**Key Dates for August**

**Monday 22 – Friday 26 August**
- **BOOK WEEK**
  - **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
  
**Thursday 25 August**
- **LiL – 9.00-10.30am - Cooking**
  - Year 5 Band Workshop at C3
  - Convention Centre 8.30-3.30pm

**Friday 26 August**
- **Assembly 2.00pm – 3/4 Court hosting Community Market – 3.00pm**

**Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September**
- **Literacy and Numeracy Week**
  - **Monday 29 August**
    - Musica Viva – Ogam’s Soup
  - **Tuesday 30 August**
    - Jump Rope Team Demo Day at various schools
  - **Wednesday 31 August**
    - Go for Gold Performance 9.30-11.00am in GP Room

**Year 5/6 Winter Sports against New Town at New Town 12.40-3.00pm**
- **Kinder Parent literacy session 2.00-3.00pm**

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**YOUNG ICT EXPLORERS COMPETITION JUDGING FINAL**

What a proud day! Over 70 of our fabulous Waimea students from Years 4 - 6 took part in the Young ICT Explorers competition Judging Final event on Saturday. Visitors to the event were treated to over 60 inventions from students from Years 3 - 12, with some stunning inventiveness and digital technology skills on show.

Student creations all solved a real-world, important problem, and visitors were awed by the range of solutions in areas such as health, literacy, organisation, safety, entertainment and communication.

Each team had to demonstrate their invention to a team of judges, and explain the problem they were addressing, the technology used, issues they’d successfully faced, and why their invention is a winner! Our students were universally impressive, conducting themselves with confidence, skill and enthusiasm in a situation well outside many comfort zones - we’re extremely proud of them all!

Some of our teams were also selected as winners in the competition:

- **3rd place, Year 3-4**: Addie Hawkes & Kim Evans - Facial Expressions (teaches people to understand facial expressions)
- **2nd place, Year 3-4**: Ava Parsons, Ava Thomson, Sophie Hill, Georgia Dare - Helping Hypothermia (warns people if their room temperature is too cold)
- **3rd place, Year 5-6**: Douglas Matson, Felix McPhail, Will Roth - Sweat Up (high-activity game to help combat obesity)
- **2nd place, Year 5-6**: Lara Corban, Isabel Roth, Bella Petrusma, Bronte Wallis - Fire Rating (app to alert people to changes in the TFS Fire Danger Rating)

We’re thrilled at our students’ engagement with the Young ICT Explorers competition, and the amazing skills and learning they have achieved. Thanks to all involved, including teachers who supported the program and those who attended to help on Saturday. Also thanks to Duncan Taylor for his technical assistance and to all the parents who juggled their weekend timetables and supported their children in the competition. What a fabulous example of great teamwork and community! Go Waimea!

Please see over the page for photos of the event.

Philippa Clymo
**NAPLAN**

By now all parents should have received their child’s NAPLAN reports for Year 3 and 5 students. If you require any information about your child’s report please chat to your child’s teacher.

**FUTURE STARTING AGE UPDATE**

As you may be aware, the Government has been working on a change to the school starting age through the Education Act review process. The original proposal to make the compulsory starting age of Prep 4 years and 6 months has now changed to a minimum starting age.

This is in recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school, the Government has agreed that, although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to 4 years and 6 months, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five.

The commencement of this change would take effect in Prep in 2021, which means children who are born in the first half of 2016 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2020.

These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of 3 years and 6 months in 2020, parents can decide on what suits their child best.


If you have any questions about the upcoming changes, please email: comments@education.tas.gov.au

**YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA TRIP**

Canberra trip accounting has been finalised with GET Tour Company. Could families with outstanding amounts please finalise by next **Wednesday**. 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 Lenah Valley Primary at Lenah Valley. 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.

**MATHS RELAY**

Congratulations to our Maths Relay teams who, on Sunday August 21, competed against Primary Schools across the state. Our teams worked well together and had very competitive scores. Waimea A, consisting of Liana, Toby, Aidan and Taj scored 170 points, which put them just 10 points (or one question) behind third place in our heat. Waimea B, consisting of Louis, Henry J, Hugh C and Nick scored 155 points, only 25 points (or two questions) off a placing in the heat. Congratulations to both teams for their successful efforts.

Andrew Court

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**WELCOME**

We welcome Sheng Jing Hwang and her family to Kinder Koalas.
**R.S.P.C.A. Kindergarten Fundraiser**

Our Cupcake Day Fundraiser was extremely successful and we have raised a whopping $1100 for R.S.P.C.A. A massive thank you to the parents who made cupcakes and other goodies and to everyone who donated goods/money. Thank you also for giving your children money to spend on the day. Your kindness and generosity has been overwhelming. The Kinders are thrilled to be handing the money and goods over to Peter West from the R.S.P.C.A tomorrow when he visits our school with some four legged friends. Thank you to all involved for making this such a fantastic fundraiser for an extremely good cause.

Andrea & Kinder Wombats
Kate & Kinder Koalas

**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)

**What is STEM?**

Yes, a stem is the stalk of a plant.

But it’s also an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

STEM is becoming increasingly important in Australian schools, with its focus on integration and real-life learning about solving problems. This approach is a natural fit with Waimea’s existing New Pedagogies for Deep Learning emphasis, and we’re thrilled that our pioneering work in this area has led to our selection as an ‘Amplify STEM’ school for next year.

Other local schools that will be involved include Sandy Bay Infant, Lansdowne Crescent and South Hobart.

We look forward to exploring more about how a STEM approach can enhance the way we learn at Waimea!
**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.

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**National Cross Country Championships - Canberra.**

Well done to Lucy and Prue on their efforts in Canberra over the weekend. Prue finished in 30th with a time of 8 min 28 secs which was 48 seconds quicker than her Symmons Plains time.

Unfortunately Lucy Booth was unable to finish her individual race due to illness which was very disappointing for her after all her training. She competed yesterday in the team relay event and ran really well overtaking the ACT and gaining time for the team.

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**Schools Triathlon Challenge**

There will be a meeting in the GP room this Wednesday at 10.45am for all interested Year 3-6 students who would like to participate in the Schools Triathlon Challenge at Bellerive on Friday 2 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!

If anyone needs help forming a team please see Ms Woody – she is happy to help. (Teams can also be across year levels eg: a mix of year 3-4 or 5-6 students, and you can have 2 person teams where 1 student does 2 events and the other 1 event.)

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Emma Fenner, Laura Cooper, Lucy Stubbs, Esther Read, Grace Knowles, Claudia Johnston and Richter Marx who were selected for the Hockey team for the Winter Sports Day played today.

**Thanking our parent Coaches and Managers**

Thanks to Julie Sheppard, Alex Johnston, Scott Knighton, Chris Matson and Denny Fleming who have kindly taken roles as Coach or Manager for our Year 3-4 and 5-6 Waimea Netball and Basketball teams.

We really appreciate you giving up your time to take on this role.

**U12 Club Water Polo players needed.**

Anyone interested in playing club Water Polo?

Sandy Bay Water Polo Club currently has too many U12 kids for 1 team but not enough for 2.

Games start this Friday night!

Training is on a Wednesday night (Term 3) then moves to a Monday night (Term 4).

Contact the coach Andrew Knight on 0429 503 040 ASAP if you are interested.
SPORTS NEWS continued

Come and Play Water Polo – for Women

Saturdays at 8am-9am
Dive Pool – Hobart Aquatic Centre
8 weeks – price to be confirmed
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th September
15th, 29th October
5th, 12th November

Talk to Sandi Woodward or Mel Hawkes if you’d like any more information.

Email Wes Roach on wroach@netspace.net.au to book your spot.

STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTION INCLUDING SCARLET FEVER

We have had 2 confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in our school.

Symptoms - Scarlet fever is almost always accompanied by a sore throat and high fever. It usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms such as:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Headache
- Difficulty swallowing
- A rash may appear on the second day of the illness. The rash looks a bit like sunburn and appears on the neck and torso, and in the folds of the arms, legs, and groin. The rash will probably last between two and five days and your child’s skin might peel after the rash goes away.
- Children with scarlet fever might also have a symptom called ‘strawberry tongue’, where the tongue looks redder than normal and the bumps on the tongue are bigger, making the tongue look a bit like a strawberry

Treatment – See your doctor for treatment. Students should not attend for 24 hours after antibiotic treatment and the student feels well.

Notify School – Highly advisable. The school needs to be aware of illnesses in affected students. Also advise that your child will be absent. Please phone the school office on 6237 5200 or email waimea.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Keep Child at Home – Your child will need to be at home until they are feeling better.

We hope this information is of help to you. Should your child show any of the above signs and symptoms please contact your family physician and notify the school.

HEAD LICE

We have had a case of head lice reported to the school. Please check your child’s hair each day for head lice, and also remember to check the whole family and wash clothing as well as bed linen to stop the spreading. If you do find head lice in your child’s hair we would appreciate it if you could notify the school. Under Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services policy, your child is required to remain away from school until after use of a recommended treatment and an attempt to remove all of the eggs (nits).

We suggest that you continue to check hair on a daily basis for two weeks. The eggs are tiny whitish specks that stick to the strands of hair. They can be quite difficult to detect. The louse is “shy”, hides and is therefore hard to locate. The problem of head-lice can persist. Treatment must be applied and all the eggs diligently removed – a slow but essential process. The lice spread quickly by hair to hair contact. That’s why there is a strong request that children wear their hair tied back for school. Treatments can be purchased at the local chemist. An information pack is available from the school office.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Order forms were sent home on Monday with your child. All orders need to be handed in to the office no later than this Friday, 26 August. 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 the 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 office. Thank you.

Georgina Skeggs - Book Club Coordinator
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.

NATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF WEEK - THANK YOU!

Last week we celebrated National Support Staff Week (15th – 19th August). The celebration is a great initiative and serves to remind us of all the behind the scenes work that glues this school together. Our support team (teacher assistants, admin staff, cleaners, grounds and library staff) at Waimea is essential to the smooth running and shiny sparkle of our school. We are lucky to have such a hardworking group and I thank them all for the incredible work that they do engaging and supporting our students, teachers and community, ensuring that we always have a wonderful school environment to work in.

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

There’s still time to complete your Census

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the 2016 Census so far.

If you or your family haven’t completed the Census yet, don’t worry, there’s still plenty of time to make a difference and be counted. You will not be fined for completing the Census after Census night.

Our online Census form is running smoothly and securely, and only takes an average household approximately 26 minutes to complete.

Please complete your Census online or on the paper form as soon as you can.

Field Officers will start visiting all households who haven’t already responded to the Census. They will be offering paper Census forms for those who require them.

Remember, the Census helps plan for Australia’s future. For more information, please visit the Census website at census.abs.gov.au

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