northern Midlands representative team and compete in the Gr 6 1500m event.

Today our Gr 4-5-6 will be working with the Westbury town common committee and Land Care as they re-pot plants to be replanted at the Town Common. This is an excellent example of a positive partnership between our school and the local community.

On Friday our Prep-2 students will join with similar aged students from Meander, Mole Creek and Deloraine Primary schools in an Infant Fun Day at Deloraine Primary School. Our students will travel by bus departing at 9.15am. Parent permission for this local excursion is covered by the permission section of the validation form. If you do not want your student to participate, please see your class teacher.

Teachers work long hours in their own time to support the students at our school. One example of this is the Word Games Mrs Riley has recently created for all Prep students in the school to take home. These games, “Crash” and “Dinosaur Roar”, are designed to help students learn their M100 sight words. These games now belong to the students and are designed to be played at home with other family members.

Nominations for the 3 vacancies on the School Association closed this morning. As there were five nominations, elections will be held from 3.00pm Thursday 10 April to 9.00am Monday 14 April 2014.

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Welcome to new students Lily and Quin Annesley. The family has recently moved from Qld and we welcome them to the Westbury community.

A reminder that next week is the last week of term and is a short week. In addition to Friday being Good Friday, Thursday is a Pupil Free day. On this day Westbury staff will be participating in spelling and moderation professional learning at Deloraine with other schools from the Meander Valley.

Marcus Cramp

P & F Meeting
The next meeting of the P & F will be held this Friday 11 April in the Parent Room at 2.00pm.

All welcome to attend.

Book Club Update
Our first Scholastic Book Club deliveries were sent home yesterday.

Thank you to all those who were able to put in an order – you helped your school earn $325.30 in Scholastic Rewards. These will be used to help pay for future orders by each classroom teacher, so therefore will benefit every student.

Thank you must also go to Kristy Wallis who helped out with this order by tallying up the money.

For those who were interested in entering the Paws For Reading Picture Competition featured on the order forms – please visit the website for full terms and conditions http://paws.scholastic.com.au/terms-and-conditions

Entries close on the 30 April.

Our next Book Club forms will arrive after the school holidays.

Happy reading from the Book Club Team – Kim Riley, Tenille Rosevear and Jessica Marston

Note: If there were any problems with your order please let us know. This can be done directly with Jessica on 0439315369 (please text, or call and leave a message with your name and return number) or via your child’s teacher.

HOT LUNCH ROSTER
April 10 S Burns
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April 17 NO HOT LUNCHES - Student Free Day

PROBUS COOKING ROSTER
Thursday 17 April Justine Hartam
Tricia van Dijk
Alison Wightman

Thursday 15 May Sally-Anne Burns
Tiana Kirkhope
Rebecca Shepheard

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

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property will be on display in the corridor from Wednesday to Friday this week.

DON’T FORGET!!
Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Decorating Competition
✧ Decorate an egg however you like.
✧ Be Creative and have some fun.
✧ Make it simple or super fancy.
✧ Paint or draw on your egg or maybe use recycled things to create your masterpiece!

Eggs will be displayed in classrooms Easter Week. A winner and runner-up prize will be awarded in each class on Wednesday 16 April.

UNIFORM SHOP
We have a number of white skivvies in even sizes 4 through to 12. These are available for $5 each.

First in, first served basis.

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Phone ________________________________

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Information Validation Forms

Early this term Information Validation forms were sent out to enable parents/carers to update contact information and to make any changes to personal information that we may have on our system. Many forms have been returned but we are still awaiting on a few forms to come back to the office. If you have not returned your updated form, could you please do so as soon as possible.

It is very important that we have up to date contact names and numbers in case of emergency situations.

If your circumstances change throughout the year, there is a form available at the office for you to complete to update your details.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2014 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2014 are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how their child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2014 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2012.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at:

http://www.nap.edu.au

Kinder/Prep enjoying our wonderful 'New Sandpit'

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in making this happen - parent volunteers and a very special thank you to Mr Russell Kilbride and Mr Robin Riley for giving up their Sunday to build the fabulous new roof. The children are having the best time playing in it, and their happy faces say it all!

A message to everyone from the children - THANK YOUUUUU!!! We love it :)

Kinder/Prep enjoying our wonderful 'New Sandpit'
**Deloraine Badminton Association**
Junior badminton or children from 8 years old will commence at Deloraine Community Complex on Friday 9 May (first Friday after holidays) from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Cost is $2.00 per night.
Enquiries to Jan Atkins on 6368 1296 or Lynette Gleeson on 6362 2533.

**Deloraine Auskick 2014**
**REGISTRATION DAY**
**TUESDAY 29TH APRIL**
**4:30 TILL 5:30 PM**
AGES: 5-12 YEARS BOYS & GIRLS
COME ALONG AND REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR OUR 10 WEEK PROGRAM
GAMES AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE ON REGO DAY PROGRAM INCLUDES GREAT BAG FULL OF GEAR,
TRAINING & COACHING, INSURANCE.
COST $ 65
CASH, CHEQUE OR EFTPOS AVAILABLE
SESSIONS WILL RUN EVERY Tuesday from 4:00pm till 5:30pm 6th May till 8th July 2014
Enquiries to: Michael Sullivan 0409 974 427
Email: mjaauskick@gmail.com

**Family Day Care Vacancies in Westbury**
Northern Children’s Network currently has care spaces for home based child care in the Westbury area. NCN educators provide care that is fun, flexible, supportive and very affordable, with Government Benefits available to eligible families. Please contact Alison at NCN for more information, ph 6341 1555 www.ncn.org.au

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**MEANDER VALLEY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - PRIMARY 2014**
Monday 21st April 2014-30-29
BAKE N GAMES DAY
Venue: Deloraine Community Complex
Time 9-10pm

Come along and enjoy a BAKE DAY. Bake lots of goodies to take home and share with your family. We will also enjoy playing some board games, sports & Will it be own transport this day to venue.

**Wednesday 20th April**
AIR TIME TRAMPOLINING – CITY PARK
Time 9-9pm

Come along & have some fun trampolining at the new Airtime 360 followed by lunch and a play at City Park. But provided this day. Pick up Deloraine info Centre 9am 7 Westbury Health Centre 9.20am, returning 2.45pm westbury.3 pm Deloraine.

**Family Law, separation and care of children**
free information session. Launceston Community Legal Centre visiting solicitor will give a talk and answer questions at 10am – 11am on Monday April 28th. Morning tea provided.

**Deloraine House April – May 2014**
Enrolments essential: phone 63622678
email: info@delorainehouse.com.au
Opening Hours: Mon- Fri. 10am-4pm.

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**Deloraine House 25th Anniversary Celebrations.** Friday May 2nd at the House. For more information contact the House.

**Visiting Services**
Launceston Community Legal Centre:
Visiting lawyer April 28th. 11am-2pm.
Appointments essential Ph. 1800 066 019