



## Issue No. 2: 9 February 2016

### Key Dates for February

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – P&F Welcome Barbecue and Meet the Teacher 5.00-7.30pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3-6 - 1500m event 12.50-1.30pm

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Fun Run – Run the bridge. Join the Waimea team

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – School Association Meeting 7.00pm – All welcome.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Year 3-6 - 800m event 12.50-1.30pm

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Athletics Carnival Years 3-6 – 9.00am-3.00pm

### Key Dates for March

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Year 3/4 Court excursion to Marine Discovery Centre 9.15am-2.45pm

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Eight Hour Day Holiday – No School

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Kinder to Year 2 Athletics Carnival with Sandy Bay Infant School 10.00am-12.40pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Interschool Athletics (Div B) – Domain Athletics

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – School Association Meeting 7.00pm – All welcome

Dear families,

Students have enjoyed an extremely productive first three days at school. We have 373 students and 15 classes:

Kinder Wombats (Mon-Wed) - Andrea Harrold

Kinder Koalas (Wed-Fri) - Kate Boatwright

Prep - Toni Cleaver

Prep - Katy Stewart (Mon-Tues), Jo Banks-Smith (Wed-Fri)

Year One - Adrienne Willing (Mon-Tues, Thurs- Fri) Clare Russell (Wed)

Year One - Deb Jenkins (Mon, Wed-Fri) Clare Russell (Thurs)

Year Two - Jackie Tither

Year Two - Linda Jolleys

Year 3/4 - Rose Lette

Year 3/4 - Uma Pratap

Year 3/4 - Andrew Court (Mon, Wed-Fri), Clare Russell (Tues)

Year 4/5 - Brian Andrews

Year 5/6 - Pip Banks-Smith (Mon-Wed), Emily Roberts (Thurs-Fri)

Year 5/6 - Peter Illingworth

Year 5/6 - Philippa Clymo (Mon-Tues), Lynne Murray (Wed-Fri)

The initial priority for all classes has been ensuring the school values are embedded, establishing important classroom rules and routines and explicitly teaching about respectful behaviour, safety and wellbeing. I have enjoyed spending time in all classes and have been impressed with the level of student engagement. Our school prides itself on high academic standards and its supportive environment and the responses to the 2015 Parent Survey certainly confirm this incredibly positive view of the school.

Thank you to families for prompt payment of levies. In addition, thank you also to those parents who have donated to our "building fund". Obviously the more donations we receive, the less fundraising we need to undertake in order to reach our goal. Last week we finalised the colour scheme for the playground designed around the classrooms. It is certainly going to be an amazing space for our students!

Finally, I have enjoyed the process of meeting students and families and look forward to meeting more members of the Waimea School community over the next few weeks including at tomorrow's Meet the Teacher BBQ, in the Waimea team for the Bridge Run on February 14th, at our first School Association meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February or incidentally in the school grounds. You are also welcome to make an appointment to meet with me to discuss any concerns or celebrations regarding your child's learning.

Kathy

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate having parents, carers or family members volunteering in our school. In order to keep our children secure there is a safety check that each person needs to have completed. This year there is a state wide change of process from the current Department Good Character Check to a Working with Children Check. There is a changeover period which matures in July after which the Good Character Check documentation becomes redundant. There is predicted to be a six week lag between application completion and the issuing of documentation!! Please visit [http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children/application](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application)

**Please read the attachment to this week's newsletter for more information.**

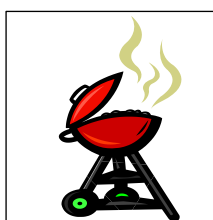
**Please note the current Good Character Check is still needed until the end of June.**

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

### WELCOME BBQ AND MEET THE TEACHER

A reminder that the Welcome BBQ for families is tomorrow, **Wednesday, 10th February from 5.00-7.30pm**. This is a great way to meet parents, carers and teachers and to get a feel for the Waimea School community. A bouncing castle and BBQ will be set up and sausages, hamburgers and veggie burgers as well as beer, wine, soft drinks and icy poles will be available to purchase. Please bring your own picnic blankets for seating.

Please let the office know if you are available on the evening to volunteer your help with serving and cooking.



## ALLERGY AWARE REMINDER

**Waimea is a nut aware zone.** Several of our students have severe reactions to nuts. We ask you to avoid sending any nuts or nut products (eg. peanut butter and nutella) in the food children bring to school.



## ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

For your information the school is not authorised to administer paradol.

Any medicine needing to be administered eg. Antibiotics will need a form filled in at the office and signed by you or a doctor.



## MEDICAL PLAN REMINDERS 2016

Every child at Waimea with a medical condition needs to supply an **updated** medical plan to the school **each year**, especially those with **Anaphylaxis** and **Asthma**. Staff from Waimea have been trained in Anaphylaxis using EpiPens and also in Ventolin administration for Asthma. If you are new to the school and your child has a medical condition please come into the office and collect an appropriate action plan form, or if you just have questions please don't hesitate to phone the school.

## NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES AND SIGNING STUDENTS IN/OUT BOOK

A reminder to parents and carers to please call the school office if your child is away from school for any reason. Please phone **6237 5200** (leave a message after hours) or email [waimea.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:waimea.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au) Please give the reason for the absence when leaving a message.

If your child/ren arrive late or need to be picked up early, could parents please make sure that they sign them in/out in the Student Book at the school office to ensure we have an accurate student attendance record.

## SCHOOL BANKING – CHANGE OF DAY

School banking this year will be every **Thursday**. If you would like your child to participate please pick up a 2016 information pack from the school office.



# SPORTS NEWS

## **1500m Events – Year 5/6**

On Friday at lunchtime we will be holding our 1500m events on the Top Oval for Year 5/6 students. Students who are going to participate in this event are welcome to wear their house coloured T-shirt on Friday. Parents are also welcome to come along and watch.

## **House Captain Elections**

Year 6 students interested in running for House Captain and Vice House Captain should have brought a nomination form last Friday. This form will need to be filled in, signed by a parent and returned to their class teacher in the morning of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Students nominating will need to do a short speech on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at their House meeting before the voting occurs. The results will be announced at the first assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Athletics Carnival – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Feb/ Wed 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Due to the continued growth in our school community we have decided to hold our Athletics Carnivals as 2 separate events, Year 3-6 and K-2. This will hopefully ensure that the students have more time and space to get involved in all the fun events on the day.

The Year 3-6 Carnival will be held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Kinder – Year 2 Carnival will be held later in the term on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Students wear house colours on the day of the carnival so now is a good time to check that your house shirt still fits your child. A reminder that hairspray, face paint and zinc in house colour is fine as long as it is applied at home – not at school.

If you are able to help out at the Year 3-6 carnival (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February) please email me on [sandi.woodward@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:sandi.woodward@education.tas.gov.au)

## **Orienteering**

The Autumn series of Orienteering starts this Wednesday at Lambert Park, Sandy Bay. See the Community Noticeboard attachment to this week's newsletter for more information.

## **LEVIES**

A reminder that School Levies are now **due** and prompt payment of levies would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you did not receive an invoice in the mail from the Education Department.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with payment please contact Lesley Berry, our School Business Manager, to discuss your individual case.

Payment methods are:

- BPay (School Invoices)
- Service Tasmania Shops (School Invoices)
- Eftpos facility available
- Credit Card (over the phone 6237 5200)
- Cheque payable to Waimea Heights
- Cash

**Donations:** A tax deductible donation to the "Building Fund" can be made to the school and a receipt will be provided.

## **HAT REMINDER**

Please remember to send your child to school with a named hat each day. Students who don't have their hat must stay in the covered area outside the library at recess and lunch times.

## **Newsletters by Email**

The School Newsletter is emailed to families on Tuesdays. From time to time other messages are emailed to families to give reminders about upcoming events. Please make sure your email addresses are kept up to date with the office. If you have not already given us your email address please pop in to the office or email through your details and you will be added to the distribution list.

Please let the office know if you require a hard copy of the newsletter.

**IMPORTANT - CANTEEN ORDERING**  
**ORDERS IN ON TUESDAYS AND LUNCH DELIVERED**  
**ON WEDNESDAYS!**



The canteen is delivered on Wednesdays. Please remember to place lunch orders in your child's classroom container on **TUESDAY MORNINGS for collection**. Kinder Koalas will need to place their lunch orders in on the previous Friday.

**A reminder to parents to please:**

1. Complete canteen order (an **updated** order form is attached to this week's newsletter or collect one from your child's classroom or school office). **Please do not use last year's order form as it is now out of date.**
2. Attach order form to the **outside** of a **brown paper bag** (available in classrooms) large enough to hold your child's order.
3. Please place correct money inside the bag and **do not** tape up the bag, just fold the top over. **Please note the school office is unable to change money for parents/students.**
4. Place in your child's lunch order container in the classroom.
5. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ORDERS IN ENVELOPES OR ZIP LOCK BAGS as the food/drink ordered does not fit.**
6. Remember to still pack morning tea and a drink for your child on Wednesday.

**GAMECRAFT IT EXTENSION COURSE**

Attached is a flyer for the term 1 Taroona Coalition IT Extension course. It will be GameCraft and is open to students in grades 4 to 6

Because of the timing of Easter, the course will be starting on February 16th, so please enrol as soon as possible.

**ATTACHMENT TO THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER**

1. **Working with Vulnerable Children Card information letter.**
2. **Meet the Teacher Timetable**
3. **Canteen Order Form**
4. **GameCraft – Term 1 at Taroona High**
5. **Community Noticeboard**

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

**Order forms** will be sent home with your child tomorrow. Could all orders please be returned to the school office **no later than Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**. **PLEASE NOTE** we are **UNABLE** to accept any **late orders**. **If your order arrives at the office after closing date it will be included as a back order with the following Book Club and delivery of the late order cannot be guaranteed, regardless if it has been paid by credit card.** Order forms together with correct payment need to be placed in an envelope, securely sealed with your **child's name and class clearly marked** and given to the school office. Thank you.

**Georgina Skeggs**  
**Book Club Coordinator.**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

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

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