



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 11 Newsletter

Tuesday 9 April 2024

Dear Parents and Community,

Wairoa School was a haze of magnificent orange to celebrate Harmony Day. Many thanks to everyone who supported the theme of Everyone Belongs, dressed in Orange and donated towards the Feast of Food charity. Our school community raised \$591 - Congratulations!!!

Cuisine for Creative Arts

The Depot in Bondi will host a dinner 1 May, partnered with the Friends of Wairoa School Charity to raise much needed funds for the unique creative arts program which your child accesses through art and music each week.

We appreciate any support you can provide to enrich the lives of our students. Please post on your social media and share with family and friends the flyer emailed to parents and carers last week.

Our creative arts program offers rich and engaging learning opportunities for all of our students and the Friends of Wairoa Charity is seeking your support in sharing this information and making a donation towards the fundraising effort.

Friends of Wairoa School committee



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.

Upcoming Events

Cuisine for Creative Arts	1 May 6-10pm
Pathway to the Pavilion Launch	Thursday 20 June 10am
NDIS Connection Desk	Tuesday 25 June
Term 1 Ends	Friday 12 April
Term 2 Resumes	Tuesday 30 April
ANZAC Day	25 April

ANZAC Commemoration



We will be joined by Captain Matthew Shand on Friday 12 April to commemorate ANZAC DAY and acknowledge that it is one of the most important days of the year, 25 April.

We will take time to remember those men and women who have and still do served Australia across the world during war, in the defence forces and in the role of peacekeepers.

Lest We Forget

SAVE THE DATE

Music Pathway to Bondi Pavilion



Thursday 20 June @ 10am

We will be showcasing the talent of our students when they perform the Pathway to the Pavilion song which they composed. This will be a fabulous community event which we invite parents, families and friends to come and experience.

You will be amazed.

Further details soon.

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.



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


Attendance – Every day matters

We want students to attend school everyday 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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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.

Parent Portal – School bytes link

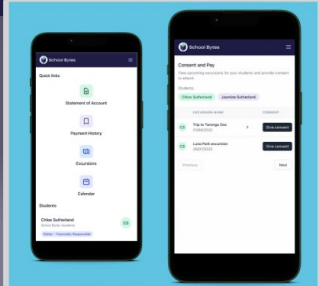
Late last year our School transitioned to a new system where you can make and keep track of payments, notes etc for your child.

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

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.

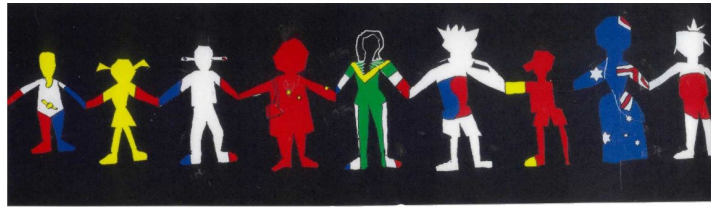
Please ensure that all items are labelled so valuable time is not spent searching for unlabelled lost items. Please remember to do this for all uniforms items.

The summer uniform includes:

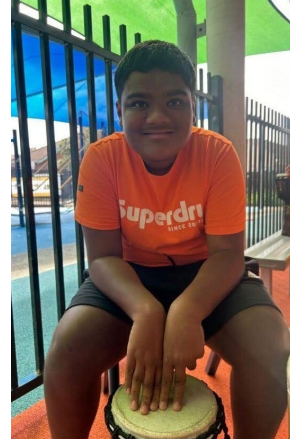
- Navy blue shorts
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Black shoes or appropriate sports shoes

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



HARMONY



The ZONES of Regulation



This term students have been learning about a different zone colour 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 **GREEN AND RED ZONES**.





LEST WE FORGET

Anzac Day 2024
Thursday 25 April, Waverley Memorial Gardens
Waverley Park, 7.45am

The Mayor of Waverley, Councillor Paula Masselos, and the Secretary of Bondi Junction RSL sub-branch Bill Harrigan invite you to Waverley Memorial Gardens on Thursday 25 April for our community Anzac Day service.

Please join us at 7.45am as we gather to mark the anniversary of the Gallipoli landing on 25 April 1915 and to honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans.

This is a community event.
All are welcome to attend.

