



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 10 Newsletter

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Dear Parents and Community,

I would like to wish all our students, their families and carers a very happy holiday. We have had a fantastic term, and I hope that you have all received your child's report either in print or electronically. I was very proud reading all the reports and delighted at the progress made by our students. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my staff who have worked extremely hard to support your child in their learning and work together as a marvellous team.

I will be relieving principal at the beginning of 2025 and will be delighted to welcome all students.

I wish our year 12 students all the best as they leave school and start their next adventure in their lives.

Students do return to school on Thursday 6th February.

Kind regards

Penelope Earp
Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 4 ends	Wednesday 18 December
Term 1 2025	Thursday 6 February 2025
Tuesday 18 th March – School Photo Day.	

Christmas Gift Donation

We had a wonderful gift donation arrive today from Father Arthur from the Greek Orthodox Parish and Community of Kogarah. They recently held a Christmas Toy Drive, and we have been one of the recipients of this kid gift.



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

This week the Raffle was drawn by Zoe (Caesar's mum) – Vice President of the Friends of Wairoa.

The following were our lucky winners:

- \$350 Voucher for the Depot – Frank & Adeline Liu
- Bondi Gourmet Basket – Juli Essenberg
- Harry Potter Lego – Carolyn Holmes

We raised \$1,774.00 in total which is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser by the Friends of Wairoa.



Student Absences & Reports

On Tuesday students received their printed reports in their communication folders.

Today we sent the reports home via School Bytes for your information. If you haven't already done so, please download the School Bytes app as per below instructions.

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 – Everyday 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.

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

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

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.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



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



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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Santa Photos

