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
Kinder Koalas & Wombats excursion to Botanical Gardens
9.30am-12.45pm (CANCELLED)

Friday 6th May
Assembly 2.00pm – 3/4 Court
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

Friday 20th May
Assembly 2.00pm – 3/4 Lette
Community Market 3.00pm

Wednesday 25th May
Cross Country Carnival with SBI

Thursday 26th May
Year 6 Band Rehearsal – Kingston High School – 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 31st May
ICAS Science Test – 7.45am

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ANZAC Day Parade

On Monday 25th April our School Leaders: Emma Fenner, Esther Read, Hugh Clarke, Nick Muir and 8 other students represented Waimea Heights in the ANZAC Day parade.

This year we were responsible for two banners in the WW2 section. Prue Clarke, Eva Franks, Faye Read, Alisdair Hooper and William Roth supported Emma and Esther to carry the banner for the 7th Division Ammo Coy.

The Royal Australian Regiment banner was ably carried by Hugh and Nick with the help of Isabel Roth, Emily Wheeler, Gi Hon Choi, Lucy Franks and Hannah Hookway.

We had the honour to march with 4 veterans this year (John Isles – Artillery Division, Andrew Wise, Steven MacNamara and Ian Brady) and hear some stories about their time with the Defence Force. Many thanks to the students who participated in the parade and to Mrs Gill, Mrs Lette and Mrs Roberts for their support on the day.
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. 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,

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Results from the 2016 Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge are in.

Over 18,800 students across Australian participated in the online challenge which requires students to use computational thinking skills to solve problems that become progressively harder as you advance through the challenge.

This year at Waimea Heights 150 students from Years 3 – 6 participated in the challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who received a perfect score of 135:

Jack Bini-Taylor
Claudia Johnston
Nick Muir and Aidan Taylor
Hugh Clarke and Gi Hon Choi

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Welcome!

This week we welcome two new students and their families to Waimea Heights. Hugo Lin in Kinder Koalas and Andrew Nissen in Year 1 Willing/Russell.

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New Waimea Leadership Team Workshop

Last Friday the new leadership team consisting of Emily Roberts, Deb Jenkins, Andrew Court (Advanced Skills Teachers), Acting Assistant Principal Philippa Clymo and I worked with Brett Manion (Principal Network Leader) and Amy Vince (Principal of Sandy Bay Infant). The focus of the day was how to lead a DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENT FOR INSPIRATIONAL LEARNING, how we saw our roles and future actions to achieve this vision in our schools. Last year primary schools were given an increased allocation of senior staff to address the inequity of leadership staffing in primary schools compared to high schools, hence these new appointments. I look forward to working with this fabulous team who are part of the dynamic team at Waimea. It was a very productive day and another way SBI and Waimea work closely together.

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Year 3/4 Pratap, Lette and Court

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Lucy Booth who has been selected to represent Tasmania in the U/13 Soccer team and will travel to play in the National Championships in Coffs Harbour in the July holidays. The majority of the team members are Year 7 girls.

Lucy also came 3rd in the 1500 metres at the State Athletics Carnival in Launceston last Friday. There were 23 runners in that race.

Well done Lucy and good luck at the National Championships in July.

ATHLETICS TOPS

A reminder to those students that took part in the Interschool Athletics and Champions Carnivals to wash and return your athletics top to the school office by the end of this week.

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

NO PARKING

AFTER 3.15pm in NETBALL COURT

Could parents/carers please not park in the netball court after 3.15pm as Lipscombe After School Care is using the space for outdoor play whilst soccer training is on the ovals.

ASSEMBLY AND COMMUNITY MARKET

A reminder that on Friday, 6th May Assembly is on at 2.00pm hosted by Year 3/4 Court.

After Assembly the Community Market will be outside the Library.

We need parents to help with the Community Market after assemblies. This only takes about half an hour per fortnight. If you are willing and able or would like to know more, please contact Brian Andrews: brian.andrews@education.tas.gov.au

Bring along your fresh produce, home made baking, and other items such as preserves, plants and herbs for sale. Please support this growing event at Waimea.

KINDER WOMBATS AND KINDER KOALAS EXCURSION TO BOTANICAL GARDENS POSTPONED

On Wednesday, 4th May (tomorrow) both Kinder classes were going on an excursion to the Botanical Gardens for an Autumn excursion. Unfortunately due to the weather forecast the excursion has been postponed and will be rescheduled to another day.

BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!

50 students banked last week

Congratulations to 50 students who have been banking last week.
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.

FLIPPA BALL CANCELLATION

Due to Mother’s Day this Sunday and a number of people expressing that they would be unavailable for this particular fixture, the first round of flippa ball has been postponed until Sunday, May 15th.

Training will, consequently, also start next Wednesday.

ASHTON SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book club brochures were sent home with students yesterday. Please return to the school office by this Friday, 6th May.

Please place order form and cash in an envelope clearly marked with your child’s name and class and return to the school office.

If ordering by credit card please remember to write the receipt number on the form.

Please note we cannot accept late orders.
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/taroona-high

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

1. Calendar
2. School Noticeboard

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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