From the Principal...........

Welcome back to Westbury Primary School in 2016. It was lovely to see the students arrive at school this morning eager to start the term and with a positive approach to what promises to be a great year.

Staffing
It’s pleasing that we have again maintained our same teaching staff from 2015 which continues the recent stability in staffing and has contributed to an efficient and smooth start to the year.

At the end of last year Mrs Cheryl Broomhall (our literacy support teacher) was the successful applicant for the acting AST position at Westbury Primary School. The AST position is similar to a senior teaching position. As such, Cheryl will be taking on additional leadership responsibilities.

New students
A special welcome to the new students and families who are joining the Westbury Primary School community. In addition to our 21 new kindergarten students we also welcome:
  Faye Lester in Prep
  Thomas Hayward in grade 1

Welcome BBQ and Open Classrooms
On behalf of the School Association, I would like to invite all families to our Welcome BBQ on Tuesday 9 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 5.00-5.45pm to give families an opportunity to talk with class teachers and for students to share their work.

School Association Elections
This month, nominations are being called for parent representatives on the 2016 School Association committee. Please read the attached letter for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
A reminder that Northern Children’s Network now offer after school care at our school. If you would like to register, or would just like more information, please see the school office or phone NCN on 63 411 555.

I am sure 2016 will be a brilliant year for our school and our community. With motivated and focused students, a committed staff and supportive parents/careers, there is no limit to the outcomes we can achieve together this year!

Marcus Cramp
Welcome BBQ and Open Classrooms

All members of our school community are invited to a welcome BBQ to be held in the quadrangle at school. Prior to the BBQ, classrooms will be open to give parents the opportunity to visit their child’s classroom and have an informal conversation with the class teacher.

Date: Tuesday 9 February
Time: Open Classrooms 5.00 - 5.45pm
BBQ: 5.45 - 7.00pm

2016 Term Dates

Term 1
Wednesday 3 February - Friday 8 April
(Easter - Friday 25 March - Tuesday 29 March)

Term 2
Monday 26 April - Friday 1 July

Term 3
Monday 18 July - Friday 23 September

Term 4
Monday 10 October - Wednesday 21 December

2016 Term Dates

Dates to Remember

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February

Wednesday 3 Term 1 2016 Commences
Tuesday 9 Welcome BBQ and Open Classroom
Friday 19 Launching Into Learning Commences
Wednesday 24 Launceston Cup Day (Students do not attend this day)

Launching Into Learning

Launching Into Learning 2016 will commence on Friday 19 February 2016. Details to follow in next weeks newsletter.

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 8 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-coordinator Kali Bierens - NOT the Hagley Primary School please.
To enrol, contact Kali Bierens on 6369 5217

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3 February 2016

WPS School Association Committee Elections

I would like to, on behalf of our school community, formally thank all of the 2015 members of our School Association for their dedication to our school and for their contribution as members of the School Association committee.

The retiring committee parent representatives are – Ric Rushton and Simone Triffitt. (These reps may choose to re-nominate.) In addition to the retirees, there is also currently a parent rep vacancy, meaning our committee will have three parent vacancies in total for this election. Parents are invited to nominate for the vacancies. The nomination form is at the bottom of this letter.

The nomination form needs to be returned to the Returning Officer, Mrs Fiona Curtis, Westbury Primary School, by 3.00pm Friday 4 March 2016. A candidate statement of no more than 200 words must accompany all nomination forms.

Elections will be conducted should there be more nominations than vacant positions.

If you would like more information with regard to the role of a parent committee member on our School Association, Information Packs are available from the school office.

ROLE DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PARENT MEMBERS

- Attend meetings - app. 8 to 10 a year - the third Thursday of the month (5.30pm-7.30pm) during school terms
- Take an active interest in all school matters
- To liaise with other parents and the community
- To bring any concerns to the School Association
- Be prepared to promote and assist with functions associated with the School Association
- Support teachers in their decision making
- Be familiar with the workings of the School Association
- To positively promote and encourage pride and respect both in and out of school
- To participate in school planning and management groups
- To approve school policies and budget

Marcus Cramp
Principal

Please detach and return to the Returning Officer (School Administration Office) by Friday 4 March 2016