From the Principal

This afternoon our Gr 3-6 students participated in the long distance and field events component of our Athletics Carnival. Tomorrow is the main day of events and will commence at 9.15am on the school oval. Please encourage your child to wear the appropriate house colours and everyone is welcome to come along and support our students.

On Friday this week the Primary Progress Report for children Prep - Gr 6 will go home with students. This is a short report informing parents about how your child is settling into the new school year. A full written report will be sent home in week 10 of term two with parent-teacher interviews occurring in week 11, the last week of term two.

On Saturday, 24 of our students will be actively involved in the Westbury Irish Festival where they will be performing Maypole dancing. The students will be performing twice during the day and our P&F will also have a food stall. Please come and support our school.

Accompanying today’s newsletter will be a validation form from the office for each child. Filling out and returning these forms are vitally important as it ensures we have up to date medical and emergency contact information. Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible.

This year I’m proud to say we have regularly had 100% of our students in school uniform. But as the cooler mornings have started I am beginning to see some non-uniform jumpers and jackets appearing. Both the School Association and staff put a high value on the wearing of our uniform, so please support us by ensuring students wear the appropriate jumper or rugby top for the cooler weather.

Marcus Cramp
DATES TO REMEMBER

March
Wednesday 11 Athletics Carnival
         K - Gr 6 Main Day
Thursday 12 Assembly Gr 1 - 2 - 12.10pm
Friday 13 Primary Progress Reports go home
Friday 13 P & F Annual General Meeting 1.30pm
Monday 18 Issue 2 Book Club Orders due
Saturday 21 School Working Bee
Thursday 26 Assembly P - 1 12.10pm

April
Wednesday 1 Last day Term 1
Thursday 2 Student Free Day
Friday 3 Good Friday
Monday 20 First Day Term 2

HOT LUNCH ROSTER
Thurs 12 Mar Lorna Schonefeld
       Tanya King
Thurs 19 Mar Simone Triffitt
       Tasha Wilson

PROBUS ROSTER
Thurs 19 Mar Trish Van Dijk
       Emma Clark
       Sally-Anne Burns

Parents and Friends News

Athletics Carnival
The P&F will have a muffin stall at the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 11 March. If you could donate muffins to be sold, please bring them to the Parent Room on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

IRISH FESTIVAL
The P&F will have a stall at the Irish Festival on Saturday 14 March. This was a successful fundraising event last year, and once again we are asking our wonderful volunteers to donate home baked goodies for us to sell. Please let us know if you would be able to help. Donated items (such as muffins, cakes, slices, coconut ice, fudge etc) can be left in the Parent Room on Friday 13 March.

AGM and MARCH GENERAL MEETING
The AGM and March General Meeting will be on Friday 13 March in the Parent Room. The AGM will be at 1.30pm, followed by the General Meeting at 2.00pm. All committee positions will be declared open. If you are interested in nominating for the executive committee but would like more information, please contact one of the current committee members. Everyone is welcome to both the AGM and the General Meeting.

Book Club Update
Issue 2 brochures have been distributed to children last week. If you did not receive yours, or would like copies of brochures from other grades please let us know, or collect a spare from the office foyer.

LOOP is up and running for our school so please consider ordering this way - it means that you do not have to return any forms to school. If you would like some help on how to use LOOP please ask one of the Book Club team.

Each Scholastic Book Club order earns rewards points for our school which are then spent on resources for classrooms or the library. Our issue 1 orders earned $201.50 in Scholastic Rewards Points.

Issue 2 orders are due on Wednesday 18 March.

Happy reading from the Book Club Team
Mrs Riley, Tenille Rosevear, Penny Black and Jessica Marston

ATTENDANCE

Parents, just a reminder of the Education Department processes that are in place for attendance.

If your child is away from school it is vitally important that the school is given an explanation of why they are not at school.

If that explanation does not arrive, a text will be sent from our office asking for an explanation of absence. If that fails and there is no explanation then the absence is marked as unexplained. That can be changed if the parent explains the absence at a later date.

When a student has accumulated five unexplained days of absence a Department of Education official attendance letter is generated. Letters will also be sent for 10, 15 and 20 days unexplained absences.

This process is happening in all state schools in Tasmania.

The message is straight forward – always explain the absence of a child from school. Secondly ensure that students are not missing school for unimportant reasons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
The staff, students and wider Westbury community wish the following students, who celebrated a birthday during the week a very happy birthday:
Oliver Triffitt, Tyson Anderson, Imogen Back, Mia Blackberry
Greetings from the StringFest team, Deloraine Stringfest is on again this month 20 - 22 March with wonderful concerts of local and interstate musicians, workshops, instrument expo, buskers galore in Emu Bay Rd and children’s activities on the riverbank on the Sunday. Heartstrings, acclaimed Irish band will perform at the Saturday feature concert. Any volunteer help for the weekend gratefully accepted. Phone Marion 0438 800 466
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LAUNCESTON
SUNDAY 22 MARCH 2015
EVENT STARTS AT 10AM SHARP AT ST PAT'S
CONCLUDE BY 1 PM
EVENT REGISTRATIONS COMMENCE AT 8AM
OR REGISTER ONLINE
http://www.kidfitseries.com.au

Bracknell Primary Outside School Hours Care
Vacation Care April 2nd-17th 2015
For more info or to make a Booking, Call or Text 0429 327 970
Find us on Facebook

Monday 6th
Easter Monday - No Care

Monday 7th
Easter Tuesday - No Care

Wednesday 8th
Story Telling - make your own story picture to take home

Wednesday 15th
Easter Wednesday

Wednesday 22nd
Easter Thursday

Thursday 2nd
Easter Friday

Thursday 3rd
Easter Friday - No Care

Thursday 9th
Story Telling - play the role of a character in a story

Thursday 16th
Easter Day

Friday 10th

Friday 17th

Friday 24th

Friday 25th

Food & Craft Stalls

Newstead Athletics Club Inc.
Cross Country 2015
School Series Events
1 pm start
- Round 1 - April 18th Tailrace Park
- Round 2 - May 2nd Heritage Forest
- Round 3 - May 16th Clarendon house
- Round 4 - May 30th Queechy High School
- Round 5 - June 13th Inveresk (Hobart Aurora stadium)
- Round 6 - June 27th Waverley Primary School
(presentations on conclusion)

For more information, entry forms, and enquiries
Barbara 0408238329 elcyian@gmail.com
WEBSITE www.newsteadathletics.org.au

Run as an individual or make up a team and earn points towards end of series trophies and medals.

2015 Term Dates Start Finish
Term 1 Wed 4 February Wed 1 April (students)
Easter break: Fri 3 April - Tue 7 April
Term 2 Mon 20 April Fri 3 July
Term 3 Mon 20 July Fri 25 September
Term 4 Mon 12 October Thu 17 December (students finish)

Bupa KidFit Triathlon Series

Westbury Irish Festival
14th March

Music Stage:
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Ceilidh Rogers
Sketches
Mungo Man
Ball & Chain

Food & Craft Stalls

FREE:
Jumping Castle
Face Painting
Games
Kids under 16yos

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CORES: One Day Suicide Intervention Course at Doleraine House on March 23. Bookings and payment of $50 is essential to secure your place. Ph. 6362 2678.

Asian Cooking with Margaret Brooks. Learn how to make tasty Chinese, Thai, Indian and South East Asian meals. Wednesdays 11.30pm-1pm. Cook, eat and enjoy the time together. Only 5 places left. Cost $150 per session.

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Emily Parsons, Youth Officer from the Doleraine Baptist Church invites people working with youth 12-16 years to input into a survey they are facilitating. A 1 hour meeting will start 2pm on Thur March 26th at Doleraine House. Afternoon tea will be provided. RSVP to Emily by 6th March on emily.parsons12@gmail.com

Free Counselling
Lynette from the Salvation Army Bridge program specialises in addictive behaviour, anxiety, depression and stress management. She will be available for counselling fortnightly from Wed March 11 10.30 – 4pm. Ph. the House or Lynette on 041945557 to make an appointment. Drop-ins welcome.

International Women’s Day 2015
Home: Make a happen. Forum to celebrate an International lunch, friendship and lively discussion about what you would like to make happen. Special guest Dr Rachael, the new Mental Health worker for the Meander Valley. Friday March 6th 12 noon-2pm. Bring a plate of food to share from your country of origin or favourite cuisine. RSVP please.

Men’s Social/Recreational Group
The new group is open to all men in the Meander valley. The aim is to enjoy recreational activities and share experiences. The first activity will be on March 5th – a trip to Tamar Island Wetlands & Tailrace. Meet at Doleraine House at 9.30, back by 4pm. Cost $10 BYO lunch and drinks. Bookings essential.

Financial Counsellor visits: Friday March 13th. Please phone 63622678 for an appointment.

Launceston Sunday 22 March 2015
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Event registrations commence at 8am
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