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

Athletics Carnival
Day 1 of our carnival was held yesterday with our Gr 3-6 students competing in a range of field events and long distance running events.

As we go to print, Day 2 is under way and a full report will be included in next week’s newsletter.

Reports go home on Friday
A short interim report called the Primary Progress Report will go home with students on Friday. This report enables us to provide you with feedback on the start to the year your children have made and to inform you of any concerns. Whilst it is too early to include achievement ratings, parents will receive a clear understanding on how students are working. Please feel free to discuss any concerns with your child’s class teacher.

The main report for the year will go home at the end of term 2 on Friday 24 June.

School Association Nominations
Nomination closed last Friday for the vacant parent representative positions on the School Association committee. As there were three nominations received and with three vacancies available, no election is required. I would like to congratulate Simone Triffitt, Jayne Creswell and Jorden Gunton on their nominations.

Marcus Cramp
STUDENT ABSENTEES
Parents/Carers, 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 no explanation is received, a text will be sent from our office asking for an explanation of absence. If no response is received, then the absence is marked as unexplained. That can be changed if the parent explains the absence at a later date. Explanations can not be accepted from students. A parent/carer must explain late arrivals, sickness and early departures. Explanations can be communicated via phone call, SMS, a note or in person.

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 straightforward – always explain the absence of a child from school. Secondly ensure that students are not missing school for unimportant reasons.

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Northern Primary Schools Lego Challenge 2016

Do you love Lego? Then this is the challenge for you!

What to do if you’d like to participate in the Westbury Primary School Lego Challenge:

- Design a Lego display – please read information on entry form very carefully.
- Items must be made entirely by the student – no adult help allowed.
- Bring your Lego display along to the Open Learning Room by 9am on Monday 21 March.
- Ensure your display is named (but that the name is hidden e.g. underneath item).
- An entry form must accompany the display.
- One entry only per student.

Staff and students will vote for their favourite display – the winner will be announced on Friday the 25th of March. The winning student will receive a prize donated by the Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc. and will have their winning entry displayed at the Brixhibition event at the Albert Hall, Launceston on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April 2016. Entry forms are available from the office. For more information please contact Mr Cramp or Jessica Marston (0439 315 369).

Book Club News

Issue 1 orders have now been delivered.

Thank you to all those who placed an order for Issue 1 – we earned $120 worth of Scholastic Rewards. Teachers were also able to use leftover Rewards from last year to order lots of great resources, some of which are pictured here.

Issue 2 will be out soon.

Happy Reading from the Book Club Team: Mrs Riley, Tenille Rosevear and Jessica Marston.
2016 CALENDAR

Term 1
Wednesday 3 February - Thursday 7 April
(Easter - Friday 25 March - Tuesday 29 March)

Term 2
Tuesday 26 April - Friday 1 July

Term 3
Tuesday 19 July - Friday 23 September

Term 4
Monday 10 October - Wednesday 21 December

STUDENT FREE DAYS
Friday 8 April - Moderation Day
Monday 18 July - PL Day
Friday 21 October - PL Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR 2016
March 14 Eight Hour Day
March 25 Good Friday
March 28 Easter Monday
March 29 Easter Tuesday
April 25 ANZAC Day
June 13 Queen's Birthday
November 7 Recreation Day

DATES TO REMEMBER
TERM 1

March
Thursday 10 Gr. 5/6 excursion to Prospect High
Assembly - Hosted by 1/2
Friday 11 Primary Progress Reports go home
Monday 14 Eight Hour Day
Friday 18 Writers Festival
Saturday 19 Maypole
Thursday 24 Assembly - Hosted by P/1
Friday 25 Good Friday
Monday 28 Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 Easter Tuesday
Wednesday 30 NM Athletics Carnival
Thursday 31 SRC Fundraiser BBQ Lunch
No Hot Lunches

April
Thursday 7 Assembly - Kinder
Friday 8 Moderation Day (Students do not attend) LAST DAY OF TERM 1

COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS
Check our Parent notice board for information on the following items of interest:

- Westbury Play Gym
- NTJSA
- Westbury Irish Festival
- Browns Supa IGA - Longford

ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE

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Assemblies occur on Thursday at 12.10pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
The staff, students and wider Westbury community wish the following students, who celebrated a birthday during the last week, a very happy birthday:

Nickola Reid, Oliver Triffitt, Tyson Anderson and Imogen Back

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX OPTIONS

Hints to make a lunch box fun:

◊ Use a variety of bread to make sandwiches more fun. Use a cookie cutter to cut sandwiches in different shapes
◊ Pack your own snacks in snap lock or paper bags decorated with stickers

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

PLEASE ENSURE ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS ARE FORWARDED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY AT 2PM
**P&F NEWS**

**Irish Festival**
We will be having a stall at the Irish Festival on Saturday 19 March. We will be selling cakes, slices, muffins, rocky road, coconut ice, fudge, etc. We would appreciate donations of these items. Donations can be left in the Parent Room on Friday 18 March. Thanks for your support!

**P&F AGM and Meeting**
The P&F AGM will be held on Friday 1 April at 1.30pm in the Parent Room. All positions will become vacant. If you would like information about any of the committee positions, please contact Amanda. The positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Co-ordinator, Catering Co-ordinator, Canteen Co-ordinator, School Association Representative. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM, you do not need to be nominating for a committee position.

There will be a P&F Meeting, following the AGM, on Friday 1 April at 2.00pm in the Parent Room. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new faces!

**Hot Lunch Roster**

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**Probus Cooking Roster**

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**SWIMMING LESSONS AT HAGLEY**
After school swimming lessons at Hagley Farm are cancelled today. Monday and Tuesday’s lessons will now take place on Monday and Tuesday next week.

**WESTBURY IRISH FESTIVAL**
The Festival is on Saturday 19 March. The competition, on the day, is for all children, and it is called the Pot ‘o’ Gold, where children will hunt around the Village Green to find our hidden leprechauns and write their names down on the entry forms, the prizes are as follows:

> 1st Prize to the value of $400
> 2nd Prize to the value of $300
> 3rd Prize to the value of $200
> Toddlers Prize (Under 5) to the value of $150

Also there are early bird tickets available through www.launcestontickets.com.au where people can get discounted tickets and will be able to take advantage of right up until the day before the Festival.

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