Dear Families

We begin this newsletter with condolences for Sally Gill, whose mother passed away yesterday. Sally was with her mum when she died, and is now spending some time with her family.

The thoughts and best wishes of the Waimea Community are with Sally at this sad time.

Young ICT Explorers competition and Expo

In other news, students in Years 4 – 6 are now coming to the end of their amazing work in the Young ICT Explorers competition. All 5/6 students and many Year 4s have been working all this term on Tuesdays to design and make wonderful inventions that address the competition’s two-fold challenge:

Find a Problem
Solve it using digital technologies

Students have used a variety of technologies such as Edison robots, Sphero robots, MaKey MaKey electronic interfaces, Scratch computer programming (coding) and Arduino microcontrollers (featured in our newsletter ‘quiz’ a few weeks ago). They have invented solutions to problems such as helping people with sight impairment to navigate busy streets; telling somebody when they get mail in their mailbox; alerting householders that they may have an intruder; letting you know if your coffee is too hot; teaching kids about littering; and even games to keep you fit.

We’re immensely proud of our students and teachers who are prepared to give these challenges a go and ‘step outside their comfort zone’. Thanks to Mrs Banks-Smith, Ms Clymo and Mr Andrews who have taken on this project with their own students and those from other classes. Also thanks to Duncan Taylor, who has given many days of valuable assistance and expertise in all the participating classes – our coding and electronics skills have improved hugely as a result of Duncan’s help. Finally, thanks to Michael Emery and Paul Attrill, technical whizzes at the Hobart Hackerspace, who helped Ms Clymo design the unique ‘shields’ of sensors and outputs that allow us to use the Arduinos.

This project is a great example of the drive at Waimea to take our learning ‘beyond the classroom walls’ by involving the wider community, and by sharing our learning with a wide audience. Entries from our students in the competition will be showcased in a Waimea Expo in early Term 3, and many may make it to the Tasmanian finals, to be held at the University in August. We’d love to share our learning with you! Please turn the page to see some photos of what we have been creating.

Philippa Clymo
Assistant Principal
ICT Explorers Competition and Expo

Hugo Wilkins for his polite and helpful manner in class and for working quietly in a focussed manner. Thank you, Hugo!
Lila Wallis for her positive attitude and excellent listening in class. Well deserved, Lila!
Clara Bavage for being a thoughtful, respectful and caring member of class.
Anjali Pal for your wonderful efforts and superb learning focus.
Thomas Paynter for teaching the Year 2 students how to use Scratch. A fantastic effort.
Zach Mangan for teaching the Year 2 students how to use Scratch. A fantastic effort.
Will Smith for improved focus and attitude to his learning. Way to go!
Will Gourlay for putting a lot of effort into his learning and always helping out in the classroom.
Max Klarenbeek for the care and consideration he has shown for his Kinder reading partner.
Max McCormick for being an exceptionally supporting Kinder Buddy.
Bailey Upton for working hard to improve his Mathematical skills.
Sam Hodgson for being a helpful class member and his wonderful progress in reading.
Lizzie Bavage for her strong work ethic and fabulous improvement in reading.
Ryan Cantwell for staying focused and completing some very interesting mathematical tasks. A most pleasing development.

DAILY FITNESS AWARD
Congratulations to Laura Cooper, Claudia Johnston and Howard Newbury for their Daily Fitness Leaders’ Award for leading the ‘Obstacle Course’ group.
IMPORTANT - CANTEEN ORDERING

A reminder to parents to please make sure you are using the ‘Salamanca Fresh’ canteen order form and remind your child to put their lunch order in the container in the classroom in the morning. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted once the containers have been collected.

Please remember to name your child’s order form and place the correct money in the bag.

YEAR 6 REMINDER

A reminder to all Year 6 students to return their High School Intention form to the office by Thursday, 30th June.

If you have misplaced your letter and form please see the office for another copy.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
MONDAY 27th JUNE – FRIDAY 1st JULY
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!
BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE FOR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS AT 4.00pm ON FRIDAY, 24th JUNE

Please see instructions on how to make a booking attached to this week’s newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING
CANCELLED TONIGHT

A large number of people are unable to attend tonight’s School Association Meeting. As there are no pressing matters on the agenda, Philippa and I have decided to cancel tonight’s meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be in Term Three, on Tuesday 2nd August at 7.00pm.

We look forward to catching up then.

Patrice Lawrence
School Association Chair

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2017
PLACES FILLING FAST!

If you have children or know someone who does have eligible children 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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS!

Just to let parents know that Waimea School Bag Flaps have now arrived at the Uniform Shop.

Also selling at the shop are navy blue woollen beanies to keep out the Winter chill for $10.00

Opening times for the Uniform Shop are below.

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

BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!

56 students banked last week
ATTENDANCE AND SICKNESS

Parents/carers are reminded to please advise the school office by 9.00am, either by phone (6237 5200) or email waimea.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au if their child is unable to attend school due to illness or otherwise. If a student is unwell for 5 consecutive days a medical certificate is required by the school.

As we are now in winter many of our students have been unwell and we ask families to keep students at home until they have fully recovered before they return to school.

Please note if a child has been vomiting, they must not return to school until 24 hours has passed since they last vomited.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 1st July – Sausage Sizzle and Icy Pole day – please send along $2.00 for a sausage and $1.00 for an icy pole on the day of the sausage sizzle to your child’s class teacher.

Saturday 2nd July – Election Day Cake Stall – it would be appreciated if families could do some baking for the Election Day Cake Stall. Baked goods can be dropped off at the school office on the Friday or brought directly to the stall on Saturday morning. Please remember to list the ingredients on baked goods and no cream thank you.

Friday 29th July – Quiz Night – look out for more information on this fun night soon!

EXCURSION

KINDER KOALAS & WOMBATS

On Wednesday 29th June, both Kinder classes will be attending the Mount Nelson Primary School musical performed at Hobart College by upper primary students. We will leave school at 11.00am and return around 1.10pm. We will have an early recess at school and a slightly late lunch. We have space for 2 parents to attend if anyone would like to come along. Please talk to Andrea or Kate.

Please note there will be no lunch orders this week for Kinders.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

1. Calendar
2. Noticeboard
3. Booking School Parent Teacher Interviews
4. Canteen ordering form

GOOD SPORTS AWARD

Congratulations to Clara on her Good Sports Award at the last Assembly.

REMINDER

The last day of Term 2 is Friday 1st July.

Monday 18th July is a Professional Learning day for staff, so no school for students.

First day of Term 3 for students is Tuesday 19th July.

Year 5/6 Canberra Trip - Payments

Payments are due for Canberra by the end of August so instalments are welcome and payments can be made by Bpay, 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.
All State Cross Country Championships – Symmons Plains

Good luck to all of our students participating at Symmons Plains tomorrow.

Don’t forget the bus leaves from Taroona Primary School at 7.45am SHARP – so please be there by 7.30am. The bus will drop off at Waimea on the way home at approx. 4.15pm.

Students are to wear Athletics tops and school uniform – but will also need to bring plenty of warm coats/rain coats/beanies as the weather is often freezing at this event.

**Sports - Terms 3 and 4**

We will once again soon be asking students from Year 3-6 if anyone is interested in playing the following sports in a Waimea team – please be aware that all teams need a parent to coach them so you may need to consider being the coach of the team!

Basketball (across Terms 3 and 4 – Tuesdays at Kingborough Sports Centre)

Netball (across Terms 3 and 4 – Tuesday at Creek Rd Netball Centre, Moonah)

T Ball (Term 4 – Saturday mornings – Prince of Wales Bay Reserve)