

Waimea Heights Primary School



50 years Ever Onward

IN BRIEF

Open Day

WAIMEA Heights Primary School will hold an open day on October 28 from 9am until 12.30pm.

All past and present scholars, teachers and parents who want to come are welcome.

Visitors can view displays throughout the school, the school jump-rope team and marimba band will perform and there will be a special assembly which commences at 9.15am.

Twilight Fair

A Twilight Fair on Friday, November 7, is part of the school's 50th anniversary celebrations.

The fair will start at 5pm and end at 7.30pm. There will be activities including games, food stalls, go karts, mini-golf, hoopla, a jumping castle and a roundabout.

Tom tops Taz

FOR the past three years Waimea student Tom Storey, now in Grade 5, has topped the state in the University of NSW competitions.

Tom has won six medals: three for science and one each for maths, English and computing.

Cross Country

ON a wet and miserable day in Term I, the Waimea Heights cross-country team won the B division Cross Country Carnival.

John Wilson, Harrison Hughes and Georgia Currant all came first in their races.

Georgia will represent Tasmania in cross country.

Buddies

EVERY class at Waimea has a short time each week working with their buddy class.

The senior student helps or does activities such as maths trails, book-writing and illustrating and board-game designs with their junior buddy. This gives an opportunity for seniors and juniors to spend time together and to make new friends.

Michael Ho, John Wilson, Sterling Rayment, Campbell Smith, Alexander McInnes, Alex Brown and Matthew Kang.



Waimea students Caite, left, and Lucy on 1953 Day.



On 1953 Day, students practised handwriting in pen and ink.

'Good old days' recalled

THIS year Waimea Heights Primary School is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The school opened in 1953 with an enrolment of about 150 students.

Today, Waimea caters for 236 students, mainly from the local area of Sandy Bay.

Earlier this year, some old scholars were invited by the kindergarten students to revisit the school, share their memories, see the changes that have taken place over the years and compare yesterday and today.

The student council proudly showed them around the classes and grounds. The visitors spoke of wonderful memories.

Since the school opened

there have been many new developments like a new oval, a new play area and new buildings.

Also extra trees have been planted for shade as well as special occasions like National Tree Day.

One student, Shane Dorney, recalled a typical day during the period he attended the school, from 1958 to 1962:

"There was a formal class gathering with the class teacher after the bell each morning. Younger students sat on mats. School notices, thyroid tablets and school milk were given at recess. Ink monitors filled ink wells. The lessons were formal for set periods and occasional assemblies."

ABC Radio personality Ric Paterson also went to Waimea Heights and had an amusing anecdote.

Ric was serving as piano monitor, moving the piano about between classes. He was wheeling it down the hall one day when he jumped on it and rode it down the corridor. Unfortunately he lost control and crashed into a wall.

When the teachers found out, he promptly lost his job as piano monitor.

Further anecdotes may be found in a book being prepared to celebrate Waimea Heights' 50th anniversary.

Katie Wallace, Georgina Wauchope, James Ewan, James Brown, Eleni Balcombe

School in a time warp

By JACK, SAM, OLIVER, IAIN and JULIAN

ON June 30, Grades 5 and 6 at Waimea Heights Primary School experienced what it would be like to go to school in the 1950s.

A teacher called Mr Bavistock travelled from Victoria and took classes for the day.

We wrote with ink pens and when we made a mistake Mr Bavistock would rip up our piece of paper and we had to start again.

We had to call Mr Bavistock "Sir" when we ad-

dressed him and when we had the answer to a question we held up a slate with "Sir" written on it.

When we finished a task we were told to stare at a dot on the blackboard.

Girls and boys sat on different sides of the classroom and boys were expected to be smarter than girls.

Boys and girls also had different playgrounds.

Overall most people thought that it was a good experience — but just for one day!

Georgia leapfrogging over Caite into Double Dutch ropes.



Waimea jumps for joy

WAIMEA raised \$3178 for the Heart Foundation on their Jump Rope Day on July 22.

It was a very good effort considering that the school has only 236 students.

The people who raised money got prizes like skipping ropes, stickers, torches, soccer balls and frisbees.

The school had some inspiration from the Illawarra Primary School jump-rope team who performed tricks like Double Dutch, and skipping while jumping with

a Go-Go Ball — a rubber ball with a plastic ring around it (you stand on the ring and jump, bouncing on the rubber ball).

The team performed lots of great tricks for the rest of the school.

It was a cold day but the team skipped to get warm and made the best of the rainy day.

Ben Firth, George Cass, Georgia Duncan, Caite Teo, Yasmin Mohamad, John Yuan and Ramsay Jones

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