FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

Last Saturday night approx. 130 school community members and friends enjoyed our annual Quiz Night held at Yultiwirra. I have had overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants who attended the night. There were lots of games, (including some new ones!) great prizes and loads of laughs and fun! Thanks for the terrific support on the night to all of those who attended. In particular, thank you to Georgia Richmond (Fundraising Chair) and the Fundraising Committee for all of their preparatory work gathering prizes, organising the event and setting and packing up.

The cake auction was yet again a feature of the night and we thank those who baked and donated some delicious cakes: Vanessa Baryczka, Ellie Ross, Alison Teague, Liz’s Luscious Cakes and The Little Secret Garden. Once again we had a Silent Auction which raised a significant amount of money and there were some amazing prizes!

A new initiative this year was the food that was exclusively prepared for us by renowned restaurateur (& school parent) Che Zahra from Miss Perez and Jimmies Pizza fame. Approximately 80 people enjoyed the delicious meals and it certainly added a wonderful social and community feel to the evening, being able to eat together before we got stuck into the questions, games and fun! A huge thank you to Che and his team.

Thanks to my brother, Greg France who wrote the questions this year and was a judge on the night. Also thanks to Ruth Nisbet & Jodie Searle who worked alongside myself as a judge on the night.

We also appreciated the support of our sponsors and all of the families who donated wine for the ‘Wine Lucky Dip’! Thank you to everyone who donated or sourced prizes for the night.

This year we raised $5,400! which is the most amazing amount and the most money we have ever raised for a Quiz Night! This wonderful fundraising effort will go towards our fundraising goals for 2016.

A huge thank you to parent Pete Monaghan who for the second year running was brilliant, witty and totally entertaining in the role of Quiz Master. He certainly added to the fun and triviality of the night!

Cathy France –

A HUGE THANK YOU
TO OUR QUIZ NIGHT SPONSORS

Bicycle Express  Clibo
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German Arms  Derma Zen
Bridgewater Mill  Sazon
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Ross Family  Mikyla Gilbert
Zahra Family  Jimmies
The Little Secret Garden
Vanessa Baryczka  Liz’s Luscious cakes
Mt Barker-Hahndorf Golf Club
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Locovore  Maximillians
Bunnings  Fasta Pasta
Caffe Primo  Grays Inn
Beerenberg  Pete Monaghan
Hagar family  Baryczka family
Miss Perez  Matilda’s Bookshop
Ellie Ross  Three Birds

EXCLUSIVE USE OF ONE CAR PARK

Congratulations to Sharon Griffiths who bid and won the Silent Auction prize of EXCLUSIVE USE of ONE Car Parking Space in the school car park for ONE term. Sharon will receive her prize for all of term 3 & we will make it clear which park is exclusively her car parking space! She has paid good money for this privilege! Congratulations!
School News

BOARD COMMUNIQUE
The Board welcomed Ivan Cavuto who was elected at the AGM. As part of the strategic planning process, a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) of the Board was conducted.
As part of the ongoing Board education program: Paul Daly talked about the role and responsibilities of the Board.
Sheena Jackson talked about the legal liabilities and obligations of the Board.
The Committee membership of the Board members was confirmed.

Paul Daly – Board President

THREE WAY COLLABORATIVE INTERVIEWS
As part of the reporting procedures, three-way parent / teacher / child conferences are being offered this week at Yultiwirra & Week 2 in Term 3 at Wairoa. The Collaborative Interviews are an opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and areas for further learning. Documentation from the three-way conference forms our Term 2 report and will be sent home on the last day of this term.

VACATION CARE – YULTIWIRRA
The Vacation Care Program will operate each day during the coming holidays from 7.30am to 6pm. The program will also operate on Monday 25th July (the pupil free day in week 1 of Term 3). The program and booking form was sent home this week. Vacation Care booking forms need to be returned to the office or directly to Sammi by Monday 4th July. We are currently trying to finalise staffing and confirm excursion arrangements.

TERM 3 SAUSAGE SIZZLE - YULTIWIRRA
A Sausage Sizzle note will be sent home this week in preparation for our Term 3 Sausage Sizzle in the 1st week (Friday 29th July). Orders must be in by the last day of this term. Class Parent Reps are organising & hosting this special lunch for the students to celebrate the beginning of Term 3!

COMMUNITY LOTTERY– WHOLE SCHOOL
Thank you to the families who’ve already returned their book.

IMPORTANT: Each family has been allocated a book and are now responsible for it! Legally every book must be accounted for so please do not lose your book.

Take the opportunity to sell your book during the holidays. Ask friends, family and work colleagues to buy a ticket to be in the running for one of 150 great prizes and to support the school - all for just $2 ticket!

If you do not want to sell a book please return it to the office immediately, so someone else has a chance to sell it. There are more books to sell if you are able to sell more.

SHARING ASSEMBLY
We wish to invite all parents/caregivers to our “sharing assembly” in the last week of this term held at Yultiwirra campus, where students have the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school. Please make a note of the date and place it in your diary:
Thursday 7th July 9.30am – Cycle 3 & 4 sharing work

STRATEGIC PLAN – FOCUS GROUP EVENING
As reported in the last Newsletter, in the last week of this term we are holding a Focus Group evening for parents across the school. Randomly selected parents from each cycle across the school have been sent letters asking them to be a part of the Focus Group Evening on Tuesday 5th July. This evening is being held to elicit ideas and input from the parent body which will play an instrumental part in the future direction of the school. If you have been sent a letter asking you to be a part of the focus group evening please return your RSVP immediately. If you are not able to attend we would like to be able to invite another parent to take part in the evening. We will use the information gathered from students, staff, committees and parent focus groups to design a questionnaire for all parents so everyone can “have their say” in providing direction for the school and determining future priorities. We aim to invite the whole school community to complete a web based questionnaire in Term 3.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING
As part of our funding agreement with the Australian Government, we are required to ensure that specific “School Performance Information” is made publicly available to the school community. This information is provided to the school community in various forms such as newsletters, school directory and the Annual Report throughout each year. A collated version of this information under the headings specified by the Australian Government is now accessible on our school website for perusal by parents and the general public. The information relates to the 2015 school year. You may note that some of the information may be slightly different to the information provided on the government’s My School website due to the month of the year the data was captured or the inclusion/exclusion of preschool/infant program students.

PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP – WHOLE SCHOOL

BIG FEELINGS
Each of us has moments in which we experience BIG feelings. These feelings are both wonderful and happy, and at other times hurtful or frightening. These BIG feelings are challenging for our children… and they can be challenging for us as parents when our children have them! Children are still developing physically, psychologically and neurologically, and are inexperienced learners when it comes to feelings. Their ability to regulate themselves is still far from fully developed, meaning at times children need parents to help them do this.

What is happening for my child when they experience BIG feelings?
How do I regulate my own feelings during these times?
What strategies are working for other parents?
Where can I access additional resources?

All parents are invited to come along to a parent discussion group with Laura Rae (Student Wellbeing Worker) on Thursday 30th June at 9.15am to explore some of these common questions and discuss strategies and approaches.

Please let the office know if you will be attending.

YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS
Year 6 students who are moving through to the Adolescent Program at Wairoa in 2017 need to complete their Middle School applications. Both parents and students need to complete a submission form. Please hand these in at the office no later than Friday 8th July (last day of this term).
**Cycle 1 Preschool**

**News from Child Care...**
The childcare program, available to all preschool families, has had a focus on friendship this term and we have made our friendship flower. We have enjoyed reading stories about friendship and have nurtured our relationships whilst working with some exciting art & craft activities. We have also enjoyed our focus on mindfulness and meditation, encouraging the children to rest their bodies as well as their brains.

**Cycle 1 Primary**
The Rudolph project aims to develop entrepreneurial skills in children in preparation for future opportunities once they are adults. As part of this project the Correa classroom children are learning about the De Bono six thinking hats to encourage them to think divergently about a similar topic. They have all been introduced to the meaning of each of the hats, and are now studying each hat in detail. So far we have learnt about the black (bad points) and the yellow hat (good points). The children have made the coloured caps which they wear for each lesson. On Fridays, we write a topic on the whiteboard for the children to wear their thinking hat and write creative responses for the topic. Some of the stories the children have written using their yellow hat are:“If bicycles were only allowed on our streets people would not get run over”. Elienne

“If bicycles were only on our streets the air will be fresher”. Harvey

“If we lived when dinosaurs were living you could have a dinosaur as a pet”. Seth

“If we lived when dinosaurs were living we could see them in the zoo”. Annabelle

**Cycle 2**
The Pulse Journey continues!

Our class has greatly enjoyed learning about pulses and legumes. We have planted a “green manure” in one of our class garden beds as well as some broad beans. Turning a visual report into a written information report about the different varieties of legumes has also been an important learning experience. We have performed a play about the process of pulses taking nitrogen from the atmosphere into the soil. But our favourite task has been cooking! Rebecca, Jonah, Billy and Abigail assisted by Lyn produced a nutty Chickpea Chocolate Cake - voted by the class as the most delicious pulse food. Scarlett and Mary aided by Lyn made Lentil and Almond biscuits - a bit sweet, not everyone’s favourite. We have also made hummus as well as red lentil and vegetable soup. In the future we plan to make lentil pies and chickpeas and apple cake. We suggest you search the internet for other interesting recipes!

**Cycle 4 & Senior Students**

Older students have been engaged in an excursion to University Senior College as part of their chemistry studies. Using a range of apparatus, students conducted a variety of experiments to apply their theoretical learning in a practical context.

Cabaret preparations are in full swing at Wairoa this week. Sets are being designed and constructed, lines memorised and catering arrangements being made. Students are expecting a capacity crowd for Wednesday and Thursday night performances, where a variety of acts spanning song, original poetry, drumming, comedy acts, film, dance and plays will be enthusiastically performed.

Next week sees the Wairoa elections take place. Once assigned political parties, student teams have been developing campaigns and policies to benefit the community. Polls open on Monday.

**Infant Program**

Daniella is loving doing puzzles and has been spending lots of time doing all the puzzles on offer in IP this term.

Chloe is concentrating on adding the finishing touches to the pink tower.

Rehearsals began a couple of weeks ago and it’s been great to see the commitment, energy, enthusiasm and ideas that the students are bringing to these sessions.

We sincerely thank the parents who have volunteered their time on Friday afternoons to help out. You are greatly appreciated.

**Cycle 3**

Cycle three has begun the exciting task of putting together the Term three play, “Kids in Space”.

The kids did a great job of their auditions and acting roles have been allocated. But there’s more to putting on a successful production than just the acting! Students have also been allocated jobs in costume design, set design, lighting, music and sound, choreography, back stage and props.

We have performed a play called “If we lived when the dinosaurs were living you could have a dinosaur as a pet”. Seth

“If we lived when the dinosaurs were living we could see them in the zoo”. Annabelle

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**School Dates & Info**

**TERM 2 DIARY DATES (for the coming fortnight)**

**Wednesday June 29 & Thursday June 30**
Coffeehouse Cabaret - Wairoa

**Thursday June 30**
Parent Discussion Group "Big Feelings" 9.15am
Facilitated by Laura Rae (Student Well Being Worker)
All Welcome!

**Tuesday July 5**
Facilities Meeting 8.00am @ Wairoa
Strategic Plan Focus Group Evening 7pm – 9pm

**Thursday July 7**
Sharing Assembly 9.30am - Cycle 3 & 4
Policy Meeting 4.30pm

**Friday July 8**
2017 Adolescent Program Application Forms due (Year 6 students)

**End of Term 2 – 2pm finish**

**Monday July 11 – Monday July 25**
Vacation Care Program: 7.30am – 2pm finish

**FUTURE KEY DATES FOR TERM 3**

**Tuesday July 26**
Term 3 Begins
Finance Meeting 6.00pm
Board Meeting 7.30pm

**Monday August 1 – Friday August 5**
Collaborative Interviews - Wairoa

**Tuesday August 2**
Facilities Meeting 8.00am - Yultiwirra
Parent Rep Meeting 2.30pm
SPTG Meeting 6.00pm

**Thursday August 4**
Marketing Task Meeting 4.00pm

**Friday August 5**
Staff/Board dinner

**Tuesday August 9**
Sharing Assembly 2.30pm - Cycle 1 & 3
Finance Meeting 6.00pm

**Wednesday August 10**
Fundraising Meeting 9.15am

**Thursday August 11**
OH&S Meeting 4.00pm

**Tuesday August 16**
Wairoa Open Day - Tours 10am & 11am
Executive Meeting 6.00pm
Board Meeting 7.00pm

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“And such is our duty toward the child; to give a ray of light and to go on our way.”

**Maria Montessori**

**TERM DATES 2016**

**TERM 2:** Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 8th July

**TERM 3:** Tuesday 26th July - Friday 30th September

**TERM 4:** Tuesday 18th October – Wednesday 14th December

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**REMINDER:**
End of Term 2 – Friday 8th July - school finishes at 2.00pm.
Term 3 commences – Tuesday, 26th July.

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**LOST PROPERTY - YULTIWIRRA**

Once again lost property has accumulated this term - it will be displayed until the end of term, currently hanging up in the courtyard. Please check! Whatever is left will be donated to refugee families.

Thank you to class parent reps for taking on this responsibility.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: – WHOLE SCHOOL**

For only $65 you’ll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers! - some with 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many restaurants, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more! (The school receives $13 for each book sold).

Books are now available to purchase from the school office or you may prefer the new Digital Membership to have with you at your fingertips on your smartphone.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS AT THE BARN – Tuesday 19th July**

Dabbles for ages 2.5-7 years from 9.45am - 10.45am. With a step by step process you and your child will explore the use of these tools making patterns with individual designs. Cost $15 per child.

**Children’s Art for ages 6-12 from 11.45-14.45pm.** Choose from a pre-drawn design on canvas carefully paint these in water colours or acrylic paint. Bring along lunch for a short break @ 12.30pm.Cost $25 per child. For more information contact 0431 187 558.

**MONTESSORI FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ART PLAY AT THE BARN IN TERM 2:** In Term 3 the Barn would like to welcome Montessori families to come to the Barn after school on Thursday to do art play. We will have many materials and activities set up and it is a social, messy play time for kids and parents who want to stay or children can be collected at the end of the session. Please pass the word around and come along for a try first week back. Thursdays from 3.45-6.15. Cost is $5 per child and can be paid on the day or $50 for the term. Parents welcome to stay or go.

For more information or to register interest contact Amy (Ruby and Sasha’s mum) 0431 187 558.

**SA JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE INC – 2016 Under 18 & 16 Championship, 2016 Under 15, 14 & 13 Championship. 2016 SA Under 12 Championship and July Junior Tournament (under 11) being held July 21st & 22nd @ The Chess Centre, 10 Ranelagh St, Adelaide. Register through www.sajuniorchess.org or contact Alan Goldsmith on 0401 672 481 before 20th July.**

**HILLS YOUTH THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH @ The Stirling Community Theatre on 24th, 25th 26th June & 1st, 2nd & 3rd July.** For further information visit hillyouththeatre.com.

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**“LIKE” US ON FACEBOOK!**

You may not know that the school now has a Facebook page! Our Facebook page is another way we can communicate with parents. 'Like' us on Facebook to keep up to date with school community news, events and activities. Type ‘The Hills Montessori School’ into your Facebook web browser and look for our school logo.

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