



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 3 Week 6 Newsletter

Friday 30 August 2024

Dear Parents and Community,

Welcome to Spring, I am sure that we are all delighted that the warmer, drier weather has arrived. I hope that you have a lovely weekend and Happy Father's Day.

Next Friday, we will celebrate **SASS Staff Recognition Week**, where we will thank our support staff for their dedication to Wairoa School. They work tirelessly to the enormous benefit of our students, teaching staff and the community.

On **Tuesday 10th September at 10am**, we will celebrate Public Education – 'Proud to belong', please come and join your child in a literacy lesson in class and then join other families for a morning tea.

Kind regards

Penelope Earp
Relieving Principal

Alternative, Augmentative Communication: Using switch at Wairoa School.

We have purchased many switches which are being used by all classes to enhance student engagement. You would be surprised at how they creatively, and effectively they have been used across the school. Here is just one example: -



The students within the Primary 5 classroom have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to have additional switches brought into their classroom to support their engagement and comprehension in learning. This past week the students used the switches to answer who questions related to their English text the 3 little pigs. Within their maths unit of work lesson on time the switches were used as a resource to support their understanding of what day of the week specific school-based activities occur. In our maths

Upcoming Events

Education Week	Tuesday 10 September
Open Classrooms	10am

Term 3 Ends	Friday 27 September
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Term 4 Begins	Monday 14 October
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Term 4 Ends	Wednesday 18 December
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**Alternative, Augmentative Communication:
Using switch at Wairoa School cont....**

foundation lessons on number the students were shown number cards 1-5 out of order. They were asked to when shown the number card to then touch the correct numerical dice faced switch that paired with that number card.



 A flyer for 'GROWING ROOTS WEEKEND PROGRAMS'. It features a cartoon bee logo on the left and a tree logo on the right. The text includes:

- TRANSPORT INCLUDED! BETWEEN 08:00AM - 16:00
- COST OF PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED UNDER THE NDIS PRICE GUIDE
- 1:1 SUPPORT
- AGES 3 - 18 YEARS
- 0449 976 684
- WWW.GROWINGROOTS.COM.AU
- ADMIN@GROWINGROOTS.COM.AU

 At the bottom, there is a photo of a group of diverse children and adults smiling.

Tracks at Bondi Pavilion

Wairoa School was very lucky to receive a second grant from Waverley Council, to continue our creative arts program linked to Bondi Pavilion. With the first grant students across the school wrote, performed & recorded 'Pathways to the Pavilion' <https://bit.ly/Wairoa-Pathways> and this time we are including all students across the school to create a few 'Tracks' themed jingles – Watch this space!!!



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.

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

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.

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

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