From the Principal

The storms last Thursday led to many school closures due to damage. At Westbury, the morning power outage initially caused us to also start following this process as we were told by Tas Networks that the power would be off for a significant length of time and they could give no estimated time when it would be returned. But unexpectedly the power came on again and we were able to resume the school day. We apologise for any confusion this may have caused at the time.

We were very fortunate to receive only minimal damage to the school during the period of the storms. The scheduled School Association was postponed and will now be held later this month.

Our students were very successful at last week’s sport trials. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Northern Midlands at the Country Gold Carnival next month. A great achievement for a small school!

Hockey - William Fitzallen, Hallie Triffitt, Jordan Waddingham
Netball - Danielle Laugher
Football - Jake Savage
Soccer - Lachlan Brown, Archie Peck-McKinnon

Mr Alex Wadley will be joining our staff for the remainder of the year. Alex will be working on Gr 4-5-6 on Thursdays. Alex lives locally and, when not at Westbury Primary, works at St Leonards Primary school where he is a very highly regarded teacher.

For those families that use our bus services, please send a note to the office if your child is getting off at a different bus stop to normal. This will prevent any confusion.

A reminder that all students will participate in the “Family Life” Centacare program next week. Please let your class teacher know if you do not want your child involved.

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Westbury Primary has a school zone speed limit. For the safety of our children a 40km/hr limit is in place around the school from 8.15am - 9.00am and from 2.45pm-3.30pm. It has been noticed that this limit is not always adhered to both by local traffic and parents dropping/collecting children. Please slow down for the safety of our students.

Later this week I will be attending the Tasmanian Principals Association conference in Hobart. The conference will provide a valuable opportunity for professional learning. Michael Trotman will be acting principal while I’m away.

Marcus Cramp

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**Free Hot Soup Day**

This Friday we will be having Pumpkin Soup. This will be free to all students as part of the chaplaincy program. If your child/children would like soup this Friday could you fill out the form below.

**Pumpkin soup** *(makes about 15 cups)*

- 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, then 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.

If your child/children would like soup on Friday 8 August, could you please fill out the following form and return to the office by Thursday 7 August.

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Book week will be celebrated at school the week of Monday 18 – Friday 22 August. This year’s theme is ‘Connect To Reading’.

This will include a variety of activities based around the short-listed books in 2014, with some of our early childhood classes working together with our primary classes at Westbury. Kinder-Prep, Mrs Shaw’s Prep-1, Mrs Tyeson’s 2-3 and Mrs Ellston’s Gr 3-4’s and Mr Trotman’s Gr 4 and any Gr 5-6 students who wish to participate will be combining for a Book Week Dress-up Parade on Thursday 21 August at 12pm.

The focus will be for children to dress-up as a favourite character from a storybook.

Please NO super hero type costumes (Batman, Hulk, Spiderman, etc.) as these tend to encourage aggressive behaviour. If you need help with ideas or costumes, please don’t hesitate to ask. I do ask that you don’t go to a lot of expense (be creative with recycled materials and ideas with your child) as the focus is just to celebrate the love of books and reading. Don’t forget to bring your book!

Our little learners in our Early Learning Groups are welcome to dress-up as their favourite character from a storybook on either Monday 18 or Friday 22 August.

**Book Week dress up costume ideas:**

- Cat in the Hat or Thing 1 or Thing 2
- Harry Potter
- Where’s Wally
- Hermione Granger
- The Magic Hat
- Make a wizard cape
- Olivia the Piglet
- Angelina Ballerina
- Fairy Princess
- Witch
- Pirate
- Magician
- Make a foil crown for Rapunzel
- Make a bunny mask for a Peter Rabbit
- Make a knight’s costume from a pizza box
- Viking
- The Gruffalo
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Billy Goats Gruff or the Troll
- Big Bad Wolf
- Clifford the Big Red Dog
- The Green Sheep
- Grandma or Grandpa from numerous stories
- The Gingerbread Man
- Make a car or truck costume from a box
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar or Fruit

The possibilities are endless with a little imagination 😊

Thank you.

Kim Riley
Book Week Coordinator, Kinder-Prep & Launching into Learning Teacher
The Deloraine Junior Football Club would like to invite anyone interested in playing in the under 10’s (children turning 8-10yrs in 2015) next year to their last 3 trainings held on Thursday 4-5pm at the Deloraine Football ground. Dates are 7th, 14th and 21st August.

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ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC)
There are still vacancies for AASC for this term.

Monday - Gr 3-6 - Ultimate Frisbee
Wednesday - K-Gr 2 - Soccer/Games

Forms are available from the school office.

WANTED
Volunteer/s to prepare to take over School Banking for 2015. School banking takes approximately one hour per week during school terms.

If interested, please contact Kathryn Fitzallen on 0459 455 420.

LEVY PAYMENTS
A reminder that levy payments and music levies are due.

When using BPAY to pay school levies, music etc., please ensure that you are using the correct Reference Number, Biller Id and student Number, as this will then allow your payment to be applied correctly.

When paying two or more invoices (each invoice has a unique number) at the one time e.g. camp, school levies, it is advisable to make separate transactions especially when part-payments are being made on more than one invoice otherwise this appears as one bulk payment which does not indicate which invoice the payment relates to.

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM
For those parents who were unable to make the parent session last night explaining the Family Life Program, there are limited flyers available from the school office that were handed out.

Centacare is the largest provider of this service to schools in Tasmania.