Parent Coffee and Chat

Our first Parent Coffee and Chat meeting for the year was well attended, with parents keen to learn more about the communication app ProLoquo2Go. Thank you to Pen and Vicky who provided an informative introductory session. If there is enough interest expressed for further workshops, we can organise a practical, ‘hands on’ session for next term. Please advise Pen, Vicky or me if you are interested in this.

One of the discussions at our morning session was around a function called “guided access” and details of this can be found at the address below.


Friends of Wairoa

On Wednesday evening we held the first Friends of Wairoa meeting for the year and it was great to see a couple of parents in attendance. At the meeting we discussed the upcoming major fundraiser for the year – our annual Trivia Night. This yearly event raises essential funds for our students and without it we would find it impossible to provide the wonderful resources and opportunities which enrich our students’ lives.

Unfortunately for us, some of our key organisers for this event over the last several years, have children who last year graduated from the school. While we are extremely grateful to Christine Symonds for not leaving us in the lurch and for offering to assist with organisation again this year, we cannot expect her to assume the entire mantel of responsibility.

So… this is a desperate call for help!! We need parents, friends, community members and staff to come on board this year and assist with the organisation and management of this worthwhile event. Our staff held a meeting yesterday afternoon as a preliminary measure to brainstorm time frames and jobs to do and in the very near future I will organise an open meeting at which we will hopefully be able to allocate jobs/responsibilities.

Please assist if you possibly can. I know just how busy our lives can become and there will be some who have the capacity to help more than others but we will aim to have a variety of jobs available to do, ranging in time commitment level from ‘little itty bitty’ to ‘not completely insurmountable’ - there will be something for everyone!!

Stay tuned for upcoming information 😊
SPONSORS NEEDED

An important part of the Trivia Night is the financial contribution of generous sponsors. We genuinely appreciate our wonderful sponsors who have rallied behind this event each year and we certainly hope that you will continue to support us this year. We also invite any parents or community members who may have joined the school this year or perhaps have not had the capacity to sponsor in previous years to please consider helping us out this year. Please call me on 93009579 or email me at sara.swift@det.nsw.edu.au if you think you may be able to contribute to our fundraiser in any capacity. Many thanks for your consideration.

Class News:

This week Primary 5 enjoyed having a lovely picnic in the new swing area. We had lots of fun using the swing and even had time to visit our wonderful chickens. Lots of smiles!

Secondary 1 enjoyed practising their gourmet skills – just not sure if any batter ended up in the cake tin 😊

The students quite obviously enjoy their cooking classes and as well as providing enjoyment, these lessons are an essential component of the life skills program. Students learn how to make basic recipes and practise such skills as: sorting, measuring, mixing, using kitchen appliances and of course, the importance of the ‘taste test’
Theraquatics catalogue

As we are lapping up this beautiful warm weather you might like to take a look at the latest Theraquatics catalogue at the site below.

www.theraquatics.com.au

We have been advised that if we put in one big order as a school, we will significantly save on postage and handling costs. If you would like to order anything from the catalogue, please let us know before March 21st, which is when we will be putting in our school order.

Funsworth Afterschool Programs

When: Tuesday – Friday 3-6pm during school term
Where: Holdsworth Community Centre, 64 Holdsworth St, Woollahra
Who: Primary and High School children with an intellectual disability (low support needs)
Cost: $10 per afternoon

If you are interested in more information or to enrol for 2014 please contact Renee Clarke on 0410628659 or email renee.clarke@holdsworth.org.au

Dates for the Diary:

- Monday March 17: Swim School starts – 2 weeks
- Tuesday March 18: Curriculum Day/Harmony Day
- Wednesday March 19: Swimming Carnival – Cabarita
- Thursday March 27: School vaccination clinic
- Tuesday April 1: Sailing Trip (notes will be sent home)
- Wednesday April 2: Westfield Working Bee
- Tuesday April 8: Sailing Trip (notes will be sent home)
- Friday April 11: Easter Hat Parade
- Last Day of Term 1

Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal 😊