**Oddysea:** This week’s highlight was definitely the Oddysea workshops. The Sensorium theatre, which runs in collaboration with the Sydney Opera House, attended Wairoa to run four interactive theatre workshops throughout the day. These workshops were a preliminary preparation for next week’s live performances at the Opera House. The workshops allowed the performers to get to know and understand the individual needs of our students so that they are able to tailor the performances to maximise student enjoyment and participation. And what a success they were!!

We were delighted to host a cast of many – staff from the Opera House, a film crew, the theatre group, journalists and parents. I was incredibly proud of Wairoa School – the students, staff and parents were enthusiastic and involved, ensuring that the theatre experience was accessible and enjoyable for all who attended. I received some very positive feedback from the performers and producers, who were impressed with our preparation and participation.

The Sensorium Theatre aim to deliver a sensory theatre show that students will connect with, learn from and most of all enjoy – and they certainly achieved that on Wednesday! We look forward to next week’s live performances at the Opera House 😊 A day such as this takes enormous preparation and organisation and I extend thanks to my amazing staff for their flexibility and commitment and also to Penelope Earp, who liaised and coordinated with the theatre group and parents to ensure Wairoa was able to experience this opportunity.
**Education Week:**

Each year Education Week provides the opportunity for schools to celebrate and share student achievements. This year Wairoa students were able to display some of their artworks at Westfield Eastgardens – and what a fabulous display they made! Each class designed and produced a canvas based on the theme “Bondi Beach”.

**Wairoa Harbour Bridge Fun Run 2015 – Fund Raise:**

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 20th. 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.

Many thanks to the friends and family members who participated in this year’s City 2 Surf, raising awareness and donations for Wairoa School. We really appreciate your support 😊

**New shade structure:** Last week we were very happy to have our new shade structure installed in the secondary playground, providing sun protection over the fixed play equipment. As you can imagine, covering an area of this size was quite an expensive enterprise and we thank the fundraising efforts of Westfield Eastgardens and UPS for their contributions which made this possible. The students will now be able to access this great outdoor area safely and comfortably throughout the summer months.

Stephen, Trent and Trevor (UPS) and Maria (Ella’s mum) presenting me with a cheque for US$5000!
Date: Thursday 27 August 2015
Time: 11:00am—4:00pm

- Do you have a son, daughter or do you care for a student in years 9—12 with a disability?
- Have you given thought to what will happen after leaving school?

School leavers and their families have the opportunity to visit a variety of Service Providers and discuss the options and help available to you post school. All students are encouraged to attend with their school, parents or caregivers.

South Sydney The Juniors Leagues Club
Level 4 Games Room
558A Anzac Parade Kingsford
(Parking available at Club and across the road)

SERVICES EXHIBITING AT THIS POST SCHOOL EXPO INCLUDE:
- Disability Employment Services (Open and Supported Employment)
- Transition to Work (TTW) and Community Participation (CP) Service Providers
- TAFE NSW
- NDCO (National Disability Coordinating Officer)
- Department Human Services—Centrelink
- Department Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC)

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT:
Department of Education, Support Teacher Transition:
Sue Tomasetti: (02) 9300 9579    Susan Lake: (02) 9810 0471 (Ext: 144)

Catholic Education, Transition Officer:
Colin Zuman: (0408) 371 990
Bogan Bingo!

Only 3 weeks to go until our major fundraiser for the year. DON’T PANIC - KEEP CALM AND 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! We need at least 100 bottles!! Thank you to those parents who have started sending in bottles – keep them coming everyone!!!

BUY YOUR TICKETS – please get online and purchase your tickets at www.trybooking.com/142591. Only 26 tickets sold so far!!!

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.

STOP PRESS!!

Tickets available for the General Public performance of Oddysea on Saturday 22 August at 10am, 12pm & 2:30pm.

The performance is 75min long (including Q&A) will be in our Utzon Room, and is recommended for children 5 - 8 years of age. The audience size limited to 14 children each session to ensure all the children’s needs are catered for. Cost is one child and one free carer $35. Bookings and enquiries 02 92507755.
**Dates for the Diary:**

**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

**Monday 31st August**  Parent meetings/Student review meetings

**Saturday September 5th**  Bogan Bingo!!!! (Randwick Labor Club)

**Please note:** A letter will be sent home inviting you to make an appointment if you would like to attend your student review meeting. All meetings will be held on Monday 31st August.

Sara Swift 😊