



Education

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 1 Week 5 Newsletter

Tuesday 27 February 2024

Dear Parents and Community,

Our school year has started smoothly with our students settling into their new classrooms and timetables well.

There are a number of activities in the coming weeks which we ask you to note.

On **Thursday this week** a visit by the Taronga Zoo Mobile will offer a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet various creatures up close. This experience has always been a highlight at Wairoa School. This year this visit has been sponsored by:

Chen Shan Lawyers

We are grateful for their generous donation of the Zoo Mobile visit and in particular Karrina Chen who will be visiting Wairoa School on Thursday.



Personalised Learning and Support Plan meetings

Parents and Carers have been invited to meet teachers at school for their child's Personalised Learning and Support Planning. Thank you to parents who have met or arranged their meeting.

It is preferred that these meetings are held face to face so teacher and parents have the opportunity to engage in discussions on the school site.

If you have not replied to the meeting request please do so.

Parents are asked to promptly return any notes and requested documents so the administration of these can be completed. The following up of non returned documents is time consuming for school staff.

We are safe respectful learners



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Congratulations to our 2024 School Ambassadors

Primary: Phillip K and Victoria C

Secondary: Ara C and Mark T

They have been nominated by the school staff and have a special role within the school. They will have regular tasks to complete, supported by their *staff buddy* and will also meet and greet special guests when they visit the school.

Kind regards

Carmel Seeto

Principal

School Photos

The School Photographer will be attending Wairoa School on **Tuesday 19 March**. Photo envelopes were sent home on Friday in your child's bag.

Please return the envelope before the Friday 15 March. The School Photographer prefers online payments via www.theschoolphotographer.com.au but you can also pay via exact Cash as no change can be given.

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. Attached is a visual schedule for handwashing which you may find useful at home. These are the steps your child is encouraged to follow at school.

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

Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Wairoa School we follow a Positive Behaviour for Learners framework and have three 'be' rules in our school:

- Be Safe,
- Be Respectful and
- Be a Learner.

This system provides us with a common language and opportunities to model positive and appropriate behaviour for our students. Please join with us in using this language at home with your child. During Term 1 our focus is Be Respectful. This is highlighted as orange and will include our Harmony Day celebrations on Thursday 21 March. Keep an eye out for orange T shirts for your child for the celebration.



Upcoming Events

Year 10 Vaccinations	Tuesday 27 February
Zoomobile	Thursday 29 February
School Photos	Tuesday 19 March
Harmony Day Celebration	Thursday 21 March
Term 1 Ends	Friday 12 April
Term 2 Resumes	Tuesday 30 April

Attendance – Every day matters

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

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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Parent Portal – School bytes link

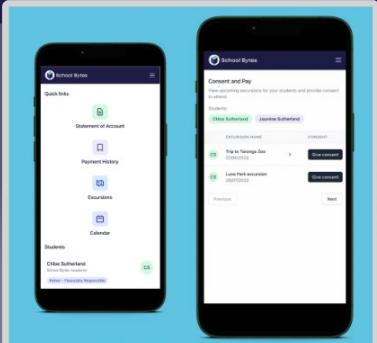
Late last year our School transitioned to a new system where you can make and keep track of payments, notes etc for your child.

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

Contact details

Please remember to notify the school administration office of any change of contact details especially mobile phone numbers.

2024 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1

Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April

Term 2

Tuesday 30 April – Friday 5 July

Term 3

Tuesday 23 July – Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December

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.



Helping children with a disability learn to swim

New Vacancies at
Bondi Rainbow Club
Kensington Rainbow Club
Maroubra Rainbow Club

Check details at
<https://www.myrainbowclub.org.au/locations/>
Each lesson is 30 minutes

Rainbow Club is a network of social swimming clubs
for children and young people with a disability



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goals



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teachers



30 minute
lessons



9 week
terms



Local
community



Social
participation



Registered
provider



Vouchers
accepted

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make a booking or find out more



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The ZONES of Regulation



The Zones of Regulation is a framework for teaching students' strategies for emotional and sensory management.

So far this term we have been reintroducing the Zones of Regulation to the students with a focus on a different zone each week.

- The **Green Zone** is used to describe a calm state of alertness. A person may be described as **happy, calm, okay, or ready to learn**.
- The **Yellow Zone** is used to describe elevated emotions such as feeling **anxious or worried, upset, silly or uncomfortable**.
- The **Blue Zone** is used to describe low states of alertness and down feelings such as when one feels **sad, tired, sick, or hurt**.
- The **Red Zone** is used to describe intense emotions such as feeling **overwhelmed or angry**, which may look like **yelling or aggressive** behaviour.

Here are some pictures of students completing activities when learning about the **BLUE ZONE**.





Washing hands

	Water on
	Hands wet
	Rub hands with soap
	Rinse
	Water off
	Dry