



Wairoa School

An individual journey in education

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Our vision is for students to be empowered learners who build skills and understandings and make sense of their world. Our students are confident, creative and connected learners who are known, valued and cared for within a culture of high expectation by the school community to thrive - now and in the future.

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 5 Newsletter

Friday 15 November 2024

Dear Parents and Community,

The students and staff raised \$700 for Breast Cancer with our **PINK** Day on Wednesday. Thank you everyone who participated.

This newsletter has all important dates for events this term and **ALL students start Term 1 2025 on Thursday 6th February.**

A primary and secondary group attend Sculptures by the Sea and there are some lovely photos in this newsletter

Kind regards

Penelope Earp
Relieving Principal



Year 12 Graduation – Monday 2nd December at 10.30.
We have 6 year 12 students graduating this year.

Year 6 Graduation is on Tuesday 3rd December at 10.30 and we have five students transitioning from year 6 to year 7.

Presentation Day is on Thursday 5th December.

We have our marvellous **Xmas Fun day** on Thursday 12th December, where we take photos with Santa.

We have been working hard on our **second creative arts project linked to the Pavilion – Tracks**, which is funded by Waverley Council and the students will be recording their songs on Thursday 28th November.

Last day of term for students is Wednesday 18th December.

Upcoming Events

Presentation Day	Thursday 7 December
Year 12 Graduation	Monday 2 December
Year 6 Graduation	Tuesday 3 December
Fun Day	Thursday 12 December
Term 4 ends	Wednesday 18 December
Term 1 2025	Thursday 6 February 2025

2025 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1

Thursday 6 February – Friday 11 April

Term 2

Wednesday 30 April – Friday 4 July

Term 3

Tuesday 22 July – Friday 26 September

Term 4

Tuesday 14 October – Friday 19 December

The Friends of Wairoa School Raffle

Friends of Wairoa

Fundraising Raffle Tickets

The Raffle will be drawn on **Xmas Fun day** on **Thursday 12th December**. Raffle tickets have been sent home to all students. If you haven't returned your sold and unsold tickets, please do so **ASAP!**

Support us to raise funds for the creative arts program for all students at Wairoa School. The program provides wonderful learning opportunities enabling all students to express themselves creatively through visual arts and music.

Please buy and sell raffle tickets for prizes which include:

- \$350 Voucher for the Depot
- Bondi Gourmet Basket and
- Harry Potter Lego

We have plenty more tickets available if you would like to purchase or sell to family and friends.

Summer Holiday Program

Exclusive program for KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WHAT DOES INCLUDE?

- 1:1 support
- Transport
- Meals
- Age: 3 - 25

Our prices are in line with the NDIS Standards

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Student Absences

Parents and carers will receive notification via an SMS text via School Bytes when your child is absent. This will be sent to the contact number you have provided to the school.

Please reply promptly to the message by following the link provided in the message.

It is important that all student absences are explained. Please reply with the explanation of why your child is absent e.g. sick, appointment etc

Contact the school office if you require assistance in following the message link and please keep us informed of any changes to your contact number.

If you don't already have the School Bytes app, please follow the instructions below:

Please register for the Parent Portal by either using the below link or QR code.

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/register>

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments

The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund

Attendance – Every day matters

We want students to attend school every day when they are well enough to do so. Please send a note indicating the reason they have been away from school in their diary and / or inform the school office via email or phone call.

If your child is absent from school, please advise the office via email or phone call. All student absences are required to be explained.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:


- Learn
- Build friendships
- Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

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Health and Wellbeing

We remind parents that if your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they become unwell at school, you will need to collect them immediately. This will support their health and wellbeing and that of other students and staff.

Regular handwashing is recognised as a hygiene practice which does reduce the spread of illness. At Wairoa School we teach and encourage regular handwashing practices for students

Variation to approved assisted school travel

Any variation to approved travel arrangements requires a form to be completed. This includes a change of residential address or drop off and pick up addresses. This approval must be submitted *10 working days* prior to the required variation.

Please contact the school office for the required forms.

School Uniform

We ask that all students wear the school uniform each day. Wearing the school uniform is an excellent reminder to students that the day is a school day. It is important as community access programs are commencing that students wear the uniform in school and within the community-based programs.

Please ensure that **all items are labelled** so valuable time is not spent searching for unlabelled lost items. Please remember to do this for all uniforms items.

The summer uniform includes:

- Navy blue shorts
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Black shoes or appropriate sports shoes

As we move into cooler months our winter uniform includes:

- Navy blue track pants
- Pale blue polo shirt – long sleeved
- Navy blue fleecy jumper
- Black shoes or appropriate sports shoes

Student Arrivals and Departures

I would like to remind all parents/carers of the following: School commences every day at 8.55 am and the expectation is that each student arrives between 8.55 – 9.15am so that they can participate in morning routines which include fitness and personal care.

Late arrivals to school are disruptive to your child's learning and that of the other students.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sculptures by the Sea- Primary



Sculptures by the Sea - Secondary



Pink Day

