Dear Families

Last year our families got behind an initiative to provide books that would support dads in prison. The picture books were recorded by the dads and were given to their families, helping them stay connected. Our school gave fabulous support to this book drive and hundreds of books were collected.

Again we have been approached by SBI parent Clair Harris to support mums who may be struggling to provide some of the basic essentials for their children. Clair is behind a clothing drive (Tassie Mums) collecting new and preloved clothing for children birth to ten years of age. With a band of helpers Clair then puts them in age appropriate packs for distribution through the Salvation Army and other groups.

Check out the [www.facebook.com/tassiemums clothingdrive](http://www.facebook.com/tassiemums clothingdrive) for more information. A clothing bin can be found in our front office and we are collecting items till the end of May. What a great idea and I’m sure as a community we can help.

Let’s get behind Clair.

Sally
NAPLAN Testing

This week our Year 3 & 5 students participate in national testing. Every Year 3 & 5 student around Australia will be doing Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy tests. Parents and carers will receive results in late September. Teachers have been preparing students so they know what to expect in a testing situation and are familiar with the style of these tests. We look forward to sharing our school results later in the year.

Welcome!

This week we welcome Cindy Chen and her family to Waimea Heights. Cindy is joining Prep Banks-Smith/Stewart.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on their Assembly Awards

Xavier Annandale for an excellent persuasive writing effort and for supporting new students!
Clio Goninon for working quietly and consistently in class. Well done Clio!
Valentino Pedder – Welcome to our school, Valentino! You have settled in very well.
George Willmot for his consistent hard work in all learning areas and for his polite and respectful manner.
Harry Neal for his enthusiastic participation in class and for his exemplary manners.
Sophie Hill for her fantastic effort in class and for going beyond expectation to be helpful in the classroom.
Archie Wright for always trying his hardest and always showing respect to his teachers and classmates.
Clover Menadue for being very focused on her learning, especially her Mathematical investigations, and always being willing to help others with their learning.
Matthew Vina Soriano for showing great dedication to your learning and commendable perseverance with our recent activities involving cutting.
Josie Wright for smart and brave problem solving thinking.
George Willmot for his consistent hard work in all learning areas and for his polite and respectful manner.
Emily Wheeler for her dramatic flair and happy attitude that contributes such a positive energy to the classroom.
Max Mennitz for his attitude toward his school work and his willingness to take on leadership roles.
Poppy Hiller for her consistent approach to all areas of the curriculum.
Charlie Midgley for his wonderful mathematics thinking and problem solving.
Rosie Clark for her work in Maths.
Emily Hill for her work in Science.

YOYO SALES

For the next 3 weeks the office will be selling the limited edition Waimea YoYos for the Building Fund.
Colours available are green, yellow, red and blue and they cost $6.00.
Congratulations to Lara Corban on receiving an award for Top 1% and Top of School Award.

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.

KINDER WOMBATS AND KINDER KOALAS EXCURSION TO BOTANICAL GARDENS
WEDNESDAY, 18th MAY
On Wednesday, 18th 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.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION/PARENTS + FRIENDS
POSITION VACANT (P+F) AND CHANGE OF MEETING DATES
The P+F Association is seeking a new Treasurer to take on the role before September. If anyone is interested please let the school office know.

Please note there is no School Association meetings on 31st May or 28th June. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st June at 7.00pm

PARENTS + FRIENDS MEETING
A reminder that the P+F meeting is on in the school staffroom at 7.15pm tonight. Everyone is welcome!
Our Kinder – Year 6 students will be taking part in the Cross Country on the school grounds at Waimea HPS, along with K-2 students from SBI.

**Parent Volunteers** – if you are able to help out on the day as an official please email me ASAP and specify which carnival you are available for (EC or Primary).

Students are to wear house coloured clothing (suitable for running) and running shoes. Hair spray and face paint/Zinc are OK as long as they are done at home.

Maps of the running courses will soon be displayed on the Sports noticeboard. Students will have walked/run the course in Physical Education classes.

sandi.woodward@education.tas.gov.au

The order of events will be:

**9:30-10:30am Early Childhood XC Carnival (K-2)**

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**10.30-11:00am 30 minute recess break (K-6)**

**11-12:40am Primary XC Carnival (3-6)**

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The top 6 placed boys and girls from each year level (3-6) will be selected for the Interschool Team to compete on Tuesday 14th June at Lindisfarne North PS (old Geilston Bay site).

After this event some students will be invited to participate at the All State Cross Country Championships at Symmons Plains on Wednesday 22nd June.

N.B. Waimea will again be sharing a bus to/from Symmons Plains with Taroona PS (there will be a small cost involved)
City to Casino Fun Run – Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} 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.

It’s great to see so many members of our school community have signed up for this event already – our team currently has 24 members! It’s not too late to join us!

Any students that have signed up for the event are welcome to borrow a Waimea Athletics Team shirt – these will be issued at the school office by Ms Woody at 3pm on Friday. (These shirts must be washed and returned the following week.)

Please meet Ms Woody at 8.40am near the statue on Parliament Lawns (on the Salamanca Place side of the lawns) for a team photo prior to the race start (9.00am)!

SWSP 2016

Well done to all our students that have participated in the Swimming and Water Safety Program over the past 2 weeks. It was great to see everyone learning new skills, gaining confidence in the water and participating in activities to remind us of how to be safe in the water. It is a tiring 2 weeks for students and staff – thank you everyone for our efforts.

FLIPPA BALL

Term 2 flippa Ball will begin this week. There will be training from 7.30 to 8.30 this Wednesday with games beginning Sunday. If your school has not entered a team yet, it can still be done this week. I will put together a roster for the schools participating by the end of this week.
**BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!**
A reminder that school banking is on Thursdays this year. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit) and for all newly opened accounts we earn a $5 commission.

If your child would like to start banking please call in to the office to collect an information pack.

**SOCCER TRAINING CANCELLATIONS**
In the event of the school closing the ovals for training, the office will contact all coaches and managers via email. It is then the responsibility of the coaches/managers to let parents know.

Please ensure that your child’s soccer coach/manager has your contact details.

Parents should discuss with their child/ren what the arrangements are if soccer training is cancelled.

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES**

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**RBF AWARDS**
The RBF Awards nominations period has opened and we are accepting nominations for exceptional staff and volunteers from across the Department.

Recognising excellence is important, not only in rewarding people for their outstanding work, but also because it provides an opportunity to share information and inspirational insights, ultimately leading to improved learning outcome for our students.

Nominations close on 5th June.
TAROONA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

Just a reminder that parents do not need to book in for tours. Students of any grade and families can come anytime between 8.30 and 12.30 tours take about one hour.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

1. Calendar

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August 26 – 28, 2016
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For more details or to book, visit bit.ly/TAGnolimits