Welcome back

Staff, students and families have all settled back into the school routine quickly and happily, despite the freezing cold weather! I hope you were all able to spend some down time with family and friends enjoying the delights of wintertime in Sydney – I don’t think I’ve ever seen so many pop-up ice-skating rinks before!

This term we welcome James, a new student in P2, and his family to Wairoa. James is just 5yo and has taken to school like a duck to water. He is very happy in his new class and loves joining in with singing and dancing.

Term 3 promises to be another action-packed few months, full of exciting learning opportunities for parents, staff and students. Coming up we have: swim school; Oddysea (an interactive drama workshop run by the Opera House); Bogan Bingo – our major fundraiser for the year; our Book Week parade; a parent coffee and chat session on the use of visuals and proloquo2go; and our annual student review meetings.

Give Ability Day:

Thank you to the wonderful parents and staff who generously volunteered their time during the holidays in support of Westfield Eastgardens charity day. Each year Eastgardens celebrate Give Ability Day, on which they organise fun, centre-based activities for children and their families. This year there was a special movie screening of Minions, an ice your own finger bun stall, a BBQ and plenty more fun. I was very excited to learn that the money raised for Wairoa on the day was matched by Westfield and all together we earned a whopping $21,000!!!

We really value the community partnership we have with Westfield and thank the Eastgarden’s team for their ongoing enthusiastic support of Wairoa School.
Bogan Bingo!!

OK folks, it’s time to get excited. Only 7 weeks to go until our major fundraiser for the year. As you can imagine, there is a great deal to be done before that time and there are many ways you can help out and support the event.

First – **BUY YOUR TICKETS**

Second – **offer to help our organising team** – please phone the school if you would like to help out with: canvassing for donations; decorating the venue; distributing advertising flyers

Third – **send in your bottles!** This year we are having a Mystery Bottle stand. Tickets will be $5 per bottle and you could win a beautiful bottle of Moet, or a fancy balsamic vinegar, or even a nice shampoo! We are asking every family to send in a bottle for our **mystery bottle stall** – the more bottles we receive the more money we make. The fun of this is the anticipation of what’s in the bottle bag!

So, what is Bogan Bingo?

It has been described as half game show/half party. Two games of Bingo interspersed with songs from the 80’s, comedy, tributes and spontaneous air guitar competitions! Fantastic prizes to be won – Bogan Queen and Bogan King for best dressed Bogan on the night, air guitar champion and more. This promises to be a fun-filled interactive night and a fabulous way to raise funds for the school.

Tickets are $30 and can be purchased through trybooking at [www.trybooking.com/142591](http://www.trybooking.com/142591). Remember – the Comedy Night was a sell-out and it was unfortunate that some missed out, so start thinking about your costume and jump online to grab those tickets. For some dress-up inspiration – have a look at the Bogan Bingo website!
Stepping Stones Triple P
Stepping Stones Triple P recognises that parents raising a child with a disability face exceptional challenges. So, Stepping Stones offers specially-tailored positive parenting help to suit different families’ needs. I have attached an explanatory brochure with contact details to this newsletter and there are more brochures available at school.

Dates for the Diary:

M 27/7-F7/8 Swim School (2 weeks at Wairoa)
Wednesday August 5th Friends of Wairoa meeting (TBC) 7pm
Wednesday August 12th Oddysea – filming at Wairoa
Wednesday August 19th Oddysea – Secondary group to Opera House
Thursday August 20th Oddysea – Primary group to Opera House
Thursday August 27th Book Week Parade
Wednesday September 2nd Parent Coffee & Chat – visuals/proloquo2go (TBC)
Week 8 Parent meetings/Student review meetings (TBC)
Saturday September 5th Bogan Bingo!!! (Randwick Labor Club)

Please note: Some dates are still to be confirmed and I will send more info.

Sara Swift 😊