Food, glorious food!
This week our staff took part in the Red Cross charity Bake-Off and they were well supported by the students and parents who sent in gold coin donations. We raised a respectable total of $122 and had a lot of fun eating the end products! Julie Thomas and I were the judges and I can honestly say we were very impressed with the caliber of our chefs – all those reality cooking shows must be developing peoples’ skills and interest. We had two categories – sweet and savoury: with Todd, Inas and the Leavers class winning the sweet and Eleanor, Fran and P3 winning the savoury. Todd’s class produced a stunning lemon tart with buttery short pastry and a delectable lemon curd filling. Eleanor’s class produced a caramelized onion and feta tart – very Master Chef! It was very interesting to see just how competitive the staff were – obviously a bit of healthy competition can bring about some great results. Well done to everyone for participating so whole heartedly for a great cause.

Bereavement notice:
This Wednesday the Symonds family wished a very fond farewell to Bill Symonds, who passed away aged 93. Bill and his wife Joan were the driving force behind the establishment of the Friends of Wairoa. Bill will be sadly missed by the Bondi and Wairoa community but will be well remembered as a generous and community minded man. Our thoughts are with his daughter Christine, her husband Stuart and Bill’s grandson and former Wairoa student Craig.
Wairoa Harbour Bridge Fun Run 2015 – Fund Raiser:

Dr Anthony Seymour, one of our wonderful parents, has run with friends to raise money for Wairoa School over the last 7 years. In previous years Anthony has run the Harbour Bridge Run (9km), the Bay Run (7km) and this year will be running in the Harbour Bridge 9km Fun Run on Sunday September 20\textsuperscript{th}. Please support Anthony and his nurse Roni in this year’s run. Donations can be made by logging on to the website www.give.everydayhero.com/au/dr-anthony-seymour.

Parent Coffee and Chat:

This term our parent information session will be about the use of visuals – at home and at school. Visuals can be a useful communication tool to assist children to make choices and to understand routines and rules. This session will look at the various uses of visuals, great free sites to download visuals and how to effectively utilize visuals at home. It will be on Wednesday September 9\textsuperscript{th} from 10 – 11am and then parents are welcome to join us afterwards at the Coffee Shop.

Bogan Bingo!

Let’s bring this home with a BANG!

BUY YOUR TICKETS – please get online and purchase your tickets at www.trybooking.com/142591.

We have had some wonderful prizes donated for our raffle, silent auction and major auction and I would like to thank all the generous parents who have donated bottles for our mystery bottle stall and have already started purchasing raffle tickets.

Bogan Bingo will be held at the same venue as our usual Trivia Night and the lovely management at the Randwick Labor Club are happy for people to bring their own snacks for the table and of course drinks will be at club prices.

If you are intending to come as a large group, please let us know at the school so that we can put a table card on a table for you. Tickets are purchased online and there are no allocated seats. Tables seat 10, so you can either ask us to put a table aside for a large group or simply purchase single tickets and join others at a mixed table. Either way it is sure to be a fun night. 😊 TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR.

I’m looking forward to a night of Bogan fun and fundraising – see you there 😊

National health and PE Day

Next week we will be celebrating National health and PE Day with some great activities for all and some healthy food. Tuesday will commence with an 8:30am circuit class for staff which will be run by our very own Iron Man, Todd. During the day there will be opportunities for the students to get active, with each class tallying how many times students can bounce on the trampoline, swing on the Liberty swing or catch and pass a ball. In the afternoon there will be a selection of fresh fruits for the students to sample. It all sounds like a lot of fun and thank you to Eleanor and Todd for working on this together.
**Post School Options Expo:**

Our upcoming Post School Expo will be held here at Wairoa in the school hall on Thursday September 17th from 10 – 11am. There will be four providers who will speak on the day about their programs and what they offer, so come with lots of questions. Sue Tomasetti, our transition specialist, will also be available to answer questions. It is a great opportunity to come and see what is available, chat to other parents and start gathering information.

**Hello Cocky!!**

This week Carolyn brought in a very special old bird to visit with the students. Cocky-Girl is a sprightly 60 years old and she was certainly a great hit with Callum and Mikaela who enjoyed a cuddle. 😊

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**Dates for the Diary:**

- **Saturday September 5th**: Bogan Bingo!!! (Randwick Labor Club)
- **Wednesday September 9th**: Parent Coffee & Chat – visuals/proloquo2go
- **Thursday September 17th**: Post School Expo

Sara Swift 😊