Harmony Day 2015:

Our first curriculum day for 2015 was a wonderful day filled with fun learning activities, amazing foods and great people! A huge thank you to: my fabulous staff who went above and beyond with organisation, preparation and enthusiasm; to the group of Yr 10 Rose Bay Secondary students who came down to lend a hand at very short notice; to Ali’s father and sister who came and cooked us all a Turkish lunch of kaftas, rice and salad (very yummy!) and last but by no means least, to our parents and friends who joined us to celebrate learning, tolerance and the variety of life 😊
Comedy For A Cause:

Wairoa School proudly presents an event to put the fun back in fundraiser!!

Come and join us to see some of the best comedians from the Melbourne and Sydney International Comedy Festival. The Coogee Bowling Club has kindly donated the venue – thanks Gill and David – set aside Friday April 17th, tickets are $35 and it’s first in best dressed (go to www.trybooking.com.hcvn).

Spread the word! Invite family, friends and neighbours! Remember – laughter is the best medicine 😊
Friends of Wairoa meeting:

Our first ‘Friends’ meeting for the year was a fabulous evening and it was lovely to see lots of new faces. We came up with some great fundraising ideas for the year ahead. If you would like to help out with preparation for our Comedy night, please give me a call at the school. A few of the parents are going to start canvassing for donations of raffle prizes and we could always do with some help. Alternatively, if any parents or community members would like to donate gifts for the raffle on Comedy night, please call the school – we really value your help and thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Friends of Wairoa group does a wonderful job raising much needed funds for our school each year – so far this year, funds raised have gone towards refurbishing our multi-sensory room and providing staff and parent training.

Parent Coffee and Chat:

On Wednesday March 11th we will hold our first Parent Coffee and Chat morning for this year. Our guest speaker will be Kaya Lyons, a Pediatric Occupational Therapist who has been working with our staff and school community to bring our multi-sensory room back to its former glory. Kaya has presented some staff professional learning for us which was very informative and has increased our understanding and knowledge of sensory processing difficulties and how we can help our students address these issues so as to improve their capacity to learn and engage with school more positively. Many of our students experience sensory processing difficulties and Rachel has a wealth of knowledge about how to assess what these needs are and how to work with our students so that they can achieve to their full potential.

A reminder:

A gentle reminder – the season of coughs and colds seems to have started early this year. 😞 We have already had a number of students unwell with streaming noses, temperatures and coughs. As you can imagine, viruses and infections can spread like wildfire in a school environment so please be aware that if your child is unwell, school is not the best place for them to be. Thank you to those parents and families who are remembering to let us know if your child is absent due to sickness.

The Big Clean-Up:

It’s quite outstanding what can be achieved when you put one man, lots of energy and approximately 50 years’ worth of unused/broken equipment/furniture/rubbish together for one day!

Thanks Martin 😊
Cooking with S3:
It's easy to see that cooking is one of the girls’ favourite sessions – they’re very proud of their own pizza creations!

Dates for the Diary:

Monday March 9th
Wednesday March 11th
Weeks 7 & 8
Wednesday March 25th

Thursday April 2nd
Thursday April 2nd
Monday April 20th
Tuesday April 21st

Vaccination clinic
Parent Coffee and Chat – 10am
DEC Swim School at Wairoa
Swimming Carnival, Cabarita Pool (separate note to be sent home)
Easter Hat Parade 12 noon – parents welcome
Last day of school for Term 1
School resumes for staff
School resumes for students

Regards,
Sara Swift, Principal 😊