**Leavers News:**

It is amazing to watch the growth in confidence and the development of social skills and awareness in our Leavers group as the year progresses. Each week, community access is an integral part of their program, with Todd organizing community walks, excursions, shopping and the use of public transport just to name a few of the activities. Not only is this preparing our senior students for life as active and involved community members, the excursions are usually a great deal of fun. 😊

What better way to spend a Thursday morning than down at the beach enjoying a picnic lunch with your friends?

Another of the wonderful weekly activities undertaken by the Leavers class is the preparation for and organisation of the school Coffee Shop. Steph has found a novel way to avoid crying over onions!!

**Information Session on the NDIS**

Hear about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and what it will mean for you. Talk about planning & things to consider for your life. See what some are already doing. Woollahra Workshop, Saturday 13 June, 11 am to 3 pm at 334 Edgecliff Rd Woollahra. **Registration is Essential.** To register call 9302 3600 or email info@holdsworth.org.au

This is for people with disabilities, mental illness and their families. Lunch is provided.
Parent Coffee and Chat:

This Wednesday we had our Parent Coffee and Chat morning for Term 2. Fran and Nadia from Ability Links introduced their service and explained how they could help link people with disabilities into their local community services, activities and sports. Although not many parents were able to attend the session, we had very positive feedback from those who were here. I have attached the Ability Links brochure and contact details for further follow up.

Give Ability Day:
Each year Westfield Eastgardens supports our school very generously, running Give Ability Days at the centre, as well as donating goods to us and providing us with our very own Westfield Santa each year to make those Santa photos extra special.

This year I am asking for your help to support Give Ability Day at Eastgardens and make it the most successful day ever!

Give Ability Day will be held this year on July 4th, which is the middle Saturday during the upcoming school holidays. We need parent helpers to volunteer an hour or two of their time to ensure the activities on the day run smoothly. Last year we had Lego land, decorating finger buns, a basketball shoot-out and a sausage sizzle. This year I’m sure there will be many exciting activities in store yet again and it is vital that we support Eastgardens with our help and (wo)manpower.

So please, save the date and contact the school to let me know if you are available to volunteer your time on the day.

Last year, the funds donated from Westfield Eastgardens enabled us to refurbish our school gymnasium. We purchased all new equipment so that every class can now attend the gym weekly to work on important gross motor skill development and have a great deal of fun!

Friends of Wairoa

We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday June 10th at 7pm to discuss our term 3 fundraiser – Bogan Bingo!! Come along and join the discussion/planning session. We need your help! Can’t give away too much but this looks like a lot of fun – you can never have too much leopard print in your life 😊
Disability Services Australia

DSA will be hosting a series of FREE interactive workshops, open days and pamper sessions over the coming months.

The information and pamper sessions will be held in various locations throughout Sydney.

About the Sessions

NDIS - What's It All About Workshop: This session will explain the NDIS and explore what this means for you.

NDIS - Getting Ready: Pre-Planning Workshop: Knowing what you want, your goals and what is important to you before meeting with an NDIS planner is very important. This workshop will assist you to prepare for your NDIS planning conversation.

Communication and Behaviour Workshop: Practical strategies to enhance communication skills. A workshop with an experiences practitioner from DSA's Specialist Intervention Service.

Carer Pamper Session: Enjoy a range of complimentary pamper sessions. Let us pamper you.

Open Days: Visit our centres and take a guided tour of the facilities and meet other people. After the tour, take part in the NDIS workshop.

Confirming your attendance

To assist with catering, please confirm your attendance 5 days prior to your preferred session.

Contact the DSA Community Connections Team on 1300 372 121 or email communityconnections@dsa.org.au

*If you would like to receive a mobile text message reminder of upcoming sessions, please provide your mobile number when contacting the Community Connections Team.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday June 10th    Friends of Wairoa meeting – term 3 fundraiser
Thursday June 18th     Curriculum Day - PDHPE

Sara Swift 😊