**MCA excursion:**

On Monday, Secondary 2 went on an excursion to the Museum of Contemporary Art in George Street. We were greeted by the MCA team, and then the Sydney Opera House Tour team. We were shown around the impressive gallery. Grace, Harrison, Luc, Stephanie, Matthew, Genevieve and Mikaela looked at different sculptures, and then made their own starfish sculpture, like Maria Fernanda Cardosos'. Then we looked at 'Sunrise' by Robert Owen, and constructed our own 'Sunrise' piece out of big coloured board. Perhaps the highlight of the trip was the Bella room, where there was a multi-sensory interactive installation. Stephanie managed to follow all of the instructions, and touch her tongue with her nose! Secondary 2 then made their own performance artwork head pieces to take to the Opera House. Following Penelope, we all walked around circular quay to the iconic Opera House, and met up again with Amanda and Kurlie, our tour guides. We touched the tiles on the opera house, went up in an open air lift, and sat in a theatre. We looked at visuals and decided what we thought the opera house looked like... Grace thought it looked like the spikes of corn chips! We also visited the secret Utzon room, and did a little performance in there. Overall it was a wonderful day, and Secondary 2 were very tired on the bus home!
Trivia Night!!!

Holiday time already! First weekend back in term 3 is our Trivia Night (19/7), so make sure you get your tables organised. Tickets can be purchased from the school office or at the door on the night. This is a great night out and raises significant funds which go directly towards supporting our students. The more the merrier so please spread the word, grab a group of friends or neighbours and head down to the Randwick Labor Club at 7pm on Saturday 19th July. See you there 😊

Stepping Stones Triple P Project:

The stepping Stones Triple P Project is a multi-state parenting study funded by the National Health & Medical Research Council, Australia. The aim is to roll out a parenting program to families free of charge across NSW over two years, along with free training and resources for professionals.

Parenting a child with a disability comes with exceptional challenges. If you have a child with a disability, aged 2-10, you are invited to go to the My Say website to help improve parenting services.

To have your say and to find out more about the program, visit www.mysay.org.au.
**Wairoa World Cup:**
Last week we held the Wairoa World Cup semi-finals which were great fun and brought out the competitive side in some (mostly staff!!). Class groups drew the names of various countries out of a hat and their mission was to compete in a range of tabloid games against other countries. Points were awarded for team spirit, enthusiasm, participation and effort in barracking!
This week it’s finals time. On Thursday our countries meet in a challenge to determine who wins the cup.

**STOP PRESS!!!**
The winning teams were:
In First Place:- The Netherlands
In Second Place:- Italy
Best and Fairest Secondary:- Chad and Mikaela
Best and Fairest Primary:- Hao and Marina
Winter snuffles!!

I think winter has finally joined us and we are certainly starting to see lots of runny noses and coughs. Just a reminder that if your child is unwell, please keep him/her at home. I know this is difficult, particularly with work and other commitments but it is essential for quick recovery and to stop the spread of winter germs amongst the rest of the student (and staff!) population.

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 😊


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.
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.

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 😊