Parent Workshop:
This week we held a parent workshop about the app ProLoquo2Go. This is a wonderful app which encourages communication, is easily personalised and is great for students to use across all environments – at school, at home and in the community. The workshop was run by our resident IT gurus – Penelope and Vicky and was well attended by parents. Many of our parents have purchased this app and installed it on their home iPads, so their students can develop a consistent approach towards communication. Pen and Vicky have shown parents how to personalise story boards and have encouraged them to share any success stories with us, so hopefully we will be able to show you some of these stories in upcoming newsletters. It’s certainly well worth considering ProLoquo2Go as a tool for your child to use. If you would like further information, please contact Pen or Vicky at school and they will be able to assist.
I would like to extend my thanks to both Pen and Vicky for this fabulous presentation and for their genuine interest in nurturing and extending the communication skills of our students.
Athletics carnival:

We had quite a team representing Wairoa at the Homebush Athletics Carnival this year and by all accounts it was a great day, well supported by families. Both our Seniors and Juniors acquitted themselves well, coming home with ribbons, medals and great big smiles. These community events provide invaluable opportunities for our students to socialise with their wider community and develop positive interactions. Thank you to our wonderful Todd for organising this annual event and to the staff who came back exhausted but happy.
**Trivia Night!!!**

Only two weeks to go until the end of term. We still need lots more gifts for prizes on the night, so let's see if we can finish the term with a big rush of donations!!! All prizes/donations will need to be in to the school by last day of term (June 27), so that they can be sorted and organised prior to the big night. This week we’ve had donations from parents and staff of money and prizes and from the local community, including gift vouchers for Luna Park and from Rio Barra (gourmet Portuguese-style sauces and chicken). Donations can be dropped in to the school office and tickets for the night may be purchased through the school.

**Give Ability Day!**

On Saturday 5th of July, it’s Give Ability Day and the Westfield Eastgardens team will again be helping to collect funds for us. A fun day has been planned by Stephanie and Monica and the team and there will be various fundraising activities including a BBQ, kids’ arts and crafts, raffles, roaming character, lucky dips and more.

**This year Westfield Eastgardens will be matched $1 for $1 for all donations raised on this day!** This will be fantastic for Wairoa – so please head down to Eastgardens on Saturday July 5th and support their efforts.

We would love to have some parents who may be able to volunteer and hour or two of their time on that day, as we really need people to help shake those collection tins and raise awareness about the wonderful job we do at Wairoa. If you can help out on the day, please contact the school so we can draw up a roster and designate time slots – usually the 10 – 2pm times are the busiest.

A big thank you to Stephanie, Monica and the Eastgardens team who do such a great job of supporting us throughout the year.

**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 😊

Access-friendly Performance

Dancing on the ceiling like Fred Astaire, scaling the walls like Spiderman and floating mid-air like an Indian guru - escape with Leo into an impossible world, where perception and imagination are turned inside out and upside down.

Sydney Opera House welcomes friends, carers and families to an access-friendly performance of LEO.

Wednesday 9 July, 11:15am
Tickets from $30*

The theatre experience for this performance is designed to welcome patrons on the autism spectrum as well as those with intellectual disabilities. This physical theatre piece (set to music with no dialogue) has been chosen to ensure everyone is able to enjoy the theatre experience in a supportive, friendly environment.

The access-friendly performance includes the following adjustments:

- Lights remain on at a low level in the theatre
- Designated chill-out areas are available within the foyer
- The open door policy allows patrons to come and go from the venue as they please
- Fidget toys, textured mats and weighed lap pads are available to aid the theatre experience.

To book, call 02 9250 777 or complete the [online booking form](#) and let us know your access requirements.

Free tickets to Circus Quirkus

Free tickets available.
Monday 1 Sept & Tues 2 Sept 2014
Session: 6 pm
Venue: Fox Studios
Ring the school office immediately if you would like tickets, as we need to place our order on Monday 16 June 2014.
Juli in the office
**Dates for the Diary:**

- Last day of term: Friday June 27
- School Development Day: Monday July 14 (staff only)
- First Day Term 3: Tuesday July 15 (all students return)
- Saturday July 19: Trivia Night

Regards,

Sara Swift, Principal ☺