Key Dates for August

Wednesday 10 August
Kagawa School Visit (Japanese) 9.15-11.00am
5/6 Winter Sports at Campbell St Primary School

Thursday 11 August
LiL – 9.00-10.30am – The Great Escape Kingston
Emma Marsh and Michelle Andrews – THS transition visit 8.45-11.00am
Young ICT Explorers Expo -12.00-2.20pm

Friday 12 August
Waiympics 9.00-10.00am – top oval Assembly Year 4/5 hosting - 2.00pm
Rawita Cake Stall – 3.00pm
Community Market – 3.00pm

Monday 15 – Friday 19 August
Growing Up Parent Information session 8.30-9.00am in the Library on Monday 15 August
Growing up Program Kinder-Year 6 Science Week

Monday 15 August
Year 3/4 Court/Russell excursion to Sustainability Centre in Mt Nelson 11.00am-2.00pm

Tuesday 16 August
ICAS Maths Test

Wednesday 17 August
RSPCA Cupcake Day – Kinder fundraising
Yr 5/6 Winter Sports against Taroona at Waimea Heights

Thursday 18 August
LiL – 9.00-10.30am visit from Shelley Bear

Fun in Prep Stewart/Banks-Smith

National Tree Planting Day

Our excursion to Boxworld

Sharing a story

Hunting for insects at McAulay’s Reserve

Waimea Heights Primary School – Ever Onwards
Department of Education
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!

Young ICT Explorers Judging Final at the University

Thank you to parents of students attending the YICTE Judging Final at the University on 20th August. We now have forms back from nearly everyone, and have informed the organisers of any particular needs noted on these forms, including dietary needs and soccer match times. The organisers hope to take these times into account when allocating judging timeslots.

Ms Clymo

WAIYMPICS

On Friday 12 August from 9.00-10.00am approximately, Waimea’s daily fitness leaders will be hosting the Waiympics. Events will be held on the top oval and students are encouraged to dress up in another country’s colours or national costume as long as you can still participate in the events.

There will be a march past with a twist, paper discus throw into a hoop, a gumboot throw and many other events planned.

Parents are welcome to come and watch the events on the top oval.

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA TRIP – PAYMENTS AND INSURANCE

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

Just a reminder we only have 3 weeks left for Canberra payments to be made to the school. Payments can be made by Bpay, cheque, cash and Eftpos at the school office.

If you wish to take out the travel insurance that was sent home last week please complete and pay at the office by this Friday, 12 August.

YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORTS

The 5/6 Winter Sports is on tomorrow, with teams playing against Campbell Street at Campbell Street Primary. 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.

PARENTS + FRIENDS

RAWITA CAKE STALL THIS FRIDAY

Our ‘house’ cake stall will be held this Friday, 12 August at 3.00pm.

Could Rawita families please bring afternoon tea snacks such as cakes, biscuits, muffins, slices, healthy treats to sell. Please label your goodies and specify ingredients (no cream thank you!).

NOTE: Please remember Waimea is a nut free zone.

All donations are much appreciated and may be left at the school office on Friday of this week, or brought directly to the stall.

If any parents are available to help set up and work on the stall can you please call or text Amanda Bowes on 0438 252 607. Times for help are from 2.30-3.45pm Thank you.

P & F Committee
UPCOMING SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The next P+F Sausage Sizzle and icy pole day is next Friday, 19 August at lunch time. Please look out for more details in next week’s newsletter on how to order.

If there are any parents that are available to help with cooking and serving the barbecue please contact Penny McShane on 0409 406 193. Helping out at these events is a great way of meeting new parents and remember, many hands make light work!

Thank you.

P+F Committee

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.

Information Session for Parents and Carers

Dear Waimea Families,

Growing Up – a relationships, sexuality and protective behaviours program, will be run by Family Planning Tasmania for Kinders to Year 6, starting on Monday 15th-18th August. A parent information session will be held on Monday 15th August in the School Library at 8.30-9.00am.

For information about talking to your child about relationships, sexuality and puberty visit http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/124387/TSTO_Tasmanian_version.pdf
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS (TOM)

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 students, Alasdair Hooper, Max Mennitz, Charles Baldock, Doug Matson, Hunter Gillard, Marcus Groom and Jett McComb in the TOM team this year. They have chosen the Maths and Engineering long term problem. The team will be competing on Saturday, 3 September in Launceston.

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Book Week is 20-26 August and on Wednesday 24 August at 9.00am there will be a Book Week Parade for students in the GP room. Students are asked to dress up as a character in their favourite book and bring the book along to school for the parade.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in Daily Fitness time 9.00-9.20am teachers will be visiting a different class each day to share a book.

Throughout Term 3 in library time, classes have been looking at the books nominated for the Book Week Book Awards. During Book Week the winning books of the different categories will be announced. To view the books that have made the shortlist visit The Children’s Book Council of Australia https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016

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.

51 students banked last week

TERM 3 & 4 SRC REPS

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their class in the Student Representative Council for Terms 3 and 4.

3/4: Mikayla Penglase and Harry Scott
3/4A: Della Denholm and Hugo Wilkins
3/4B: Joy Zhang and Angus Willsmore
4/5: Willis Lane and Matilda Bartlett
5/6A: Emi Pavlides and Doug Matson
5/6B: Claudia Johnston and Bey Cole
5/6C: Alex Brown and Primrose Menadue

FOOD SCRAP BINS

Students are reminded to place their food scraps in the marked green bins outside Bush Block at recess and lunch. The food scraps will be used to make compost for our gardens in the future. Please make sure you do not place plastic in these bins.

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 on line to complete the application and it is critical that you choose Department of Education from the drop down box.

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.

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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES
Monday 8.30-9.00am
Wednesday 8.30-9.00am
Friday 3.00-3.30pm

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