



# Waimea Heights Primary School

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## Kindness brings cuddly feelings

THE Waimea Heights Primary School student council jumped on board to support Kindness Day this year.

After many great suggestions from students and parents about how to be kind, it was also decided to ask for new teddy bears to donate to children in hospital or in orphanages overseas.

As a result the student com-

munity has given more than 100 new teddies. Each bear has a name tag on which students have written the name of the bear they have donated.

Four members of the Waimea Heights student council (Grace Rowe-Smith, Amelia Kohl, Ben Grainger and Will Cole) journeyed with a teacher to the Royal Hobart Hospital to deliver the teddies.

Two students have already received thankyou letters from recipients of the teddies, saying how much their new toy had cheered them up.

Fifty teddies have been donated to the Royal Hobart Hospital, another 50 to Calvary Hospital, and the remainder to an orphanage in Vietnam.

For many years Waimea Height Primary School has also

supported a World Vision child. Discos, Red Faces events, free dress days and walkathons are examples of our fundraising activities.

The student council also raises money for and awareness of many other causes. Kindness rocks at Waimea Heights Primary School!

**Grace Rowe-Smith,  
Amelia Kohl and  
Natasha Keep**



**FURRY FRIENDLY:** Waimea Primary School Prep students spread the teddy bear kindness.

### Art exhibition

WORK by students is gathered all year by art teacher, Mrs Deb Roffe and displayed at an exhibition to be held this Thursday at 6pm in the Waimea Heights Primary School general purpose room. All welcome.

### Movie making

WAIMEA students have the opportunity to be a movie star or use multimedia to add excitement to the presentation of their work. Supported by our Parents and Friends Association the school has purchased up-to-date equipment to promote modern teaching and learning methods. For example, Grade 5/6 L is creating a DVD of their production of *Alice in Waimealand*.

### Buddy classes

ALL older classes are buddied with a younger class at our school. This promotes sharing and a sense of belonging within our school. It's also lots of fun to work and play with buddies.

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## Project shoots for the stars

OUR teacher Mrs Maria Leaver attended this year's CONASTA science educators conference in Perth, Western Australia, where she heard about the Scientists in Schools program.

As a result, Waimea Heights Primary School has started a partnership with Dr Leon de la Barra from the School of Engineering at the University of Tasmania.

On November 14 our Grade 5-6 students had the opportunity to find out about the profession of engineering.

The hands-on activities included making a solar powered fan, using a generator to produce light, making hand batteries and we watched a presentation about engineering.

There have been a lot of science learning opportunities this year, including mentoring from experts at the university.

Garry Davidson and



**SKY-FI:** Waimea Primary School students chase the sun with their solar panels.

Michael Roach from the ARC Centre of Excellence for Ore Deposits at UTAS provided lectures and activities about geology for Grade 5/6 students.

Environmental science has been supported using The Eucaflip which allows students to identify the eucalyptus trees in our grounds.

Produced by Rob Wilt-

shire and Brad Potts from the School of Plant Science, University of Tasmania, and the CRC for Forestry, the Eucaflip was launched at Waimea Heights in October.

All classes also attended the university and Elizabeth College for fun activities such as egg drops and making elephant toothpaste.

Our students are encouraged to participate in the University of NSW Science Competition. This year seven students gained distinctions and Grade 6 student Hugh Johnson gained a high distinction.

**Louisa Stewart,  
Mollie Grainger and  
Sophie Hughes**

## Privilege of being a leader

WAIMEA Heights' Grade 6 students are involved in a variety of activities that make us feel unique as senior students.

We have the opportunity to wear special Leaver's T-shirts, for which we submit our individual designs and we then vote for which design will become the T-shirt image for the year.

Each term, all classes elect members for the Student Representative Council (SRC). Grade 6 representatives remain on the SRC for the entire year, as well as forming its executive.

Another privilege and responsibility is the positions of house captains and vice captains.

This involves assisting with administration of sports events and carnivals.

A Grade 6 student also captains our Jump Rope for Heart team.

In pairs, every Grade 6 student takes a leadership role in planning, organising and hosting a fort-

nightly assembly.

Volunteering in our canteen is taken up by many of our Grade 6 students. We also engage in training for resilience and subsequently led a forum for parents/caregivers providing an opportunity for discussion.

Toward the end of the year two Grade 6 students are invited to the premier's morning tea. But most of all senior students enjoy preparing a performance for the final assembly. This event gives self-confidence and is great fun.

The activity every graduating student looks forward to is the mystery bus tour. Students suggest ideas and the teachers choose the mystery surprise.

All Grade 6 students get onto the bus in the last week of term, not knowing where they will be going. It's awesome.

**Meg Hills, Louisa Seddon and Octavia Cooper**



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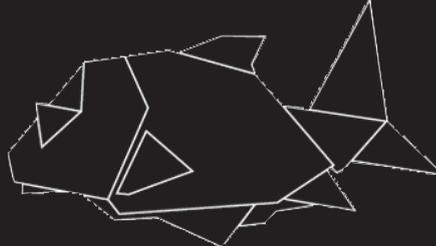
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