From the Principal
Welcome to Westbury Primary School in 2015. The students have made a very settled start to the school year and were very eager to return to school last week. The new uniform looks fantastic and all students have returned with a positive approach to what promises to be a great year.

It’s pleasing to be able to say we have maintained our teaching staff from last year, which has contributed to an efficient and smooth start to the year.

NEW STUDENTS
A special welcome to the new students and families who are joining the Westbury Primary community. In addition to our kindergarten students we welcome:

James Crawford
Jasmine Hanham
April Hanham
Indy Nutting
Jayden Garth
Skye Garth

Ryen Colville
Ryan Wilson
Luke Wilson
Zach Wilson
Angel Shaw

NEW SUPPORT STAFF
We also welcome back Mrs Maree Smith to the office this term. Maree will be working Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. Mr Tony Britton is our acting groundsperson this term and has been working hard cutting grass and moving softfall into the playgrounds.

FACEBOOK
At the end of last year we launched our new school Facebook page. This has already proved popular as a fast and easy way to communicate with our school community. Thank you to Mr Danny Taylor for setting up the page. Please check our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/westburyprimaryschooltasmania for regular updates.

ATTENDANCE
Improving attendance in all Tasmanian schools is a focus for the Department Of Education. This term our school will be trialling a new system to improve communication with parents in regard to students being absent from school. This will involve parents receiving a text message from the school office when a student is absent without explanation. This number operates as a text messaging service only.

SAFETY AND HEALTH
A reminder that as part of our Sun Safe policy (endorsed by the School Association) students and staff are required to wear school hats when outside during term 1. As caps are not part of our uniform we ask they are not brought to school.

We encourage students to ride their bikes to school as a way of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. However students MUST WEAR A HELMET when riding their bike. I have reminded our students, “No Helmet, No Bike”.

Our school has a “Move Well Eat Well policy” (endorsed by School Association) that encouraging healthy habits for our school community. I would remind parents that the policy endorses only water in drink bottles and a fruit/vegetable break at 10am each day.

WELCOME BBQ AND OPEN CLASSROOM 4.30—6.00pm
On behalf of the School Association I’d like to invite all families to our Welcome BBQ on Tuesday 17 February. This event provides an opportunity for both new and existing families to meet staff and mix in a social setting. All classrooms will be open between 4.30-5.00pm to give families an opportunity to talk with class teachers and for students to share their work.

I am sure 2015 will be a brilliant year for our school and our community. I have encouraged all students to set themselves learning goals for the term and to discuss with their teacher what they need to do to achieve those goals. With motivated and focused students, a committed staff and supportive parents/careers, there is no limit to the outcomes we can achieve this year!

Marcus Cramp

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Marcus Cramp A/Principal
Uniforms

The new polo shirts look great! If you haven’t collected your free one or still need to purchase other uniform items, then please contact one of our uniform co-ordinators (Emma Clark or Simone Triffitt).

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for volunteers to join our hot lunch roster. If you are interested in helping out for a few hours on a Thursday, then please let us know. We only need two people each week, so the more volunteers we get, then the less often we will each be on the roster!

We also need volunteers to join our Probus catering roster. If you are able to help out occasionally with donations of home baked goodies, then please let us know.

Contact Amanda Taylor or Jayne Cresswell.

Thanks for your support!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The staff, students and wider Westbury community wish the following students, who celebrated a birthday during the school holidays, a very happy birthday:

Jacob Clark, Renae Cartledge, Luke Wilson, Zara Back, Maka Tynan, Ryen Colville  Dylan Wilson

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2015

February
Thursday 12  Assembly Gr 5-6  12.10pm
Friday 13  Launching into Learning 9.00-10.30am
Friday 13  P & F Meeting - 2pm
Tuesday 11  Welcome BBQ & Open Classroom 4.30 - 6.00 pm
Wednesday 25  Launceston Cup Holiday (no school)

March
Monday 9  Eight Hour Day Holiday (long weekend)

April
Friday 3  Good Friday

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Launching into Learning Programs Term 1 ~ 2015

Our Launching into Learning Program offers a wonderful, safe and caring environment where we support the needs of our local children and families. We provide opportunities that develop important friendships/relationships with other parents, school staff and children as we prepare our youngest students with a variety experiences that will benefit their future schooling at Westbury Primary School.

You and your child are warmly invited to attend our LIL programs for Term 1. Our sessions are structured to cater for the developmental needs of each age group. Please bring along friends/acquaintances from our local area, the more the merrier. Please note this is a parent/child session.

In our Launching into Learning sessions we especially focus on:
~ developing fine motor skills
~ supporting gross motor development
~ early Literacy and Numeracy experiences
~ growing confidence within our school environment
~ social interactions (shared morning/afternoon tea)

Please join us and help your child enjoy wonderful experiences which will help their development and readiness for ‘big school’ A tiny investment now will give your child the best possible start towards their future schooling.

Dates and times for Term 1:
This year we are running our session on a Friday morning. This decision was made after considering feedback from families.
The session will run from 9.00am – 10.30am during school terms and commence on Friday 13th Feb
This program will cater for all children in the 0-4 years age group.

Please bring along a water bottle and a piece of fruit for your child’s morning tea.

Kim Riley
Kindergarten/Prep & Launching into Learning Teacher.

Please contact 6393 1373 for more information.
NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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

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DEVONPORT TRIATHLON
- SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
- COST $20
- REGISTRATION CLOSES 15TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 5PM

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