Friends of Wairoa

You will have all received official notes outlining the upcoming AGM of the Friends of Wairoa. The AGM will be held on Wednesday June 4 at the school and we would love to see as many faces as possible. Come along and share a cuppa and a snack and be a part of this outstanding parents and friends group. 😊

Preparations for the upcoming Trivia Night are in full swing this term – Saturday July 19th will soon be upon us. At the moment we really need to concentrate on gathering as many donations as we can for prizes and auction goods for the night. We have recently had some lovely donations of original artworks from a well-known cartoonist which will be great additions for the auction on the night. Thanks also to Cascade Care, who have again this year donated a voucher for in-home care services. Our thanks, too, to Dinner Fairies, who have presented us with a $100 gift voucher. Donations can be dropped in to the school office. I will send home an order form for tickets to the Trivia Night with this newsletter.

Staffing News:

Last term we said a very fond farewell to the wonderful Eve Campbell, who has worked at Wairoa in various capacities over the last 9 years, most recently in the role of Assistant Principal in charge of the Primary Team. In her typically humble manner, Eve declined to have a farewell ‘do’ but now that she's gone I can thank her in print for her outstanding contribution to the Wairoa community. We will miss her terribly and I'm sure that all who have worked with Eve over the years have valued her professionalism, collegiality and genuine care and concern for the students, families and staff of Wairoa. Eve leaves us to continue her career in special education and we wish her all the very best 😊

Of course, as one door closes, another one opens and we now have two wonderful staff members taking up Eve’s positions as classroom teacher and as Assistant Principal. You will no doubt already know and recognise these two. Natalie Dolan will now be sharing Eve’s class with Alison Galloway - so P1 will be having lots of fun and continue their great learning with Al and Nat at the helm. Vicky Hall will be a full time Assistant Principal on the Primary Team and continue with her classroom teaching on P2.
City 2 Surf
This year Wairoa has a team of staff participating in the upcoming Fun Run. If you follow the link below it will take you to Wairoa’s fundraising page. Please encourage friends and family to donate – we really should support these super keen and frighteningly fit staff for their commitment to Wairoa 😊


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
**IT news:**

Some free apps for Speech and Language month.

Click n’ Talk - https://appsto.re/i66Q439  
Talk’n Photos - https://appsto.re/i66Q3jS  
WeatherToon - https://appsto.re/i66W3Rw  
Finished - https://appsto.re/i66Q3Ck  
Cursive Writing Wizard - Trace Letters & Words - https://appsto.re/i66W4QD  

First Phrases HD Lite - https://appsto.re/i66Q3yN  
Fun With Directions HD Lite - https://appsto.re/i66W4Pg  
Fun with Verbs & Sentences Lite HD - https://appsto.re/i66W3Rt  
Between the Lines Level 1 Lite HD - https://appsto.re/i66W4PB  
More Fun With Directions HD Lite - https://appsto.re/i66Q44P  
Between the Lines Level 2 Lite HD - https://appsto.re/i66Q3yz  
Picture the Sentence HD Lite - https://appsto.re/i66Q44k  
Between the Lines Advanced Lite HD - https://appsto.re/i66Q3y4

**Abbox of Fun Camp**

Abbox of Fun is a Sony Foundation residential holiday camp for children with disabilities. The camp is free! Each year the camp accepts 28 children with a range of disabilities, between the ages of 5 – 14. The camp runs for 4 days and 3 nights and includes all accommodation, meals, activities and specialist care. I will attach the parent information letter to this newsletter.

**Dates for the Diary:**

- **Wednesday June 4**  
  Maths Day
- **Wednesday June 4**  
  7pm Friends of Wairoa AGM
- **Monday June 9**  
  No School – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Wednesday June 11**  
  Parent Coffee and Chat (ProLoquo2Go) – note will be sent home soon
- **Thursday June 12**  
  Athletics Carnival, Homebush

**Regards,**

Sara Swift, Principal 😊