Happy Birthday!
Last week we celebrated two milestone birthdays – Harrison turned 16 and Chad turned 18. Congratulations boys 😊

The seniors class put on a lovely birthday party and it was great to see the boys socialising with their peers and being very gracious about all the extra attention.

Chad has certainly matured into a caring and responsible young man. It has been wonderful to watch him growing up over the years and I’m sure he’ll transition well into an adult setting next year – he will certainly make lots of friends 😊
Crazy Hair and Sock Day!
Sometimes a little bit of crazy adds a lot of fun to the day. Last week staff and some students decided to glam things up a bit and the results were stunning!

Wairoa Book Fair and Parade

This year our Book Parade will be held on Thursday August 28th at 12 – that's next week folks! We would love the students to come dressed as a favourite book character – they all really enjoy taking part in the parade. Parents and carers/families are welcome to attend the parade and purchase some books from the book stall. If you would like to take your child home with you at the conclusion of the parade, please notify your child’s teacher and be sure to sign out at the front desk. Please remember to send in your RSVPs about student costumes and morning tea as soon as possible.

Student Reviews:

A reminder to parents/carers: please fill out and return the student review forms that were sent home. It is a DEC requirement that each student placed in a support class has his/her placement reviewed annually. It is important for us to receive feedback from parents/carers to ensure that we are all working towards the same goals. There is no need for you to attend a student review interview, unless there is a particular matter you would like to raise; simply filling out and returning the form is usually sufficient.
Randwick City Council is planning to build a new inclusive playground at Chifley Sports Reserve in the southern suburbs of Randwick City. We are looking for parents who would like to be part of a working group to help develop the design and choose equipment for this new playground. **Randwick Council wants the new playground to cater for children of all abilities.**

For the working group we are specially looking for:
  · Parents living in Matraville or La Perouse and surrounding suburbs
  · And parents living in Randwick City who have a child with special needs.

The working group will have local parents, parents of children with special needs, disability support specialists and Council staff who are playground designers. It is anticipated that the working group will meet three to four times between October and December 2014.

Details of the project and how to nominate to be part of the working group go to: [http://yoursayrandwick.com.au/chifleyplayground](http://yoursayrandwick.com.au/chifleyplayground)

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**TRANSITION FOR CARERS FORUM**

Transition is the period when a child moves from adolescence to adulthood. It is a complicated process for children with chronic health conditions, but is far more complex for those who have additional issues such as an intellectual disability, cognitive impairment, autism or brain injury.

As a part of our Carers Week activities, The Carer Support Program at the Children’s Hospital at Westmead invites parents and carers to attend the Transition for Carers forum and expo.

**REGISTRATION IS FREE. Morning Tea and lunch provided.**

**WHO:** This forum is for parents & carers of young people aged 14 – 18 years who have a chronic health condition & who, because of a disability, will have difficulty managing their own care as adults.

**WHEN:** 15th October 2014, 9.15am - 2.30pm

**WHERE:** Lorimer Dods, Education Centre
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
Cnr Hawkesbury Rd and Hainsworth St, Westmead.

Topics include:
  · Navigating the adult Health system
  · Consent and decision making
  · Employment and post-school programs
  · Panel discussion with carers who have transitioned
  · Expo of services and organisations providing support after transitioning

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**

To register call 9845 3590.

Email [SCHN-CarerSupport@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SCHN-CarerSupport@health.nsw.gov.au)

Registrations close on 10/10/2014. Places are limited.

**NOTE:** Professionals in this field may register, but will only be offered a place if all available places have not been filled by parents and carers at close of Registration. Registration is on first come basis.

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**Dates for the Diary:**

- **Thursday 28th August**
  - Book Week Parade, 12 noon

- **Thursday 4th September**
  - Student Review parent interviews

- **Wednesday 10th September**
  - Wairoa School Leavers Expo (details will be sent home separately)

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Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal ☺