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

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival was held in overcast but fine conditions last week. The students participated extremely well and the carnival went very smoothly. A big thank you to all parents who acted as officials or who came along to watch the sports. Thank you to the P&F for running their refreshment stall. After a day of close competition, Westfield were the narrow winners.
PS – the staff team won the annual Tug-O-War competition against the parents!

Irish Festival
Our students will be performing maypole dancing at the Irish Festival on Saturday. Why not come along and support the students at the Village Green and enjoy all the fun of the fair.

5/6 Excursion – Future Engineers?
Last Thursday our grade 5/6 class had a very interesting excursion to Prospect High. It was here that the University of Tasmania were conducting an Engineering Expo for selected Primary schools. Mr Trotman tells me the day was very well organised and had our students totally engaged.

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**Lego Building Competition**

Students have been busy building their Lego creations over recent weeks. Finished products can be brought into school this week to be displayed in the Open Learning Room. Judging will occur next week with the overall winner going on to compete against other primary schools at the Albert Hall in a fortnight.

*Marcus Cramp*

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**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  
Friday 18  Writers Festival  
Saturday 19  Maypole - Irish Festival  
Tuesday 22  Kym Lardner - Whole School Performance  
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

Monday 25  ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26  Term 2 commences

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
**TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2016**

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**ASSEMBLY TIMETABLE**

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Assemblies occur on Thursday at 12.10pm
In his State of the State address on 9 March 2016, the Premier announced the Tasmanian Government’s proposal to extend the compulsory years of education and training by:
- lowering the compulsory school starting age from 5 years to 4 years and 6 months; and
- lifting the minimum education and training leaving requirement to the completion of year 12 or equivalent or 18 years, whichever occurs first.

Extending the compulsory years of education and training would ensure that more young Tasmanians would have access to high quality early learning sooner and more would complete year 12 or equivalent before they turn 18.

The new arrangements would come into effect in 2020. This means that children born on or before 30 June 2016 would be eligible for kindergarten in 2020 and would be required to enrol in Prep in 2021.

The change to the minimum leaving requirements would apply to students in year 7 in 2016, which means they would be in year 11 in 2020.

The Government will seek feedback from the Tasmanian community on proposed reforms in the coming weeks. Further information is available at the Education Act Review website [http://tased-education-act.blogspot.com.au].
P&F NEWS

Easter Eggs
The P&F will be supplying Easter Eggs to all students. Please let the office know if your child has special dietary requirements or if you do not want your child to receive an egg.

Irish Festival
Just a reminder that 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!

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WESTBURY IRISH FESTIVAL
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> 1st Prize to the value of $400
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> 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.

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

BOOK CLUB
Reminder that Issue 2 orders need to be in by tomorrow.

LEGO
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