Key Dates for August

Monday 15 – Friday 19 August
Growing up Program Kinder-Year 6 Science Week

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

Friday 19 August
P+F Sausage Sizzle & Icy Pole day

Saturday 20 August
Young ICT Explorers Judging Final at UTAS

Sunday 21 August
Tas Maths Replay (two 5/6 teams)

Monday 22 – Friday 26 August
BOOK WEEK

Tuesday 23 August
Yr 5/6 Clymo/Murray excursion to New Town Rivulet & Taroona High Winter Carnival – 9.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 24 August
Year 5 Band Workshop at C3 Convention Centre 8.30-3.30pm
Book Week Parade 9.00-10.00am in the GP Room
Year 5/6 Winter Sports against Lenah Valley at Lenah Valley 12.40-3.00pm

2016 Wailympics

"Faster, Higher, Stronger" was replaced with "Brighter, Happier, Crazier" at the 2016 Wailympics. The Wailympics' flame was carried into the arena by our captain, Mrs Gill, to rousing national anthems. Then came the athletes marching proudly, if not a little weirdly at times, behind their banners. The games were organised and presented by our dedicated Daily Fitness Leaders and the whole wonderful event was an initiative of our Student Representative Council. Events like this always demonstrate the wonderful golden co-operative attitude that pervades Waimea Heights Primary School.

Peter Illingworth
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on their Assembly Awards:

Kea Cover-Sutherland for her enthusiastic effort in class and for working hard at speaking with expression.

Seamus Kelly for your maturing attitude to learning and negotiation of classroom situations.

Owen Parsons for a fabulous beginning to Term 3. Well done Owen for completing set tasks and for assisting others.

Ethan Wong for being a kind, respectful and helpful class member with a very positive attitude to all his learning activities.

Abigail Rule for the consistent ways she approaches all her work and the effort she is demonstrating in Maths.

Eleni Roussos for the improved ways she is focussing on her tasks and her contribution in class discussions.

Grace Mennitz for consistently doing her best and for the kind support she offers to others.

Henry Merchant for his improved contribution to class discussions and his effort towards his maths learning.

Denis Nikurashin for the kindness that he displays towards others in class. Thank you Denis for looking out for those in need.

Louis Watson for outstanding leadership and support of Kinder students during the Wailympics.

Charlotte Whitehouse for making great improvements in all areas of the curriculum and for being a kind and thoughtful friend.

Jack Muir for the effort and focus he is giving to his school work.

Emma Zosky for her bravery and resilience.

Melody Zhang for being a helpful and caring class member who always attempts tasks to the best of her ability.

Jack Dalla-Fontana for great sentence writing. We love the way you think carefully about what you are writing.

Saul Di Bari for regularly anticipating teacher directions and completing tasks in the classroom. A wonderful happy and supporting student in 5/6B.

WELCOME

We welcome the Dalby family to Waimea this week. Maiasa has joined Year 1 Willing/Russell and Tamima is in Year 2 Joleys.

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 2 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.

YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORTS

The 5/6 Winter Sports is on tomorrow, with teams playing against Taroona Primary School 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.

PARENTS + FRIENDS

RAWITA CAKE STALL THANK YOU

Thank you to all those generous Rawita families that baked goods for the cake stall held last Friday. The stall raised a fabulous $550.00. A great effort!

Thank you.

P & F Committee
PARENTS + FRIENDS cont...

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This **Friday, 19 August** the P+F Sausage Sizzle and icy pole day is on at lunch time.

If your child would like to order please send them along to school with $2.00 for a sausage and $1.00 for an icypole. Vegetarian sausages are available.

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*

**Talk Often. Talk Soon**
A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex.

This excellent book is available **free** to parents and is a great resource. We encourage your children to come home and chat about ‘the baby ladies’ who are in our school this week. Waimea hosts educators Caro and Kate from the Family Planning Tasmania who conduct classes from Kindergarten to Year 6. (See last week’s newsletter for more information on content). Your copy can be collected from the office or sent home with your child.

Contact [lisa.hopkins@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:lisa.hopkins@education.tas.gov.au)

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**Young ICT Explorers (YICTE) Expo**

Huge congratulations to more than 100 students from Years 4 – 6 (and their amazing teachers) who showcased their amazing digital inventions in last week’s Young ICT Explorers Expo.

The event was a wonderful learning opportunity for all students in the school, as well as many interested adults from our wider community. Hundreds of people visited the Expo over the course of the afternoon, and were treated to impressive displays, informative presentations and creative inventions from our presenters. Their inventions had all been created to solve a real-world problem (identified by the student teams) and were designed and made using digital technologies including Arduinos, Scratch programming, Edison robots, animation, web design, MaKey MaKey and app creation.

We’re incredibly proud and impressed by the students’ inventions, and wish 29 teams ‘all the best’ when they showcase their inventions at the Young ICT Explorers Judging Finals at the University on 20th August. Go teams!
**Tomorrow is Cupcake day for R.S.P.C.A**

Tomorrow, 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.


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.

**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](https://cbca.org.au/book-week-2016)

**BANKING IS ON THURSDAYS!**

Don’t forget there are great prizes available to win just by banking three or more times during Term 3. Have a look at the Noticeboard attached to this week’s newsletter for more information.

Banking rewards for this term are a skipping rope or an eraser pen. Just place your ten tokens and a note with your choice of either the rope or pen in your bank book and place in your classroom bank bag on Thursdays.

56 students banked last week
**GOOD SPORTS AWARD**

Congratulations to Ava and Doug on their Good Sports Award presented in last week’s assembly.

**National Cross Country Titles**

We wish Lucy and Prue all the best as they head to Canberra later this week to compete in the National Cross Country Titles as members of the Tasmanian team. Well done Lucy and Prue! It’s a fabulous achievement to have been selected in the Tasmanian team and we are very proud of you.

**Schools Triathlon Challenge**

We will soon be asking interested Year 3-6 students to complete entry forms for the Schools Triathlon Challenge at Bellerive on Friday 2nd December. This is a fabulous event with thousands of students participating, having fun and taking up the challenge.

Entry cost is $15, for this one entry fee students are able to enter as an individual (swim, ride, run) or a member of a team or BOTH!

**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
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.
From 1 September you will be required to wear your card in a lanyard from the school office when volunteering.
Please remember to sign in and out at the school office if you are doing parent help in our school.

We would like to thank Jen Gillard from Running Edge for encouraging our class 2T to display posters about the 2016 Rio Olympics in her shop window. They look fantastic and the students certainly put 100% effort in. Their designs and colouring are excellent. One of the questions raised during our research on the Olympics were "Why aren’t surfing and skateboarding Olympic Sports?" After our very successful Waiylmpics last Friday morning we are now wondering if Gumboot Throwing should also be considered at this elite level? Some staff have no doubt this would be a battle to the end between Australia and New Zealand.

THE WAIMEA HEIGHTS MATHS RELAY
On Tuesday August 9, Waimea Heights hosted the Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 Maths Relay in the GP Room. In teams of 3 or 4 (5 in some cases), students had to solve a range of different maths problems in 40 minutes. The students were competing against both each other and the clock. Each team had to answer 20 questions and were awarded points based on the difficulty of the questions.
Each team had to designate a runner to take the questions to the team and then run them back to be scored by their marker. When the team had completed a problem then the team would have to change their runner so that only three of the team members at a time could work on the problem.
The teams in both Year divisions worked extremely well and a number of teams were able to finish all 20 problems before time ran out.
The top three teams from each division were as follows:

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These placings did not include our two Math Relay teams who will be representing Waimea Heights at the State Maths Relay at Rosny College on August 21, competing against teams from primary schools all over Tasmania. Both teams were highly ranked, with one team even obtaining a perfect score!
Our Maths Relay teams are:
Waimea A: Nick Muir, Hugh Clarke, Louis Watson and Henry Jones
Waimea B: Liana Shamsir, Aidan Taylor, Taj Parsons and Toby Fleming

We would like to thank all parents, grandparents and community members who helped out with setting up and marking.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS WEEK’S NEWSLETTER:
1. Calendar
2. Noticeboard
3. 1-2-3 Magic Parenting course

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

The 1-2-3 Magic parent course is being offered at Waimea Heights in conjunction with Sandy Bay Infant School. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings commencing on 7, 14, and 21 September in the school library from 6.30-8.30pm. Please register your interest at the school office on 6237 5200 or email lisa.hopkins@education.tas.gov.au. Please see the flyer attached to this week’s newsletter for more information.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

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