Welcome to the 2014 school year!

I’m very happy to take up the position of Acting Principal at Westbury for 2014. Last year I was Acting Principal at Trevallyn Primary. My wife and I have two young children and live in Launceston.

We also welcome to Westbury Mrs Kim Tyeson from Summerdale Primary who is teaching Gr 2-3 and Mrs Ellston from Exeter Primary who is teaching Gr 3-4-5. We welcome back Mrs Rebecca Neal from maternity leave who is teaching Prep on Monday and Fridays.

In preparation for the new school year the staff have spent time refining the schools behaviour management systems and processes. The purpose is to ensure that we have clear and consistent expectations and consequences to ensure a calm and orderly learning environment for all.

You may have already heard students speaking about the new “Star System” at school. This new initiative is aimed at acknowledging and encouraging positive behaviour, particularly when it reflects the three Westbury Primary expectations of Be a Learner, Care for Others and Be Safe. Students are first publicly acknowledged when they reach 20 stars. They then set their sights on achieving a Bronze, Silver and, finally, a Gold Star certificate.

There will be a short parent working bee at school on Thursday afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm. The aim will be to move the sand out of the kindergarten sandpit and transfer it to the long jump pit, ready for fresh sand to be delivered next week. We would greatly appreciate your help (and wheelbarrow!)

Finally on behalf of the School Association I would like to invite all families to the Welcome BBQ to be held at school on Thursday afternoon from 4.30-6.00pm. Please join us for a free sausage and a chance to meet the teachers and other families.

Marcus Cramp
**LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING**

We are still in the process of finalising our Launching into Learning program at Westbury.

We will send home information once details are formalised.

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**Help Please!**

WPS is looking for one or two volunteers needed to run Scholastic Book Club in our school. If you are able to participate in providing this valuable service to the children and families at our school, please contact Kim Riley as soon as is convenient. Please read attached letter for further information.

*Let's raise readers!*

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**COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM**

The school banking program will commence on **Tuesday 18 February**.

Student deposit books will be collected every Tuesday morning from their classroom and returned on Wednesday.

This year's theme for the banking program is "Deep Sea Savers" and has some great new rewards. As collection of the silver reward tokens restarts with their first deposit it would be greatly appreciated that any of the tokens collected last year are returned to avoid confusion.

A great big thanks to all the students who participated in the Commonwealth School Banking Program last year.

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**DELORAINE JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB INC** is holding a series of skills sessions.

Open to all primary school aged children.

Starting Monday 17 February and running for 4 weeks.

3.20pm - 4.20pm

Community Complex, Deloraine

A gold coin donation to participate.

Enquiries to Jan Berne 0438 879 652 or Anna Robertson 0459 240 371

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

The next meeting of the P&F will be held in the Parent Room this Friday 14 February at 2.00pm.

All welcome to attend.

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**Classes At Work**
Dear parents, friends and family

**A little bit of help with Book Club can make a big difference.**

Our school has a wonderful opportunity available to us through Scholastic Book Clubs that will not only enable us to boost our libraries, both at home and at school, but also improve children’s reading skills and further encourage at-home reading practice.

Book Clubs work together with other reading programs and events, such as Book Fairs, to provide children with more access to self-selected independent reading material all year long. This boosts our total Reading Minutes among students and helps *keep the reading momentum rolling* in our school!

In line with our resolve to increase literacy and develop lifelong readers, we are seeking one or more volunteers who would be willing to be on the Scholastic Book Club Team in our school. This would involve things such as:

- Handing out the Book Club brochures, up to twice a term
- Collating student orders and reconciling payments
- Placing online orders
- Lending a hand to distribute ordered books to students

Books offered by Scholastic Book Clubs are hand-picked by a team of children’s publishing experts, so you can trust that books children receive via Clubs will be of the highest quality and always age-appropriate. So let’s give our children the enjoyment of choosing and reading books they really want to read - you’ll be amazed at the improvement in their reading performance!

As well, our school and classrooms will benefit from Scholastic Rewards, a generous scheme that provides a number of free books calculated on the total number of books ordered per issue. It’s a win-win situation!

If you are able to participate in providing this valuable service to the children and families at our school, please contact Kim Riley as soon as is convenient. *Let’s raise readers!*

Kind regards

Kim Riley
Kindergarten/Prep and Launching into Learning Teacher
Story Time
Join us for 30 minutes of sharing stories and singing rhymes and songs
Every Wednesday 2pm at Westbury Library during school term
No need to book
Contact 6393 1439 for more information

LEARN TO SWIM
The program teaches children how to swim and also develops general water safety and awareness. It is run indoors, in a sun safe, wind free environment and is taught by accredited Austswim teachers.

Where: Hagley Farm Primary Swimming Pool
What: 10 lesson Swim Program
When: Commencing Monday 17th February (Monday and Tuesday afternoons)
Time: From 3.45pm
Cost: $100 (10 x 30 minute swim lessons)

Enrolments are to be made to the program co-ordinator Kali Bierens - NOT the Hagley Primary School please.

To enrol, contact Kali Bierens on 6369 5217

Are you a bit rusty with reading, writing or maths?
We can help!
Call or drop into the Deloraine or Westbury libraries to find out more
Assistance is available with form filling - preparing job applications and resumes - training courses and study - getting licences
contact
Anne-Marie Loader
Literacy Coordinator, LINC Tasmania
Service Tasmania | 8 Emu Bay Road Deloraine
Ph (03) 0417 120 671 | anne-marie.loader@education.tas.gov.au

Deloraine House Term 1 2014
Enrolments essential: phone 63622678 or email: info@delorainehouse.com.au
Opening Hours: Mon-Fri. 10am-4pm.

Term 1 Activities
Forum for Grandparents and other Relatives
Raising Children Feb 19th 10.30 - 12 noon. RSVP Deloraine House or Liz Matthews on 1800 171 233 email: ematthews@baptcare.org.au

What can I do with Zuchinis? Join Elena for some new and creative solutions. Bring your own recipes and ideas and a zucchini or two.
Tuesday February 25th
11.30 - 1.30pm. Cost: $5.
Certificate 1 in Business Starts March 5th – April 16th Wednesdays 10 - 2.30.
Free for unemployed people or volunteers. Places are limited; to book your spot or get more information, speak to Ros at Deloraine House.
info@delorainehouse.com.au

International Women’s Day. This year’s theme is “Inspiring Change”. Facilitated by Debby Kemsley.
Friday March 7th 12noon – 2pm. RSVP please.
Personal Development workshops with Debby Kemsley Fridays 10am-12 noon. 5 weeks from 14 March
Making Sausages with Stephan and Elena. Learn to make your own delicious and healthy sausages from meats and seasonings of your choice. A fun, interactive session with a BBQ to finish.
Monday March 17th, 11am - 1pm. Cost: $10.