Dear Families

We continually revisit our Waimea values that were developed by parents, staff and students in 2011. They are:

**Learning and Achievement** - having a positive learning mindset and doing our personal best.

**Integrity** - being a person who is honest and respectful.

**Diversity** - respecting difference, not just in areas of culture or religion.

**Social responsibility** - how we contribute and care for our world, our community, our physical and social environment.

The learning our students continue to focus on, as part of the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) project, centres on the six Cs - Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity, Critical Thinking and Character, as students engage in authentic real world challenges. Our Year 1 students are keen to develop the Prep Fairy Garden area to make it safe and useable for all. They are proposing a new sandpit be built for multi-age use as they take ownership for playground design and care. These are attitudes we are fostering in our students as lifelong learners and problem solvers. It also links strongly with one of our key values - social responsibility.

Yesterday I heard about one of our younger students, Jamie Fleming, who is currently involved in a fundraising project for Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania - the goal is for Jamie to slide down 65 different slides in May (see picture overleaf). He’s in a fundraising team with three other kids – two of which have Cystic Fibrosis. His fundraising page is here:


You might like to support his fabulous efforts. Jamie is certainly espousing the Waimea values!

Sally

PS Hope to see you at the cross country on Wednesday - rug up!
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on the Assembly Awards

Gryphon Adkins for a fabulous effort in writing. Gryphon can be congratulated for his hard work and focus in class!

Audrey Jones for always doing her best in class. Audrey willingly helps others and is a considerate and diligent student!

April King for consistently doing her best and for her intensive focus in improving her mathematical knowledge.

Jack Knowles for always doing his best, supporting others and being an excellent team player.

Mikayla Penglase for her exemplary manners and her effort in class.

Sophie Hill for her very persuasive letter applying for the position of Class Banker.

Harry Scott for his dedication to all school work.

Emily Bell for being focused on her learning and being a great group member when working on groups tasks.

Bridgette Lindsay for always approaching a new challenge with a positive attitude.

Maya Cubit for always being co-operative and helpful and for her positive attitude.

Aivy Joseph for your positive learning attitude and considerate manner towards others.

Doug Matson for a focused and mature attitude in class.

Howard Newbury for enhancing our History Unit by organising a guest speaker, preparing an informative PowerPoint and displaying some interesting memorabilia.

Arielle Buchanan for her dedication and commitment.
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.

Payments are due for Canberra by the end of August so instalments are welcome and payments can be made by Bpay or cheque, cash and Eftpos at the school office.

The $100 deposit that families paid at the end of last year has already been taken off the total amount for the trip, leaving a balance of $1200 for families to pay.

Quick quiz:
What is this?
(Answer page 6)

EXCURSIONS

YEAR 3/4 LETTE
EXCURSION TO MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE
FRIDAY, 27th MAY

On Friday 27th May, Mrs Lette’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.

P&F SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FRIDAY 27th MAY

This Friday, 27th May the Parents + Friends will be holding a sausage sizzle and icy pole day for students at lunch time.

If students wish to order please place money in an envelope and give to the class teacher.

Sausages are $2.00 and Icy Poles $1.00
Vegetarian sausages are also available, please write this on the envelope when ordering.

If any parents have time to help cook and serve sausages please let the school office know.

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

Cross Country Carnival

Tomorrow is our exciting Cross Country Carnival! We are looking forward to seeing everyone get involved and having a lot of fun.

To ensure that the Year 3-6 course can be run safely the boom gate in the bottom car park will be closed from 10.45am – 1pm. This boom gate will not be opened during these times – so if you park in this carpark tomorrow please ensure you leave before 10.45am or park elsewhere.

A reminder that this is a House Colours free dress day (no school uniform), wear your running shoes.

Face paint, zinc and hair spray are OK but must be done at home (don’t bring them to school).

9.30-10.30am our Kinder-Year 2 students will be running the Cross Country along with the students from Sandy Bay Infant School.

10.30-11am Recess

11am-12.40pm Year 3-6 Cross Country Event

Thanks to those parents that have volunteered to help at the events tomorrow – if you could please meet Ms Woody on the bottom oval at 9.15am (EC Event) or 10.45am (Primary Event).

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.

Cross Country Team Training

Once our team has been selected training will continue for our Cross Country team with Jenny Gillard. Reserves are welcome to attend as well.

Meet on the bottom oval near the wooden bench – training will be on this Friday 27th May (weather dependent)

Wednesday – lunchtime (compulsory)

Friday before school 8.15am (voluntary)

School climbing competition - Your first one for 2016

School’s Competition - Wednesday 29th June 2016.

These competitions encourage both experienced and budding climbers to have a go.

Winners will be chosen both on an individual basis and by school point totals. This means that less experienced climbers can make a significant contribution.

We will offer very generous prizes to schools this year; First Place being a $250 class gift voucher, plus similar 2nd and 3rd place vouchers and many individual achievement prizes.

All Tasmanian students are invited from K-12.

The event will start from 3:30 and presentations will take place at 7:30 PM. (students will only need 1-1.5 hours within that time window to complete their climbing)

Cost is $15/pp and will include a harness. Registrations are on the day.

Soccer Clinics – Year 3-4 classes will be participating in Soccer Clinics this Friday 27th May and Friday 3rd June during PE classes. Students are welcome to bring their own soccer boots and shin pads to class for these sessions.
City to Casino

Well done to all those students, Mums and Dads that braved a rainy Sunday morning to participate in the City to Casino on Sunday 15th May. Despite the conditions the event had a lovely atmosphere and it was wonderful to see so many members of the Waimea community there having a go and being active. Well done everyone!
Quick Quiz Answer:
The mystery item is a really cool microcontroller (little computer ‘brain’) called an Arduino, with a specially-designed ‘shield’ on top. The shield is bristling with electronic sensors that detect things like temperature, sound, light and movement. The shields were specially designed by Ms Clymo and electronics experts from the Hobart Hackerspace so that our students could use these powerful devices without having to learn advanced electronics.

Our students in Years 4 – 6 are using them and other digital technologies to solve problems such as ‘how to let students/teachers know when the class is being too noisy?’ and ‘how can we make bath-time safer?’ Team solutions will be entered into a national competition called Young ICT Explorers later this term. It’s all part of our school focus on problem solving and skills for the 21st century!

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.

Reporting and Parent/Teacher Interview dates
In keeping with the Department of Education reporting timelines, our teachers are currently writing reports. These will be sent home to families on Friday 24th June. Families will then have the opportunity to meet with their child/ren’s teacher in Parent/Teacher interviews, held in the last week of term 27th June – 1st July.

The exceptions to this are Kinder classes and Year 2 Jolleys. Mrs Jolleys will be on leave from 30th May, so her Parent/Teacher interviews are being held last week and this week. Kinders will have their Parent/Teacher interviews during the week of 6th – 10th June.

Kindergarten 2017
If you have children eligible for Kinder in 2017 (born in 2012) please contact the school office now. Enrolment forms and information regarding pre-kinder sessions will be sent out to families at the end of Term 3. If you would like a tour of the school or have questions please email sally.gill@education.tas.gov.au
Support Waimea Heights Parents & Friends’s fundraising and put $$$’s in your pocket!

Thank you to all those families that have already purchased a book or digital membership.

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.

To pay for your Book or your Digital Membership securely online visit:

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

A reminder if you do not wish to purchase the book please place in the container at the school office by Friday of this week.

SunSmart Policy for Waimea Heights Primary

Attached to this week’s newsletter is Waimea’s Sunsmart Policy that has been renewed for the next 3 years by the Cancer Council of Tasmania.

KidsMatter

Waimea is a KidsMatter School and attached is some helpful information about children who feel anxious and how to support them. Today’s topic is ‘Anxiety and mental health in children’

Over the next couple of weeks look out for other articles about anxiety in children and how you can help.
BIKE STICKERS – If families would like to put a bike distance sticker on their car, please call in to the office from Thursday to collect.
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.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

1. Calendar
2. Noticeboard
3. SunSmart Policy
4. KidsMatter Anxiety Article

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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

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WAIMEA HEIGHTS SUPPORTING THE TAROONA BOOK SALE AGAIN THIS YEAR! If families have book donations please bring to the school office.

THE 47TH GIANT TAROONA BOOK SALE IS COMING!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 16TH - 17 JULY 2016
TAROONA SHOPPING CENTRE, 9AM - 1PM

1000'S OF BOOKS TO SUIT ALL TASTES!

PROCEEDS TO LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY PROJECTS

DONATIONS OF QUALITY BOOKS (EXCLUDING ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TECHNICAL BOOKS AND READERS DIGEST CONDENSED BOOKS) WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

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