### Key Dates for May

**Wednesday 18th May**  
Kinder Wombats & Koalas to Botanical Gardens – 9.30-12.45pm

**Friday 20th May**  
Year 3/4 Pratap excursion to Marine Discovery Centre 9.15-2.45pm  
Assembly 2.00pm – 3/4 Lette  
Community Market 3.00pm

**Monday 23rd May**  
Yrs 3/4 Court & 5/6 Banks-Smith/Roberts excursion to Hobart College 10.30am-2.45pm

**Wednesday 25th May**  
Cross Country Carnival with SBI

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

**Friday 27th May**  
Year 3/4 Lette excursion to Marine Discovery Centre 9.15am-2.45pm  
P+F Sausage Sizzle 12.30pm

**Tuesday 31st May**  
ICAS Science Test – 7.45am

### Key Dates for June

**Friday 3rd June**  
Assembly 2.00pm – 3/4 Pratap  
Community Market 3.00pm

**Tuesday 7th June**  
Waimea Wonders Jump Rope Team visiting various schools

**Wednesday 8th June**  
THS students visiting 5/6s in the Library

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**Kinder Wombats have lots of fun...**

- reading with our friends...
- playing with water...
- riding in Spacey...
- relaxing...
- riding on the see-saw...
- eating Munch and Crunch...
- listening to stories...
- digging and creating in the sandpit...
- building with blocks...
- joining in with the Carnival...
- and playing outside.

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*Andrea Harrold*
EXCURSIONS

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.

YEAR 3/4 PRATAP
EXCURSION TO MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE
FRIDAY, 20TH MAY

On Friday 20th May, Mrs Pratap’s Year 3/4 class will be travelling to the Marine Discovery Centre at Woodbridge to explore life cycles of marine animals and plants. This will be a springboard into launching into our next Science unit called Life Cycles and Inter-dependency. Students will get opportunities to investigate life cycles of plankton, learn about Tasmania’s raptors and their threats. The students will also investigate how other living things are dependent on different animals and their environments for survival.

We will depart school at 9.15am and return by 2.45pm.

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the day and has a packed recess, lunch and drink.

Parent help will be greatly appreciated on the day. Please let your child’s teacher know if you are able to attend.

YEAR 3/4 COURT & 5/6 BANKS-SMITH/ROBERTS
EXCURSION TO HOBART COLLEGE
MONDAY, 23RD MAY

Years 3/4 Court and 5/6 Banks-Smith/Roberts will be visiting Hobart College on Monday 23rd May to learn about drama productions and for a tour of the theatre.

Our children will be working with Hobart College drama students to learn some tips about acting.

We will leave school at 10.30am and return by 2.45pm. Please ensure your child has packed recess, lunch and a drink bottle on the day.

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.

YOYO SALES

For the next 2 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.
This Friday, 20th of May, our school will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day. You can participate by walking, riding, skateboarding or scootering to school. At lunch you can ride your bikes on the top oval and scooter/skateboard on the netball court. We remind you that when on school premises please walk your skateboard, scooter, and bike. If you live too far away from school to walk you might like to meet with some friends to walk from Lipscombe Larder and get a coffee while you walk your kids up Waimea Avenue to school. This walk should take you 20 minutes and is about 1.5km.

By Marcus Bryant

RIDE OR Stride 2 SCHOOL DAY
Friday 20th May

Walk Safely to School Day is all about coming to school by riding, striding (walking) or moving in whatever way you want. This day is happening because we want the school to keep fit and active when coming to school, instead of coming in a car, bus or taxi. You may ride, walk, scoot, skate or even run from your own house to school. If it is too far away to do any of that stuff you could drive to a point that you can pick out and then ride, walk, scoot, skate or run the rest of the way to school. If needed you may leave your scooter, bike or skate board at school and you can ride them at the netball court or the top oval at lunchtime.

This is how I’m getting to school on Friday.

Marcus Bryant

On Friday the 20th of May we will be participating in Walk Safely to School Day. The school has been participating in this event for many years. You may walk, scoot or ride to school. All scooters, bikes and skate boards will be locked up in the tennis court after you arrive. During lunch time on this day students can use scooters and skate boards on the netball court and bikes on the top oval. One of the many benefits of this event is that it encourages people to walk rather than use cars which are contributing to global warming. Also, many students do not know that if you are under ten years old you have to be supervised when crossing a road. Finally; walking, riding and scooting are all good for your health and are good skills to have. Below on this map there are a lot of good routes you can make up, to take when coming to school if you are not aware of one already. Remember you don’t even have to walk the whole way from home. So I hope you participate in this event.

Henry Jones

Walk and ride to school day

Why are we walking and riding to school? Well, it's fun & great for your fitness. It also teaches kids to be safe around the road.

You can scoot, walk or pedal to school on Friday 20th May. Bikes and scooters can be ridden on the top oval and netball court at lunchtime. Your bikes and scooters will be securely locked away before and after. If your house is too far away from school, your parents can park near the school and you could walk or ride with your friends!

So scoot, skate, walk or pedal to school on Friday 20th May!
By Millie & Lucy
**Walk Safely to School Day**

On Friday 20th May, Walk Safety to School Day will be held at Waimea Heights Primary School.

Walk Safely to School Day is all about; helping kids to develop safe road crossing skill, building habits of walking to school at an early age and getting fit.

At lunch the top oval will be open for bikes and the netball court to ride skateboard and scooters for those students who used their wheels to get to school.

Here are some ways you might like to walk, ride, scoot or skate if you need to drive part of the way to school.

By Grace and Stella

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**How long is 1000 bottle tops when put end to end?**

Last week, while the Year 3 and Year 5 students were undertaking their NAPLAN testing, the Year 4 students in 3/4 Lette, 3/4 Pratap and 3/4 Court/Russell went to the GP room to do activities with milk bottle tops.

Previously in Term 1, each class had collected 1000 bottle tops as part of a place value activity. The students were asked how long 1000 bottle tops would look like when placed end to end. Each class had to work in teams to create a line of 1000 bottle tops and to think of ways to create their line quickly and accurately using all team members.

Each team had a different strategy and both Mrs McLean and myself were impressed with the teamwork and ideas produced.

Afterwards we measured the bottle tops, with the understanding that each line may differ as there were some bottle tops of different sizes. We measured 39 metres and 7 centimetres! Longer than anyone estimated.

The students then went on to use the bottle tops to make symmetrical patterns.

Mr Court
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** – Thank you to those parents that have already volunteered to help at the carnival. *We are still in need of a lot more volunteers so 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.

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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 atSymmons 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)
**SPORTS NEWS continued**

**City to Casino Fun Run**

Congratulations to all those students that participated in a wet City to Casino on Sunday and to Lucy Booth who was the first female to finish in the 2.7km event.

A reminder to those students that borrowed a Waimea athletics top to wash and return it to the office this week please.

**Hockey Clinics**

Starting on Thurs 26th May our Year 1 and 2 students will be involved in Hockey clinics during PE classes over 4 weeks as part of our involvement in the Sporting Schools Program. Students are welcome to bring their own shin pads.

**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.
BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!

Congratulations to Richter Marx who has made the under 12s School Sport Australia’s Hockey Championships. It will take place in Cairns from 31 July till 5 August, where the Tasmanian team will compete against the other states and territories. We wish Richter good luck at the tournament.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the students who were selected for the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians. These students, who are in Years 3-6 will be working in teams to solve a range of mathematical problems over a three week period. This is a great opportunity to extend mathematical problem-solving skills. The students can use a number of resources but are not allowed to seek help from adults. We wish our students all the best in this program.

GROUP PHOTOS

Group photos are now available to be ordered from Leading Image at a cost of $10.00 each. If you would like to order a copy of the following:
- Year 5 Band
- Year 6 Band
- Jump Rope
- School Leaders

please come to the office and place your order. Payment options are by cash, cheque or Eftpos, and orders need to be placed by Wednesday, 25th May.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Size 6 polo tops and polar fleece jackets have arrived in the Uniform Shop along with size 8 and 10 soccer tops for those parents wishing to purchase.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

- Monday: 8.30 – 9.00am
- Wednesday: 8.30 – 9.00am
- Friday: 3.00 – 3.30pm

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.
**PARENTS + FRIENDS**

Support Waimea Heights Parents & Friends’s fundraising and put $$’s in your pocket!

We’re pleased to be offering you the opportunity to purchase the brand new Hobart and Surrounds 2016|2017 Entertainment™ Book to raise funds for Waimea Heights Parents & Friends. The Books sell for $65, and we keep $13 for each one we sell.

The Entertainment™ Book gives you access to thousands of **up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers** for the Hobart and Surrounds best restaurants, cafés, attractions and activities. Plus it has best in market prices for over 2,000 hotels and resorts that you can use whenever you like until 1st June 2017.

And it’s not just the fun stuff... You can also get 5% off on your groceries and petrol all year with WISH eVouchers sent directly to your phone, and 10% off at David Jones!

So you can see what is in the Entertainment™ Book for you and your family, we will be sending one home with your child on 18/05/2016 (tomorrow).

To pay for your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit: [www.entbook.com.au/240271](http://www.entbook.com.au/240271)

Alternatively you can fill in the payment slip enclosed with the book and return to the office.

If you do not wish to purchase the book please place in the container at the school office by Friday of next week.

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**P&F SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
**FRIDAY 27th MAY**

Next Friday, 27th May the Parents + Friends will be holding a sausage sizzle and icy pole day for students at lunch time. Please look out for more information in next week’s newsletter on how to place your order!

Please note Year 3/4 Lette will be unable to order as they will be on an excursion that day.

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**YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS**  
**CANBERRA TRIP 2016**

Invoices for the September Canberra trip for students in Years 5 and 6 have been sent out to families.

Families who wish to pay in instalments are welcome to do so and payments can be made by Bpay or cheque, cash and Eftpos at the school office.
TAROONA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN WEEK

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