Key Dates for April

**Tuesday 26th April**
SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 2
Swimming and Water Safety for Years 3-5 students commences at Collegiate Pool for the next 2 weeks

**Thursday 28th April**
LiL – 9.00-10.30am Play and Learn at School
Year 6 Band Rehearsal – Kingston
High School – 3.30-4.30pm

Key Dates for May

**Monday 2nd – Friday 6th May**
Swim & Water Safety (2nd week)
Collegiate Pool – Years 3-5

**Tuesday 3rd May**
School Association Meeting 7.00pm

**Wednesday 4th May**
Kindergarten & Wombat excursions to Botanical Gardens
9.30am-12.45pm

**Friday 6th May**
Assembly 2.00pm
Community Market 3.00pm

**Tuesday 10th – Wednesday 12th May**
NAPLAN testing Yrs 3-5

**Thursday 12th May**
Year 6 Band Rehearsal – Kingston
High School – 3.30-4.30pm

Dear Wonderful Waimea Families

How fabulous it is to be back and chat to students and staff about a very successful and settled term one. As I enjoyed skiing the powder snow of Japan, meeting the Queen in London and cuddling our first grandchild Annabelle, so much has happened.

Our 48 new kindergarten students and eight new staff have settled in to welcoming classrooms and school routines. High energy and enthusiasm has been on display at our early childhood and primary Athletics Carnivals. The Daily Fitness routines led by our senior students are underway. Harmony Day was celebrated with a fabulous dance, assembly displays and fascinating guest speaker. The new classrooms are being insulated and windows fitted ready for term three occupation. Classrooms are looking bright and inviting as dynamic learning environments. But most of all I’ve returned to a happy and supportive bunch of students and staff. Thank you Kathy Morgan for your excellent leadership during term one.

We farewelled the Dutta-Nielsen, Arrua, Sharma, Han and Hindle families in Term One, and have welcomed Vivian Patel, Edward and Bella Petrusma, Valentino Read, Lloyd and Ellis Kacic-Midson, Hyeyun Shim, Isla and Henry McQuillen in Term Two.

Do come and chat and tell me other highlights of your year so far.

Sally
Year 3/4 Pratap, Lette and Court

Mother’s Day Stall Fundraiser

Dear Parents,

The year 3/4 classes are going to hold a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday the 6th May. This stall is for the 3/4 classes only.

This will be a fundraiser for the new buildings.

If you have any small gifts that you would be happy to donate to the stall, please send them to the Double Unit by Thursday 5th May (the first week back after the holidays). Prices for the gifts could vary from $2.00 to $5.00, but nothing worth more than $6.00 please.

We will hold the stall outside the Double Unit at recess and lunch on Friday the 6th May, when the children from the 3/4 classes can come and purchase a gift for their Mum or special person.

Gifts will be priced at $1.00, $2.00 and $3.00.

Many thanks for your support,

Uma Pratap, Rose Lette and Andrew Court

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KINDER WOMBATS AND KINDER KOALAS

EXCURSION TO BOTANICAL GIFRDS

On Wednesday, 4th May both Kinder classes will be going on an excursion to the Botanical Gardens for an Autumn excursion. Sensible shoes and a warm coat (weather dependent) are advised. We will have morning tea there and return to school for lunch. Kinders can still have a lunch order on this day.

Please put your child’s morning tea in a named disposable bag then we won’t need to bring containers back.

Parent helpers are welcome.

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CANTEEN – WEEK 2 OF TERM 2

Canteen will commence in Week 2 of Term 2.

Please remember to place orders on the correct canteen order form (attached to this week’s newsletter) with the correct money. Order forms need to be attached to the outside of the brown paper bag.

Orders need to be placed in classroom canteen containers by 9.00am each Tuesday for a Wednesday lunch delivery.

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BANKING STARTS AGAIN THIS WEEK!

A reminder that school banking will resume this week. Please place your bank books in your classroom bank bag on Thursday.

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ATHLETICS TOPS

A reminder to those students that took part in the Interschool Athletics and Champions Carnivals to please remember to wash and return your athletics top to the school office before the end of Term 1.

A reminder that if you lose your athletics top an invoice for $20.00 will be issued for payment to replace the top.
SPORTS NEWS

**X Country Training for year 3-6 students**

Our amazing running coach Jenny Gillard has very generously offered to coach anyone in Years 3-6 who would like to get a bit fitter in preparation for our X Country Carnival in term 2.

Trainings will be on Wednesdays at lunch time and Friday before school at 8.15am. Interested students should meet Jenny on the bottom oval near the wooden bench. Everyone welcome.

**City to Casino Fun Run – Sunday 15th May**

Once again we are entering a Waimea team in this great fun run for kids – 2.7km. Come along and join the fun!
To sign up go to: citytocasino.com.au
Team name – Waimea Heights PS
Password – Waimea
The 2.7km run starts at the intersection of Salamanca Place and Davey St.
This event is for children aged 12 or under. Adults are permitted in this event only for the purposes of accompanying their children.

**Swimming and water Safety Program**

Our 2 week program continues all this week and next after a very successful start today. Well done to everyone on remembering all you gear. Next **Tuesday 3rd May** will be the day where everyone brings some old clothes to swim in as part of the water safety component of the program (either shorts and a t-shirt of long pants and a long sleeve shirt – as directed by your child’s swimming instructor)

**Waimea Wonders at TMAG**

In the last week of the holidays, 12 of our amazing Waimea Wonders team performed at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery as part of their “Children’s Week” program. Well done to all the team on their excellent skipping performance and for helping to run some fun skipping activities afterwards for the kids in the audience.

**Hookin2Hockey**

Information attached to this newsletter for anyone interested in playing hockey this term.

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**CHICKENPOX (VARICELLA)**

We have been advised of several more cases of Chickenpox (Varicella) in the various classes throughout the school

Symptoms for Varicella are an infection starting with a cold, headache and temperature. Small red pimples appear on the body first, then on the limbs changing to yellow blisters that then scab and drop off after about 12 days. Incubation period is from 2 to 3 weeks, commonly 13 to 17 days. Varicella is mostly a mild illness, but can be dangerous for non-immune pregnant women, newborn babies and people with altered immunity. **It is highly contagious.**

Children with Varicella should not come to school until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in non-immunised children, and less in immunised children.

Pregnant women should avoid contact with people who have Varicella. If you have any concerns please seek medical advice.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2016 are Tuesday 10 May, Wednesday 11 May and Thursday 12 May.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child’s results and a comparison of your child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child’s areas of strength and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- School teachers use the online NAPLAN Toolkit to analyse your child’s results. The Toolkit provides detailed information right down to the individual question with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups.

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at:
http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html

BALFOUR COURT PARKING ARRANGEMENTS REMINDER

As part of improving student safety in the Balfour Court turning circle we have a KISS AND DROP/COLLECT AND CUDDLE zone established. This zone is a NO STANDING/PARKING AREA. If your child is not in the area you are asked to exit the space and return later. A teacher is on duty to provide duty of care until 3.15pm.

The zone should be used to drop off or collect your child and move out of the area within two minutes.

For families needing a longer time, there is still some limited parking available in the turning circle. Alternatively you could park in a different area of the school.

Waimea is extremely lucky with its access from three points to the campus: Churchill Avenue, Manresa Court and Balfour Court. If you wish to park and visit classrooms or meet with other parents we ask that you park in Manresa Court car park or adjacent streets.

We encourage older children to walk or ride (maybe using the new cycle pathway on Sandy Bay Road). The school provides bike racks.

To support an easy traffic flow NO STANDING signage is on the western side of Balfour Court. This means that cars are not able to wait or park at the southern end on both sides of the road.

Please do not park in the disabled parking bay unless you have the correct permit to do so.

Please do not park over neighbours’ drive ways.
Taroona High School
OPEN WEEK

Monday 16 - Friday 20 May 2016

We welcome you to visit between 9.30am and 12.00noon.

Please come to the office, where a student guide will meet you for a tour of the school.

Parents and siblings are welcome. Bookings are not required.

This is not just for Year 6 students. We welcome students of all grades.

For more information, please contact the School Liaison Officer:
Karena Gregory, on 6227 7700 or karena.gregory@education.tas.gov.au
http://education.tas.edu.au/taroonahigh

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWLETTER:

1. Calendar
2. School Noticeboard
3. Canteen Order Form
4. City to Casino
5. HOOKin2HOCKEY winter series 2016

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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