Ollie Smith plays 72 holes of golf and raises $53,000 for charity!

Ollie organised this event to raise funds for the Cure My Brain Foundation and for The Lord’s Taverners NSW, of which he is a member. The Lord’s Taverners Club NSW raises money for disadvantaged children and this year Ollie and the club decided to offer their support to Wairoa School!

Ollie has raised approximately $53,000 for the two causes and so it looks as though Wairoa will be in for a very welcome, large donation very soon!!

We owe Ollie and the Lord’s Taverners NSW a huge debt of gratitude – all the more heartfelt when you read some of the highlights of Ollie’s mammoth marathon:

- Ollie walked about 42km and hit 320 shots in the 12-hour event
- He shot two eagles and nine birdies and recorded scores of 84, 82, 80 and 76 over four rounds
- Former rugby league star Braith Anasta caddied for Ollie in his fourth round

**Well done, Mr. Smith 😊**

**Rose Bay Work experience students:**

Last week we were delighted to host two work experience students from the support class at Rose Bay Secondary College. The girls worked very diligently in our staff library and were able to sort, stack and shred a huge backlog of paperwork for us. We certainly enjoyed having the girls with us and hope they learned some valuable workplace skills.
**Gymnasium equipment:**

Look at our fabulous new gym equipment! Last week we received an order of wonderful new equipment including: a jungle gym, a mirror den and a musical trampoline! Many thanks to the Westfield Eastgardens Team for their efforts last year. Our students are already enjoying the benefits of safe, fun gross motor skills development and sensory interaction with their environment.

![Jungle gym](image1.jpg)

![Mirror den](image2.jpg)

**Multi-Sensory Room upgrade:**

This year we have spent a great deal of time and energy into restoring and replenishing our multi-sensory room, after it had spent some time out of action due to our building works over the last couple of years. Thanks to the Friends of Wairoa group, we have been able to employ the services of the wonderful Kaya, an Occupational Therapist from ActiveOT4Kids in Bondi Junction, who has organised repairs of equipment, ordered new equipment, presented to staff on a professional learning day and is now in the process of training staff in the use of equipment and providing each of our classes with a suggested list of activities suitable for class use on a weekly basis. Students and teachers have seen just how beneficial a tailored approach to the use of such a facility can be. We hope to maintain a working relationship with ActiveOT4Kids, as Kaya is proving to be an amazing resource and font of knowledge, enthusiasm and motivation. Kaya will be our special guest speaker at this term’s Parent Coffee and Chat scheduled for week 7, Wednesday March 11th.

![Multi-sensory room](image3.jpg)

![Activity](image4.jpg)
Dates for the Diary:

Thursday February 19th  
Variety/Kimberly Clark Renovation Rescue

Wednesday March 4th  
Friends of Wairoa Meeting – 7pm

Wednesday March 11th  
Parent Coffee and Chat – 10am

We will also have Swim School, an inter-school swimming carnival, Harmony Day and an Easter Hat Parade – dates, times and details of which will be advised subsequently.

Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal 😊