Smooth Sailing!
This week it was the turn of our intrepid Primary students! They were the epitome of ‘cool’ as they lounged on the deck, steered the boat and took time out to relax with their friends. Thank you once more to Sailors with disAbilities and to our wonderful staff and parent helpers for making sure this excursion was smooth sailing 😊
The Lion King - autism friendly performance

Saturday 14 June 2014 at 1:30pm
Capitol Theatre, Sydney

This specially adapted performance will be suitable for people on the autism spectrum and their families, to see the award-winning production in a friendly and supportive environment. Trained staff will be on hand, and dedicated quiet and activity areas set up, should anyone need to leave their seats.

Slight adjustments to the production include removal of strobe lighting, reduction of any jarring sounds and lights focused into the audience, house lights being dimmed and flexibility to bring your own snacks.

Set against the majesty of the Serengeti Plains to the evocative rhythms of Africa, THE LION KING uses breathtaking theatrical magic to tell the story of Simba’s epic journey to fulfil his destiny as King of the Pridelands.

A range of family friendly pricing will be offered for this performance, starting from $50 per ticket.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Seats are limited so be quick to avoid missing out!

For full details and how to book your tickets visit www.lionkingautismfriendly.com.au or call Ticketmaster on 1300 889 278 Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm

Wanted!

One pre-loved and no longer needed surfboard. If you have one taking up space in the garage and would like to donate it to a good home, we would love to have it. Currently some of our talented staff are working on a project with the Mens Shed to construct some sensory panels for our school. So your surfboard would be forever remembered as a piece of installation art at Wairoa 😊 please contact the school office if you are able to donate one.
**Friends of Wairoa**

We are very excited to see that some donations of prizes are starting to trickle in. Trivia Night will be upon us before we know it, so keep the date in mind (Saturday July 19th!) – start organising some table groups, any donations for prizes can be sent in to the school office and tickets can be ordered at any time. We would be extremely grateful if anyone out there would like to sponsor us in terms of either monetary donation or gifts of goods and services – a big thank you to Electrolux who has donated a prize for the night.

**IT news:**

Pen recommends this app, an ASD tool

**Cooking therapy for the disabled**

We have a number of different facilities for the disabled using the kitchen as part of their program. Participants are split up according to their needs levels and their supervisors guide them with preparing, cooking and cleaning up. Contact us for more information.

**Dates for the Diary:**

- Friday April 11  
  Last Day of Term 1
- Tuesday April 29  
  First Day of Term 2

**Happy Holidays 😊**

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter break. Enjoy the hols and indulge in chocolate, extra sleep-ins and family time together. I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to my wonderfully hard working staff, our enthusiastic students, their caring and committed families and carers and all of our valued volunteers. Although it may seem like a day in the life of Wairoa School is a seamless and fun event, this is only made possible by the collaboration and effort of all parties working together.

Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal 😊