Westfield Community Program:

Wairoa and Westfield Eastgardens have been partners in the community program since 2008. In 2012 Westfield Eastgardens hosted a number of events to raise funds for us. Some of these activities included a charity BBQ and centre wide fundraising activities as part of two National Give Ability Days, a movie event, Santa’s Breakfast and 3 Kid's activity centres. They raised an amazing $7,132.12 in the second half of 2012. This will be used in the refurbishment of our gym. They also came to Wairoa twice last year and organised activity days for our students. The Muffin Man and cake decorating was extremely popular!

I was lucky enough to meet with the Centre manager – Justine and her executive team yesterday to thank them for all their support and discuss our plans for this year.
The Leaver’s chickens: The leaver’s chickens spent the Christmas holidays with a neighbour of one of our senior students. They have returned to school and are all well and have grown huge! On Thursday the leavers built a new chicken house. This week in coffee shop there were tomatoes and parsley grown by the leavers and we hope to have eggs very soon. The leavers run a marvellous coffee shop every Wednesday between 11 and 11.25, where they serve drinks and excellent snacks, if you are available at that time you would be more than welcome to join the staff and swim volunteers. It only costs $3 which is a bargain.

Dates for this term:

- **MATE**: MATE – Making Aquatics a Terrific Experience - Thursday 14\(^{th}\) March between 9.30am – 1.30pm.
- **Easter Hat Parade on the Thursday 28th March 2013**
- Easter Weekend no school on Friday of week 9 (29/3/13) and the Monday of week 10 (1/4/13).
- **Harmony Day on 11\(^{th}\) April** - work alongside your child and their peers and a chance to meet other parents.

Wairoa Newsletter: If you would also like to receive your newsletter electronically please let me or the office know ASAP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss anything, my email address is Penelope.earp@det.nsw.edu.au.

Have a lovely weekend.

Penelope