Dear Families,

Welcome back! How excited we are to have our Year 3/4 Pratap & Lette and 5/6 Illingworth in their own classrooms at long last, and they love it. The space, light and functionality of these rooms is superb. Do come and visit them and admire them. Thank you to our clever architect David Menzies and a highly professional building crew, Maverick Builders. David and I have now done four projects (library and administration, new kindergartens, upgrade of bush block and our new 3/4s) together and he continues to be able to reflect the learning needs of the school, staff and children in his high quality work. Thank you too to Rose Lette and Uma Pratap, Sue Freeman, Allan Wilson, Fred Hani and Leanne Riseley who worked so hard over the holidays to ensure they were in and ready to go today.

Over the holidays our Administration staff, Lesley Berry, School Business Manager & Lisa Hopkins, Admin Assistant have been very busy as well. Our Prep and Year 2 toilets were upgraded, new reverse cycle heaters were fitted in 7 classrooms and the GP room, and astro turf was installed under the tree and chess tables at the front of the school. The new heating will ensure snug classrooms in winter and cooler spaces for learning in the summer. We also look forward to cooler assemblies and performances too. Our school certainly had a sparkle when we returned.

Just a reminder that our P & F is gearing up for the annual Quiz night on Friday 29th July. It’s just $20 for a ticket and is always a fun night. We’ll help anyone make up a table, just let the office know. You can purchase your tickets there too.

Cheers
Sally
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student on their Assembly Awards

Angus Willsmore for his attitude and effort in all learning areas and for being a helpful student to his peers.

Hugh Clark for the effort that Hugh is making to take tasks to completion and for the positive attitude that he displays in class.

Iqra Zaidi for always striving to do her best in class and for her excellent manners and kindness to others.

Ashleigh Clauson for selflessly helping other students catch up with their work.

Noble Fajrianto for showing courage and resilience when a project didn’t quite work out!

James Chung for his resilience and positive approach to school life.

Archie Atkins for his enthusiasm and dedication towards school work.

Alex Giannakopoulos for always completing his work and his cheerful way he goes about his day.

Daisy Annandale for her improved effort towards school work and trying hard during our writing sessions.

Fraser Parsons for his positive approach to school life.

Cy Taylor for her hard work in class and for her kindness towards others.

Brigit Baumwol for being a thoughtful class member and always persevering with her learning and not be afraid to try something new.

Henry Merchant for focussing well on his work and completing tasks enthusiastically.

Grace Mennitz for being a cooperative, fair and thoughtful class member.

Henry McQuillen for wonderful efforts and excellent listening in class.

Archie Crockatt-Butler for a focussed attitude towards all aspects of his learning.

DAILY FITNESS ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Alasdair Hooper – Well done Al. You have been a wonderful caring Gross Motor leader to our Year 1 buddy.

Sophie Bryant – Well done Sophie! You have done a wonderful job as a Gross Motor leader.

Max Mennitz – You are doing a wonderful job working with your kinder buddy. Thanks for all your hard work!

Tom Stephenson – You are a great Gross Motor leader Tom. Thanks for being so committed to the job!

Millie Wells – you have amazing patience and your kind nature makes you a delightful Gross Motor leader.

Charles Baldock – You have done a great job being a leader in the Gross Motor program. Thanks for being so dedicated and reliable.

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 please email lisa.hopkins@education.tas.gov.au to arrange a time.

TERM 3 - CANTEEN ORDERING

Canteen ordering will commence in Week 2 of Term 3. Please place your order on Tuesday, 26th July on the correct ‘Salamanca Fresh’ order form and attach it to a brown paper bag. Lunch orders need to be in class containers by 9.30am.

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.
RETURN OF WAIMEA ATHLETIC TOPS

A reminder to students that have athletic tops still at home from the Interschool Cross Country and Symmons Plains Cross Country. Please return your washed top to the school office by the end of this week please!

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA TRIP - PAYMENTS

Thank you to those families that have paid or are making regular instalments towards the Canberra trip.

Just a reminder we only have 6 weeks left for Canberra payments to be made to the school. At present there are still a large number of outstanding invoices. 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.

Canberra Trip donation thanks

We’d like to thank a wonderful family who have very generously donated a sum of money towards the cost of our 5/6 trip to Canberra.

We do have some families who find it difficult to meet the cost of this trip, and this generous donation will help us ensure that all our students have the opportunity to take part in this fantastic part of our learning program.

If you would be interested in making a donation, please talk to Sally Gill, Philippa Clymo or Lesley Berry (in the office).

STUDENT SAFETY AT
CHURCHILL AVENUE SCHOOL CROSSING

Students need to wait for the School Crossing Guard on duty to tell them it is safe before crossing Churchill Ave.

SYMMSONS PLAINS

On Wednesday 22nd June, 38 students from Waimea drove by bus or car to Symmons Plains race track up near Launceston. We were all participating in the State Cross Country Championships with schools from all over Tasmania.

This is the only sporting event where government, catholic and private schools all participate together.

We had a very early start to the day as the bus left from Taroona Primary at 7.45am in the morning! We shared the bus with Taroona Primary and had a lot of fun. We couldn’t believe that Ms Woody said it was Ok to bring our iPads!

It was a bit stressful at the start of the day as some of our team were stuck in traffic at Bagdad and almost missed their race. As some schools had their whole team bus stuck in the traffic the organisers decided to delay the start so it was all okay in the end.

Everyone ran really well and seemed to enjoy running in the mud and through all the puddles on the track. Well done to everyone for giving their best effort.

We also had 3 outstanding results and 2 of our students have been selected to represent Tasmania at the National Cross Country event in Canberra in August.

We will leave school at 9:30am and return to school at approximately 2:50pm. All students please ensure they are in full school uniform for this visit and bring their lunches on this day.

Please let your child’s teacher know if you are able to come on this excursion as adult help will be most beneficial. If you have not toured Parliament House before we can recommend this tour with a school group as it is very interesting.
CHINESE CLASSES

A reminder to those students that participate in Chinese lessons that classes will resume this week at the same time and venue.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

PYJAMA DAY FUND RAISER

Thank you to everyone who dressed up in their pyjamas on Friday 1st July to support the Hobart City Mission. The total amount raised was $372.75.

Pokémon Go Club

You may have heard of (or played) the recently-released game Pokémon Go. It uses ‘augmented reality’ to allow users to search in the real world for virtual Pokémon characters that they see on their phone camera screen. Users can ‘collect’ characters that they find and in the future they will be able to battle or swap them with other users. A great feature of this game is the emphasis on physical activity: for instance, users must walk certain distances to gain the ability to ‘hatch’ Pokémon eggs. As a Move Well Eat Well school we’re excited about the positive effects the game could have on student activity levels!

Given the huge popularity of this new game, Waimea will be having a Pokémon Go Club for students in Years 3 – 6. If students choose to join this club they will be allowed to use their BYOD devices to play the game during Recess and Lunch breaks, as long as they are wearing their Club badge (that reminds them of rules such as keeping within normal school boundaries and looking where they are going!). Students must use only their own device, and use their own network (3G, 4G or similar) when they move out of range of school wireless. It will be up to families of Year 3 – 6 students to decide whether to download the app onto student devices, and to set the privacy and usage settings for their child.

This Pokémon Go Club will be for only a few weeks (subject to demand and usage), after which our usual BYOD rules about devices not being used during breaks and accessing only the school’s wireless will again apply.

YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORTS

The 5/6 Winter Sports roster will be starting this Wednesday 20th July! This year our students will be participating in Netball, Football, Badminton or Orienteering.

Badminton students will be travelling by bus to the South Hobart Badminton Centre each week with Mrs Banks-Smith.

Orienteering students will begin their sessions with Mr Andrews and volunteers from Orienteering Tasmania on the school grounds with excursions to other sites by bus or a short walk later in the term.

Netball and football players will play at Waimea or travel by bus to other schools. This week we will be playing against Lansdowne at Waimea Heights. Mrs Murray will coach the netball team and Mr Illingworth will coach the football team.

A football top will be allocated to players on Wednesday morning. They will be responsible for bringing this top and a mouth guard to school each Wednesday. **If students do not bring a mouth guard they will be unable to play.**

We would really appreciate some adult help when we are running activities off-campus. We do not require the same people to travel with us each week so, any time that you are available to help please let your child’s class teacher know. **We need 1 volunteer to travel with the Badminton group each week (starting this week). The Badminton group leave school at 1pm and return by 3pm.**

Activities may be cancelled due to wet weather. Please check the school Facebook page for updates.

Netball and Football Roster:

Wednesday 20th July – vs Lansdowne at Waimea
Wednesday 27th July – vs South Hobart Primary at Waimea
Wednesday 3rd August – vs Bowen Rd Primary at Waimea
Wednesday 10th August – vs Campbell St at Campbell St
Wednesday 17th August – vs Taroona Primary at Waimea
Wednesday 24th August – vs Lenah Valley at Lenah Valley
Wednesday 31st August – vs New Town at New Town
PARENTS + FRIENDS

QUIZ NIGHT

The annual Parents + Friends Quiz Night is on Friday 29th July. Please place you name on the list outside your child’s classroom or call in to the office to put your team down.

Payment of $20 per head can be made at the office with cash, cheque or Eftpos.

PREP EXCURSION

On Tuesday 26th July Prep Cleaver and Prep Banks-Smith/Stewart are going to City Hall to see a Boxworld display. We will leave school at 10.00am to see the exhibition and after this we will walk to Princes Park for lunch and return to school by 2.15pm.

Please pack recess and lunch and a rain coat/warm jacket.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

1. Calendar
2. Noticeboard
3. Banking Competition for Term 3
4. Canteen Order Form

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AUSGIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Lucas who is our June Aussie of the Month for his compassionate and inclusive manner towards all.

BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!

Please see attachment to this week’s newsletter on how you can win some great prizes just by banking three or more times during Term 3.