Sculptures by the Sea

Our Leavers Class enjoyed a beautiful day by the beach this week as they explored and admired the Sculptures by the Sea exhibition. Each year many of our students participate in this excursion, with some groups taking advantage of a guided tour of the artworks. This kind of community access and interaction provides great opportunities for our students to practise positive social skills and develop an appreciation of different art styles, mediums and materials within a relevant context.
**Harbour Bridge Fun Run**

On Sunday, September 21st the beautiful city of Sydney hosted its annual charity fun run. Each year Anthony Seymour, father of James, runs with friends to raise money for Wairoa. This year was a wonderful effort, particularly as Anthony is recovering from a recent illness and together they raised hundreds of dollars for our students. So, a well-deserved congratulations to Anthony and his team and lots of heartfelt thanks from us all 😊

**Waverley Council**

Waverley Council is inviting applications from community members to be representatives on its Access Advisory Committee for the 2014-2016 term.

If you are passionate about making Waverley a place that everyone can easily and safely access, then maybe you should apply to join the committee. For further information, please contact Chris Bath on 93867922.

**Careflight's Christmas MAGIC MANIA**

Careflight would like to invite any special needs children and their families from Wairoa to "MAGIC MANIA". It will be held on Saturday 20th December 2014 at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre, Homebush. There are three (3) available show times commencing promptly at 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm, although those needing assistance must arrive at least 30 minutes prior.

Tickets to this event are FREE to all special needs as well as care givers and family members who would like to attend. These tickets are made possible by the generosity of our local business and professional people.

To order tickets you must email or fax the number of tickets you require. The order form is available at the school office. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to call Ilona Techmanski during business hours on 02 9699 3925.
Give Ability Day:

On Saturday November 8th, Westfield Eastgardens will again be holding Give Ability Day. In July they raised approximately $10,000 and we hope to be able to match that amount in November. So please keep this date in mind – they have Santa arriving in the centre on the same day and there will be loads of fun activities for kids and families. Closer to the time I will be asking for parents/family members to volunteer some time to help with collecting on the day.

Sydney Children’s Hospital

Saturday November 8th is a day for siblings of children with additional needs. It is a fun day which highlights the importance of siblings. It aims to celebrate the role siblings play and links families with service providers for siblings. It is a hospital wide initiative, with the idea and drive originating from Tumbatin staff.
Sportsman’s Lunch:

A huge thank you to the Beach Rd Hotel and Bondi United for the fundraising lunch they hosted on October 3rd.

Not only was it an entertaining, well supported afternoon but they have raised in excess of $8000 for Wairoa School! 😊

Dates for the Diary:

Friday October 31  
Variety music workshop – note will be sent home for those attending

Wednesday November 19  
Kinder Information session for parents

Tuesday December 2  
Christmas concert

Thursday December 4  
Kinder orientation visit

Tuesday December 9  
Kinder orientation visit

Monday December 15  
Year 12 Graduation

Tuesday December 16  
Christmas Fun Day (TBC)

Wednesday December 17  
Christmas assembly. Last day of term for students.

Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal 😊