Dear Families

Today I’d like to share with you the range of fabulous play opportunities your child has at Waimea every day. We cherish the large and diverse playground which has formal and informal areas to explore. Our students choose from a variety of opportunities from structured (soccer & chess in the library) to unstructured play where they are cubby building, climbing or chasing one another.

We have playground equipment to develop the upper body or balance and coordination skills. Our huge swing set provides the exhilaration and sensation of flying as children use their large muscle sets to gain momentum. Social skills are developed as children negotiate and develop their play. Skills supporting resilience and assertiveness are also explored in a play context. They learn to survive a bump, scratch or fall and dust themselves off and keep going, such an important life lesson.

At Waimea we value highly the opportunities our playground gives children to grow and learn. Here are some of the exciting activities happening today.

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

**Harvey Jones** for his increased enthusiasm towards his learning and for the great progress he has made.

**Olive Cross** for the wonderful effort she puts into her work and for the great improvement in her handwriting.

**Lucy Wells** for outstanding and persistent effort to become a confident and efficient mathematician. Keep working hard Lucy, I am very impressed with your positive attitude!

**Giselle Elali** for settling into your new school with ease. You are a wonderful new friend for many of our students and your attitude towards your school work is outstanding!

**Hugo Heathcote** for improved attendance and a positive attitude when learning new tasks, revising old ideas and for understanding that mistakes are a terrific way to help us learn!

**Raymond Chung** for demonstrating wonderful active listening skills and for always being willing to help out in the classroom without being asked.

**Jacob Smith** for much improved focus and persistence in his learning activities this term. Well done.

**Elias Fitzallen** for your positive attitude to your learning and the kind and thoughtful way you behave towards others.

**Cello TaylorSmith** for a fabulous effort in narrative writing, based on History. Well done, Cello!

**Aemilia Smith** for stepping out of her comfort zone and presenting a wonderful, informative talk to our class. Congratulations!

**Harry Neal** for his enthusiastic participation in all class activities and his helpfulness towards others.

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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.
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 4 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.

YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORTS

The 5/6 Winter Sports is on tomorrow, with teams playing against Bowen Road at Waimea. Please remember to bring any clothing, equipment and mouth guards you may need. **If students do not bring a mouth guard for football they will be unable to play.**

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

SOCCER CLUB NEWS

Saturday 3rd September marks the end of the 2016 season and we will be having our annual celebration and pizza day. The celebration will commence at 3pm in the GP Room and conclude with pizza. It would be appreciated if everyone is seated by 3pm sharp, with the children sitting in their team groups. Pizza and icy poles are provided free of charge. All Managers will be required to return their kits & balls on this day (Managers will be emailed with details).

Thank you to all Coaches and Managers who have helped make this season such a success for our 26 teams.

Regards
Waimea Soccer Committee

SPORTS NEWS

Year 3/4 and 5/6 Netball
Notices were sent home on Friday with Year 3-4 or Year 5-6 students interested in joining Netball teams for the upcoming roster at Creek Road on a Tuesday afternoon. These teams will each need a parent to volunteer as a coach. Please return forms to the school office.

State Hockey Representative
Well done to Emma Fenner who has been in Cairns with the U12 Tasmanian Hockey Team at the U12 National titles. Congratulations Emma – a fantastic effort!

Waterpolo
Our Year 5-6 Water Polo team has had a very successful season in Division 1 of the Schools Water Polo Competition this year finishing the season in fourth place on the ladder. They played in the semi-finals on Friday night against Friends but unfortunately Friends were the better team on the night. Well done Team on a great season.

An especially big thank you to Gus McPhail (ex-student of Waimea) who has been a marvellous coach of the team over the past 3 years and to Andrew McPhail for his wonderful work as Team Manager. The team couldn’t have done it without you both.

Congratulations also to Callum Doyle and Jett McComb who have been playing as a part of the Illawarra PS Water Polo team. At the start of the season Illawarra was short players and Callum and Jett kindly agreed to join the team – they have been fantastic players and played in the semi-finals last Friday night against Lansdowne PS. Thanks boys!

Basketball
A big thank you to Scott Knighton for coaching the Year 3-4 Boys Basketball over the past season. The team has improved an incredible amount throughout the season and have really enjoyed learning a new sport.

Basketball Training
Kathleen (US import player with Hobart Lady Chargers) will be helping to train our teams this week at lunch time. Meet at the basketball court at the start of lunch. Thursday lunch time – Year 3-4 Boys team Friday lunch time – Year 5-6 Boys team

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lucy Booth for being selected for Netball for the Winter Sports Day and Doug Matson and Charles Baldock on being selected for the AFL football team on Winter Sports Day.
**PARENTS + FRIENDS**

**ELECTION DAY CAKE STALL**
Thank you to all the families that baked delicious goods for the recent Election Day Cake Stall. A total of $413.60 was raised.

**QUIZ NIGHT - LAST FRIDAY NIGHT**
Thank you to everyone that came along and supported the Quiz Night on Friday night and to everyone that supported the event by purchasing raffle tickets.

A very big thank you to the following families and businesses that donated prizes for the raffle:

- **Pier One Dining Voucher valued at $100**, donated by Wrest Point
- **Kalis Group Voucher valued at $70**, donated by Elise Archer MP
- **Grey + Felt Voucher valued at $60**, donated by Grey + Felt
- **Black Footed Pig Voucher valued at $50**, donated by Daci Family
- **Salamanca Inn Voucher valued at $50**, donated by Fuglsang Family
- **Clennetts Mitre 10 Voucher valued at $50**, donated by Moore Family
- **Body Stop in the Bay Voucher valued at $50**, donated by Body Stop
- **St Albis Voucher valued at $50**, donated by Scott Bacon’s office
- **Party Cupboard Voucher**, valued at $50, donated by Ellis Family
- **Poultry in Motion Voucher**, valued at $40, donated by Roussos Family
- **Vershashi Hair Studio vouchers valued at $35**, donated by Vershashi
- **Flippers Fish + Chips Voucher valued at $30**, donated by Flippers
- **Red Kelly’s dressing pack**, donated by Miller Family
- **Painmate**, by Evomed, donated by Gourlay Family
- **Aesop package**, donated by Luxe
- **Speedy 3600 hair dryer**, donated by Hair O Dynamix
- **Brew Sandy Bay Coffee + Keep cup pack**, donated by Brew Sandy Bay
- **Fishman Voucher valued at $25**, donated by Chesterman Family
- **Birdie + Co Voucher valued at $25**, donated by Birdie + Co
- **Crocs pack**, donated by the Croc Shop, Gillard Family

**PARENTS + FRIENDS MEETING**
Due to the postponement of last night’s meeting it is hoped that the next meeting will be on Monday, 8th August at 7.15pm in the school staffroom. Parents and carers will be emailed this week to confirm this date and time.

**Young ICT Explorers (YICTE) Expo**
As you may be aware, our Year 4 – 6 students have been involved in designing inventions for the Young ICT Explorers (YICTE) competition. Students had to identify a real-world problem, and create a solution using digital technology. We have been extremely successful, with 34 teams being invited to attend the Judging Event Finals at the University on 20th August!

We are very proud of our problem-solving skills, and have made inventions that use Scratch coding, Arduino, MaKey MaKey, Edison robot, and even webpage design.

To share these wonderful inventions with our school community, we will be having a Waimea YICTE Expo on Thursday 11th August! It will be in the Library between 12:00 – 12:40, and then again from 1:30 – 2:50, and we’d love you to come along to hear about our inventions and see them in action.

Hope you can come!
Information Session for Parents and Carers

Dear Waimea Families,

Family Planning Tasmania will be visiting your child’s class from 15th – 18th August to provide The Growing Up Program – a relationships, sexuality and protective behaviours program. The program will run in grades K - 6.

Growing Up aims to provide your child with knowledge, skills and attitudes to help them make choices for positive emotional, physical and social health.

The program is age-appropriate and topics covered may include:

- Our bodies and how they work including private body parts
- How my body has grown and changed – birth to present
- Rules about touch
- Conception, pregnancy and birth
- Feelings and emotions
- Healthy and safe relationships – face to face and online
- Decision making and communication skills
- Puberty changes
- Valuing diversity

You are invited to attend a parent information session to find out more about Growing Up so that you can feel confident about discussing the program with your child. The session will also include tips, strategies and resources for talking about relationships and sexuality.

Date: Monday 15th August
Time: 8:30am – 9:00am
Venue: Waimea Heights Library

For further information, please contact Emily Roberts on 62375200 or emily.roberts@education.tas.gov.au

Cupcake day for R.S.P.C.A

On Wednesday 17th August both Kinder classes will be selling cupcakes outside the Kinder block at recess and lunch. They are raising money for the R.S.P.C.A (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). Please bring along some money to buy a cupcake on this day. $1 small $2 large. Please don’t send money if your child has an allergy or intolerance to typical cake ingredients. Any donations of cupcakes would be appreciated and can be dropped off to the Kinder on the morning of Wednesday 17th August. If any families would like to make a monetary donation it can be handed directly to Kate or Andrea (receipts available) or alternatively online.

Please go to www.rspcacupcakeday-tas2016.everydayhero.com/au/andrea-2

If you would like to make a donation of goods please see the R.S.P.C.A wishlist below. (Bring to Kinder)

- Laundry or dishwashing detergent
- Kitty litter
- Vegemite or peanut butter
- Fleecy blankets

Many thanks
Kate, Andrea, and all the Kinders.
**SEEKING PARENT HELPERS FOR THE MATHS RELAY**

On Tuesday August 9, Waimea Heights will be hosting our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 Maths Relay in the GP Room and we are looking for parent helpers to be markers for the event. We need about 25-30 people to help this event run smoothly.

The first event is the 5/6 Classes at 9:30 to 10:30 and the 3/4 event is from 11:30 – 12:30, although we can use our Year 5/6 members to be markers for the 3/4 event.

If you are able to help out please see Mr Court or your child’s class teacher at your earliest convenience.

**THE YOUNG ARCHIES EXHIBITION**

**WHERE:** The Tasmanian College of the Arts, Centre for the Arts building, 37 Hunter Street, on level 1 corridor and atrium, and level 2 atrium.

**WHEN:** The building will be open to the public and school visits from:

- Sunday August 7th until close of day Sunday August 21st.
- Sat and Sun – 10am – 4.45pm
- Weekdays – 9am – 5.45pm.

School groups and visitors don’t need to book a tour however we do ask that all visitors please sign in at the Security counter as you enter and keep to the areas where the exhibition is displayed remembering that there will be classes running during weekdays. We appreciate your cooperation with keeping the noise level to a minimum during your visit.

**REGISTRATION TO WORK WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

If you volunteer at our school, you will be required to register for “Registration to Work with Vulnerable People”. This will be mandatory by 1 September 2016.

From 1 September you will not be able to volunteer at the school unless you have this card. The Education Department Good Character Check will no longer be valid from this date.

Please go online to complete the application and it is critical that you choose Department of Education from the drop down box.


**DONATE LIFE WEEK – 31 JULY TO 7 AUGUST 2016**

We need your support to join the DonateLife Week 2016 campaign to end the wait of more than 1500 Australians who need an organ and tissue transplant. Please call in to the school office to fill in a form or get further information.

**BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!**

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

**REMINDERS**

- Parents are reminded to please sign in at the office if you are doing parent help in classrooms. Please remember you must have a current Good Character Check from the Department of Education and from 1st September the Working with Vulnerable People card will be needed.

- If your child is leaving the school or arriving late they need to be signed in at the school office in the student book.

- Please remember to attach the canteen order forms with your child’s name and class to a brown paper bag on Tuesdays. Classes have brown paper bags along with order forms in their classrooms.

- Scholastic Book Club usually goes home on a Monday and must be returned to the school office on the Friday of the same week.

- If your child is away due to illness or another reason please phone the school on the day of the absence by 9.00am unless you have notified the office prior about your child’s absence from school. The office can be contacted on 6237 5200.
and a message can be left on the answering service when the office is closed. Alternatively you may email the school on waimea.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au. A reminder that if a child is away sick for 5 consecutive days a medical certificate is required.

- Duty of Care is from 8.30am and students should not be in the school grounds before then, unless they are supervised by an adult. Students can be booked in to Before School Care from 8.00am through Lipscombe Childcare.

- Duty of Care finishes at 3.15pm and parents that are unable to collect their child by this time will need to book them in to the After School Care Program. Lipscombe Childcare can be contacted on 6225 1418.

- Uniform Shop is open on:
  
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If you cannot make it in to the uniform shop at these times please email Philippa Terry, Uniform Shop Co-ordinator to place an order. cidergum4@gmail.com

LOOK WHAT HAS ARRIVED!
The Year 6 students have received their hoodies and don’t they look great!

YEAR 3/4 COURT EXCURSION

On Monday, 15th August Year 3/4 Court/Russell will be visiting the Sustainability Centre to look at sustainable architecture and how to maintain the environment around us.

We will leave school at 11.00am and return to school by 2.00pm. Students will need to bring their lunch, drink, a warm coat and sturdy footwear.

YEAR 5/6 MURRAY/CYMO EXCURSION

On Tuesday, 23rd August Year 5/6 Murray/Clymo will be visiting the New Town Rivulet and Taroona High School as part of our Term 3 focus on rivers and aquatic life. We will be testing some water features such as pH, flow, temperature and nutrients and exploring how these physical conditions might affect the growth and survival of organisms.

We will leave school at 10.15am and return to school by 2.45pm. Students will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing, including a warm coat and sturdy footwear (gumboots if possible).

We would appreciate some adult helpers for our excursion –please let me know if you are able to come along and help us.

Philippa Clymo

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:

1. Calendar
2. Noticeboard

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