 YEAR 3/4 COURT/RUSSELL

Last week in 3/4 Court/Russell we performed a musical production with 5/6 Banks-Smith Roberts called ‘Go for Gold,’ about the modern and ancient Olympic Games. While the musical was performed last week, it took us about 10 weeks to get ready for it and during this time we learned all about the origins of the Olympic Games and about the ancient Greek gods and customs. On top of this we developed some valuable skills such as memorising techniques, projecting our voices, timing, waiting for the audience to be quiet and most importantly working as a team. These on-stage skills will transfer to other events such as running assemblies.

We all worked hard to get the production ready for an audience and we even spent some of our lunch times rehearsing to make sure that we were ready on time. Our very first dress rehearsal was last Tuesday followed by four performances on Wednesday and Thursday. We performed for our school, our parents and to three other schools who came to see our matinee performance on Thursday.

Our performances all went well and we were pleased at how well we all remembered our lines and how well the audience responded to our performance. Our play will be something that we remember all our lives.

Finally, we would like to thank all the parents that helped out with making costumes, painting the set, putting on make-up and for donating costumes or props. We really appreciate your help as it helped our play run more smoothly.
CONGRATULATIONS PHILIPPA

Congratulations to Philippa Clymo who was selected to participate in a consultation forum in Sydney this week. The forum sponsored by the CSIRO, as part of the Scientist and Mathematicians’ in Schools program (SMiS) looks at developing STEM education in our schools. She is attending with scientist and parent Jenny Skerratt. This symposium focuses on building productive partnerships with scientists, mathematicians and business. As an AMPLIFY STEM school working with Sandy Bay Infant - this opportunity will further strengthen our knowledge and understandings in this area ready for 2017.

THEY’RE OFF!

We wish our 84 Year 5/6 students and nine accompanying teachers (Sandi Woodward, Emily Roberts, Pip Banks-Smith, Peter Illingworth, Brian Andrews, Philippa Clymo, Lynne & John Murray & Sally Gill) all the best as they travel to Canberra on Monday. During the week they will visit Parliament House, Museums, the War Memorial, The Mint and always a highlight, Questacon. This is a highlight for our senior students and one where they will make lifelong memories. Thank you to Philippa Clymo and Lesley Berry who have spent many hours in detailed planning and booking and to the wonderful staff who will be working 24/7 to make this such a fabulous experience for our students.

YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORTS

The 5/6 Winter Sports is on tomorrow, with teams playing against Bowen Road at Bowen Road. 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.

Orienteering will be at Knocklofty Reserve this week and will share a bus with the Badminton team. Activities may be cancelled due to wet weather. Please check the school Facebook page for updates.

SPORTS NEWS

A Big Thank You

Thanks so much for all the time, effort and hard work put in by our amazing Soccer Committee of Louise, Naomi, Robyn, Jen & Yvette. You do such an amazing job each season! The way soccer is run at Waimea adds so much to our sense of community within the school and brings so many benefits to our children. Thanks again!!

Dance Performance at Waimea

Thursday 8th September – 9am

We would like to invite Parents and Grandparents and members of our community to come along and watch our students perform the dances they have been learning and perfecting over the past month in Music and PE lessons. We will be dancing on the bottom oval on Thursday from 9am and would love to have you there to support us.

No Miss A Loop – Thursday 22nd September

Waimea’s Annual No Miss A Loop Skipping competition will be held in the last week of term over 2 lunchtimes – starting on Thursday 22nd September on the Netball Court. All students from Year 3-6 are welcome to come and join in.

Schools Triathlon – Friday 2nd December

Don’t forget forms and the $15 entry fee for the Schools Triathlon Challenge are due back at the office by this Friday 9th September.

This is a great event which focusses on the importance of being active and healthy. Every year there are thousands
of students from schools across the state participating and having fun in this event.

Most students (Year 3-6) are more than capable of entering the event as an individual and as a member of a team. If your child is having trouble finding team members please see Ms Woody on Wed morning or during the day on Thursday – I am more than happy to help.

Transport to and from the event must be organised by parents. Students also need to provide their own bike.

Teams can be across year levels (year 3-4, 5-6) and can be teams of 2 or 3 people.

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For further information go to the website

schoolstriathlonchallenge.com

Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 18th October (Week 2 of Term 4)

Our Year 3-6 Waimea Swimming Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held at Friends pool again this year.

If you are able to help as a volunteer please email me on sandi.woodward@education.tas.gov.au

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $150 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

SICKNESS

Parents/carers are reminded to advise the school office if their child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other reason.

- By phone (6237 5200) leave a message after hours
- Email Waimea.heights.primary@education.tas.gov.au

If your child is away sick for 5 consecutive days please provide the school with a medical certificate.

OUR NEW FLAG POLE

You are invited to the 1st raising of the Aboriginal Flag tomorrow, Wednesday 7th September at 9.05am
2017 SCHOOL INTENTIONS

As we are in the planning stages for 2017, could families please contact the school office if their circumstances have changed and your child/ren will not be attending Waimea Heights in 2017.

2016 PARENT SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

This year, School Satisfaction Surveys for students, parents and staff will be conducted during September. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school.

This survey provides an opportunity for students, parents and staff to provide important feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and opportunities for the school to make improvements.

Students (from Year 5 and above), parents and staff will be invited to participate. Those students who are selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.

Families will receive a letter in coming days to participate in the parent survey. Your responses will be secure and anonymous. Please note that families have the option of submitting paper-based survey responses into the Parent Survey box located at the office. We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for future programs and services for students.

Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer or require a paper copy to complete the survey.

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

A reminder to parents that have enrolled in the 1-2-3 Magic parent course that your first session begins this Wednesday evening commencing at 6.30-8.30pm in the school library. The following sessions will be held on 14, and 21 September.

PARENTS + FRIENDS

Our school fair is set for Saturday November 5th, 3-7pm. We are starting to organise lots of fun events and stalls, and are asking for donations of many different types, in particular:

- donations from local businesses as prizes for the chocolate wheel and raffle (these could be goods or services),
- plants, jams, chutneys, relishes, flowers, fresh fruit and veggies etc for the produce stall,
- toys and books,
- homemade jewellery, sewing, knitting, artwork, xmas decorations, cards etc for the art and craft stall,
- donations from butchers of meat for the food stalls (ask us what we need!), and
- any other donation you think would be helpful!

On the day, we would also love to be able to borrow:

- large water containers with taps
- small tent shelters, similar to those used at the athletics carnivals
- an army style canvas tent
- a generator for power back up
- power cords (certified commercial)
- portable freezers (2)
We also would love an electrician available on the day to help with power issues, and a DJ or 1-2 person band who plays radio friendly songs! If you have these skills and are prepared to donate your time we’d love to hear from you!

We would love to know how you can help, so we can become more focussed in our planning. We do not need to have the items yet, as our storage area is limited, but we will let you know where donations can be dropped closer to the date.

Our fair relies on lots of people helping out. Please also let us know if you are willing to work on a stall, and/or help us set up and pack up on the day.

If you can help us in any of these areas, please email Brigitte Wells (brigittewells@netspace.net.au) and let us know how you can help!

Thank you,
Waimea Heights Fair Committee

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lucy Franks and Sam Tracey who have been taking part in Python programming skills at Taroona High School. Lucy and Sam both gained places on the National Leaderboards in the NCSS Challenge held over 6 weeks.

SOCCER REPORT

Attached to this week’s newsletter is the Soccer Committee’s 2016 Report for your information.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS REPORT

On Saturday 3rd of September a group of boys from Year 5/6 (Charles Baldock, Doug Matson, Hunter Gillard, Al Hooper, Jett McComb, Max Mennitz and Mr Andrews) went to Launceston to compete in the Tournament of Minds competition. When we arrived at Scotch Oakburn College, it was raining heavily, but that wasn’t enough to dampen our hopes down. We had to cover all our props with plastic bags so the paint wouldn’t run off the cardboard.

There was a lot of waiting with our first event at 11:40 which was our main event. We had entered into the Mathematics and Engineering section and with only 6 team members we thought that we might just have a chance at winning. Although the problem was that we had picked the hardest subject which is why there weren’t many contestants for this section. (We didn’t mean to pick the hardest section). Although we think our strong point was the spontaneous question, which is a question that the judges give you which is random and you have to come up with a solution within 4 minutes and then answer within 1 minute.

In Campbell Town we had the usual stop at the Lollies shop and bought a few items for ourselves (and some father’s day gifts). A big thank you to Mr Andrews for making this happen and Cathy McComb for taking some of the boys up to Launceston.

Doug Matson and Hunter Gillard

NETBALL TRAINING
AFTER SCHOOL ON MONDAYS
NO PARKING AFTER 3.10pm

Could parents please make sure their car is not parked in the Netball Court after 3.10pm on Monday afternoons as the netball team will be training from 3.10-4.00pm.
Waimea Heights Primary School
School Association Management Committee

TONIGHT - Tuesday 6th September 2016
7.00pm School Library

AGENDA

1. Present and Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Correspondence
   a) Jeremy Rockcliff Prep starting age
   b) TASSO
4. Principal’s Report
5. Finance Report
6. P & F
   a) P & F Report
   b) Patrice’s report
7. Uniform Report
8. ACTIVEpaths update
9. Parent Information Sessions
10. Communication Group-Schoolzine
11. Road Safety
13. Other business
14. Next meeting 18/10/16

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IT PRIMARY EXTENSION PROGRAM:

Please see the attachment to this week’s newsletter regarding the next IT course for Year 4 to 6 students at Taroona High School. Classes will be on Tuesdays 3.45 – 5.00pm, 18 October – 22 November inclusive. The cost per student is $50.00 and you will need to register your interest online.

BE QUICK, SPACES ARE LIMITED