From the Principal

Triathlon
It was wonderful to hear about the success of the Schools Triathlon Challenge last week. Despite staff not being able to attend, 14 of the 18 Westbury team members were still able to compete in beautiful conditions (except for the cold water!). A huge thank you to the parents, who at very short notice, were able to transport the students to the race to ensure they didn’t miss out on this great opportunity. Congratulations to all students involved for taking on a new challenge and seeing it through.

Volunteers “thank you morning tea”
Yesterday we held our volunteers “thank you morning tea”. As a staff we really appreciate the many ways our parents/carers support the school. Whether you were able to attend or not I would like to once again say a big thank you for all you do for the staff and students at Westbury Primary.

Band Assembly
Tomorrow we will be holding a special Band Assembly in the GP Hall at 11.30am. All parents, especially parents of band members, are invited to join us as the band performs for the school, demonstrating the progress they have made this year.

Tidy Town
On Thursday a group of our students will be performing maypole dancing for the National Tidy Town judges on the Village Green. Thank you to Cindy Chung for training and organising the dancers.

School Christmas Celebration
On Friday we will be having our school Christmas Celebration. This will have two parts. From 10am to 11am our new Wandering Minstrels Choir will be performing at various sites around Westbury, spreading Christmas cheer and promoting our school. At 11.30am the Christmas concert will commence in the GP Hall. Each class will perform an item together with some instrumental items and a Christmas message. The concert will be followed by a BBQ in the quadrangle. We thank the combined churches of Westbury and Tasmanian Alkaloids for their support of this event.

Carols on the Green
Our choir will also be involved in “Carols on the Green” on Sunday at 7.30pm at the Westbury Village Green. See the advertising within the newsletter for more information.

School Picnic
Next week on Wednesday December 10th we will be holding our end of year school picnic. Students and staff will travel first to the Riverside Pool before moving to the nearby Tail Race Park for lunch, cricket and a play. Due to risk management and duty of care guidelines we cannot have other family members at the pool but we would love for you to meet us at the Tail Race Park for lunch if you would like to do so.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, staffing cutbacks will have an impact at Westbury Primary next year as they will at other schools in Tasmania. We are currently working through different possible 2015 models to ensure we still provide the best possible outcomes for our students. I hope to be able to share more information with you next week.

Marcus Cramp

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
The staff, students and wider Westbury community wish the following student a very happy birthday for the coming week:

Harlee Hill
Chaplain’s News

This term has provided me with further opportunities to get to know the students as I have been working with them in a number of small groups. As you may have noticed we have been working on painting the seats in the courtyard. I have had a number of students involved in this project and there has been a lot of fun and chatting along the way.

I have also been working with three different groups doing cooking. This has been a great time to teach the students a new skill including safety in the kitchen.

We have now placed small hot houses into classrooms that have been made in our wood working group earlier in the term. The students from each class will now look after the seeds that have been planted in the pots and be able to watch them grow.

Thank you to all teachers that have allowed me to be involved in class time and also to all parents that have helped me in a number of different areas.

If you would like to have a chat to me I am available on Wednesday, Thursday or Fridays.
You can make an appointment through the office.

Tanya (school chaplain)
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Just a reminder that the P & F are holding a Christmas raffle as a major fundraiser for our school. Each class has a special theme:

- Kinder / Prep: Baking
- Prep / 1: Chocolate
- 2/3: Christmas
- 3/4/5: Keeping Kids Busy
- 4/5/6: Stationery

To assist with the raffle we are requesting that each child brings an item that can be placed in the basket in their classroom. All donations small or large are welcome. Thank you to those that have already donated items.

Raffle Books and money are due back at school by Friday 5 December. Additional raffle books are available at the office.

The raffle will be drawn at Presentation Evening on Thursday 11 December.

BANKING 2015

The Parents and Friends would like to thank Jill Lawrence who has agreed to take on the role of Banking Co-ordinator for 2015. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current Banking Co-ordinator, Kathryn Fitzallen for all of her hard work in this roll. Your time and effort has been greatly appreciated Kathryn.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of Lost property items in the basket - mainly jumpers, but also a scarf, a light blue towel, some socks, lunch items and a hairclip. These are un-named (or the names have worn off or are too hard to read). All named items are returned to classrooms when the basket is checked by P&F so please ensure that your children's clothing is clearly named. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of term.
RETURNING OF LIBRARY BOOKS
It is that time of year where all Library books need to be returned. Please have a good look at home and in your class room and return to the Library ASAP.

Thanks for your help with this matter.
Mrs. Walker
Library

BOOK CLUB
Please note that Book Club orders were due in yesterday and those orders have been submitted to Scholastic, however late orders will still be accepted up until Friday 5 December. Please be aware that whilst late orders should arrive back to school before the end of term, I cannot guarantee this.

Thank you Jessica Marston on behalf of Book Club Team

SCHOOL BANKING
Please note that today was the LAST school banking day for 2014.

HOT LUNCH ROSTER
December 4
Tasha Wilson
Simone Triffitt

December 11
Andrew Walsh
Amanda Taylor

PRE-KINDER INFORMATION SESSION
For all Parents of Kindergarten children for 2015
Date: 12 December
Time: 11.30am
Place: Kinder Room
EVERYONE WELCOME

Please inform others in our community who may have Kinder aged children for 2015

KIM RILEY
Kinder/Prep & Launching into Learning Teacher

WESTBURY COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2014

TIME: 10am - 2pm
WHERE: Community Garden, Jones St
WHY: Westbury entry into National Tidy Town Competition

NEWSLETTER ITEMS - If you have an item to submit for the newsletter, please forward to the office no later than Friday 3 pm.

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia
Glasses can be left in the box at the office of Westbury Primary School until 5 December when they will be collected.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

Wednesday 3
Band Assembly 11.30am

Thursday 4
Assembly Gr 2-3 12.10pm

Friday 5
Christmas Celebration

Sunday 7
Carols on the Green

Wednesday 10
School Picnic

Thursday 11
Presentation Evening

Friday 12
Pre-Kinder Information Session

Wednesday 17
Grade 6 Day

Thursday 18
Final Assembly

Thursday 18
Last day for students
Triathlon LIL Excursion
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES TASMANIA
DELORAINE DENTAL CLINIC
Our new number is 6701 2168

The Deloraine Dental Clinic will be open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am—4.30pm until Tuesday 23 December 2014.

The clinic will be closed for the Christmas/New Year holidays from 24 December 2014 and reopening on 6 January 2015.

For emergencies during this time of closure please call the Northern Dental Centre, Launceston on 1300 011 013 or 6777 1202

Deloraine Dental Clinic Team

Term Dates 2015
Term 1 Wednesday 4 February to Thursday 2 April (Easter - Friday 3 April to Tuesday 7 April)
Term 2 Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3 Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4 Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December