Our Intrepid Sailors

This week we were lucky enough to send two groups of students on a sailing excursion with Sailors with Disabilities – one Primary and one Secondary. The rain stopped for just long enough to enable a great trip on the Harbour. Both groups thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to Sailors with Disabilities, to our fabulous and flexible staff and to our wonderful students whose enjoyment and enthusiasm is priceless 😊
Westfield Eastgardens

As you know, many of our fabulous resources at the school come about through donations from such generous community partners as Westfield at Eastgardens. Last term they presented us with a cheque for $13,000!

Coming up on December 7th is Give Ability Day at Eastgardens and once again, any money raised on the day from this charity drive will be donated directly to Wairoa School. Even more exciting is the fact that Westfield encourage a little healthy competition between their centres, meaning that there are great incentives for the centres that raise the most money. Currently, Eastgardens is running about 5th. If Eastgardens manages to raise enough money to come 3rd, then Westfield will donate a further $10,000 to the Eastgardens charity partner – Wairoa School!!

So, it is really important that we support Eastgardens in their fundraising efforts on December 7th. Please try to get down to the centre on that day in particular. There will be lots of fun activities.

Eastgardens Christmas Present Drive

Eastgardens have been doing a special voting competition on their Facebook page where people need to vote which presents they would like Eastgardens to donate to Wairoa School…

Here is the link to follow so that you can vote!

https://www.facebook.com/WestfieldEastgardens/app_153839431317646

National Disability Insurance Scheme

The NSW Government is involved in supporting people across the state to learn how NSW is transitioning to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and develop skills to participate in individualised funding arrangements. There are several projects funded by ADHC to assist carers and consumers:

- EXPLANATION Getting Prepared – information about projects being run across NSW. You can contact the organisations, find out what they are doing and get on their mailing list for updates. Contact ADHC on 1800 605 489
- Physical Disability Council of NSW – free workshop information. Ph: 9552 1606
- Family Advocacy – low cost workshop. Ph: 9869 0866

And don’t forget My Choice Matters, the NSW Consumer Development Fund, which has workshops going on all the time: http://www.mychoicematters.org.au/
Technology:

This is a free app for a week, called the Lonely Beast from ABC


Sailing Day for carers

Sailors with disABILITIES would like to again invite groups of Carers to join us for a relaxing day on board Kayle, our 52 foot Yacht. These days are crewed by volunteers and aimed at giving hard working carers, including brothers and sisters, some time out and a chance to relax for a few hours on beautiful Sydney Harbour.

Where groups are able to organise respite care, we welcome carers and their immediate family on board for an enjoyable leisure sail of Sydney Harbour. Siblings of children requiring special care are of course welcome.

Carers Day sails are held on Sundays, they depart from the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia at Rushcutters Bay at 12noon and return at approx. 4pm. These sessions must be booked as a group; we can accommodate a maximum of 15 people per session and a minimum of 10.

Limited Carers Days are now available from November through to March. Hurry as these sessions are very popular and will book out fast.

How to book a Carers Day for your group

Visit our website www.sailorswithdisabilities.com login using your username and password or Sign Up then login and use the interactive calendar to book your Carers Day. If you need help email us info@sailorswithdisabilities.com or contact (02) 8079 5997.

We look forward to welcoming you on board and sharing our passion for sailing...

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday December 3
Thursday December 12
Monday December 16
Mon-Wed 16-18th
Wednesday December 18

Christmas Show – note sent home yesterday
Christmas Fun Day
Leavers Party
Swim School
Christmas Assembly
Last day of school 2013

Have a great weekend everyone. 😊

Regards,

Sara Swift, Principal