

# Newsletter



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last term in week 9 the Honorable Anne Rushton MP visited our school to officially open our Cycle 1 Outdoor Learning area. We held a special assembly which was ably led by two Year 6 students; Lucas Clark and Lilly Ingram. A few Cycle 1 students also spoke at the assembly letting us know what they like about their new learning area. It was pleasing to see several parents, Board members and special guests attend the assembly along with staff and students. We were also pleased that an article appeared in The Courier the week following the official opening.

We are extremely grateful for this wonderful new facility and we are extremely appreciative for the funding that we received through the Block Grant Authority and the Commonwealth Government to assist with this building work. In addition to the grant, this work was also partly funded by our parents through our school building fund and we are extremely grateful for families who have generously contributed to this fund to help make this building a reality.

I would like to thank our Facilities committee and in particular the facilities chairperson, Ivano Cavuoto for his input and sharing his expertise. Also thank you to Paul Noon, our Business Administrator who expertly managed the administrative aspect of the building work. We will enjoy and utilise this new outdoor learning facility and so too, will future generations of Montessori staff and students. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped make this new facility possible.

*Cathy France -Principal*



## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On the second to last day of Term 1 we held our annual community breakfast at Yultiwirra. It was a wonderful way to end a busy and successful term by coming together as a community. Thank you to the class parent reps, fundraising committee and staff who helped make this school event a success! Thank you to the Walker family for donating their beautiful strawberries for this event.



# School News

## BOARD COMMUNIQUE

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The 2017 Annual Report was ratified with a vote of thanks given to Nicki Stewart, Anthea Hagar and Kate Carter for their help with its preparation.

Each sub-committee chair presented their Operational Plan for the 2018 year. The capital expenditure for the 2018 year was discussed. The Life Member nominations were ratified.

*Paul Daly – Board President*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Please enter Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 6.00pm in your diary as the date of the **SCHOOL'S AGM**. The AGM will be held at Yultiwirra Campus. Following the AGM there will be wine, cheese and chatter. I encourage parents to attend the evening. The Board nomination form and information about the AGM has been sent home. Board Nominations need to be lodged at the school office by Friday 4th May. If you would like to discuss Board member obligations, see Cathy in the office.

## QUIZ NIGHT- HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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Do you have any items that might be suitable for our Silent Auction & /or our prize pool?? We would love to hear from any school parents who are able to donate anything to help make our Quiz Night successful. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year so we would appreciate any donations. Please let us know in the office.

## TERM 2 SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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A sausage sizzle will be held this Friday for Yultiwirra students. Orders needed to be submitted last term. The Class Parent Reps organise & host this special lunch for the students to celebrate the beginning of each term! We thank the parent reps for volunteering their time to assist with the lunch.

## OLD SCHOLARS EVENT

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At the end of week 5 this term we will be holding an Old Scholars event as part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. If you know an old scholar we would appreciate you letting them know about this occasion. We hope to see many old scholars return to get together and relive old memories!



## NAPLAN TESTING – WHOLE SCHOOL

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students enrolled in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in *Naplan Testing in Week 3 on Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May*.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (*spelling, grammar and punctuation*) and Numeracy.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Involvement in testing against the National Benchmarks is linked with receipt of Government funding and we are therefore, as a school, obliged to **participate**. **We view student participation as developing a “life skill”** and teachers assist students in their preparation leading up to the testing week.

In previous years we have found that the results confirm what our own testing regime and professional judgment have identified, and thus we use the reports from this National Testing as part of our overall assessment practices. Results will be posted to the school and we will notify parents when we receive the reports so the results can be interpreted **together with your child’s class teacher**.

If your child is in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 please notify the school if your child will be absent during NAPLAN week. All children in these year levels will sit the tests unless an exemption or withdrawal has been arranged prior. *If you do not wish for your child to sit the tests for philosophical or personal reasons please come and speak to Cathy ASAP*. More information is available at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

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We welcome the following students and their families to our school this term:

Cycle 1 Preschool – *Dolina McLean, Amber Solomon, Haizea Insausti Blanco, Holly Pippas, Aurora Voges-Standing, Matilda Clarke, Maggie Goodwin, Monty Sieber-Irwin*

Cycle 1 Primary – *Arthur Lean, Xavier Rudd*

*We also welcome new families to Transition and Infant Program.*

## OPEN DAY – WAIROA

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*Wairoa Open Day - Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> May Tours 10am & 11am*

If you are interested in finding out more about the Middle School and our Adolescent Program (Yrs 7-10) come along on a tour! Alternatively, if you know families from outside the school who might be interested please let them know the details. The Wairoa Open Day is for both current school families and the wider community. Phone or come into the office to book into a tour at 10am or 11am.

## FAMILY DIRECTORY

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Please note that we will no longer be publishing the Family Directory and individual family contact details due to the recent changes in Privacy legislation. The school information included in the Directory in the past, can now be accessed on the Skoolbag app.

# Vacation Care News

April vacation care started with cool mornings and warm afternoons which meant for perfect days to go out on our excursions and play outside. We started with wheels days and group sports challenges followed by a week of cooking and eating our amazing pizzas, making snow globes which were a big hit, making vinyl bowls and pulling apart old computers and printers to see how they work. We went to Bridgewater playground to play on the awesome flying fox followed by a footy game on the oval. We ran for the bus and watched Peter Rabbit at the cinema with yummy salty popcorn!

Week two was busy. We started with having Heather and her dog Patty from the RSPCA visit us. She talked with us about caring for our pets and the important work the RSPCA does. We donated boxes and bags of pet food, toys and blankets for their new shelter and raised \$35.00 to help the RSPCA continue their very important work especially leading up to winter. Thank you to the school community and those families who made donations. A big thank you to the children who donated their hard earned pocket money! Heather from the RSPCA was very moved and thankful.

We went to the movies again and saw Early Man which had us all giggling and discovered wonders on our Museum excursion. So many fascinating and intriguing things to see there! We did face painting and dress ups, cooking tasty scones with jam and cream and raced, swung, and cheered our friends on as they played Wii and Play Station games to finish off our April vacation care. We also cared for the school animals each day, checking food and water. The chickens had a great time being able to roam around the school eating bugs and fresh grass.

This vacation care we welcomed a new OSHC worker to the family, Jen Parker. Jen will work with us during the term and future vacation care. We also welcomed back our usual vacation care crew, Ebony, Kathryn, Yarran and Tim. Thank you to all of the OSHC staff who helped make this another fun vacation care for the children. Your care and support of this great program and service is greatly appreciated. All of our vacation care programs are designed by children for children and that's why they are so fun and successful.

*Sammi Rolt - OSHC Coordinator*



## ON ANOTHER NOTE FROM SAMMI...

I had a great time this vacation care. As this was my last vacation care before I go on maternity leave I would like to say thank you to the children for being my friends and making my days brighter, thank you to the OSHC staff for supporting me with my ever growing baby belly! *Sammi*



# School Dates & Info

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

Thursday May 3

Policy meeting 4.00pm

Friday May 4

Yultiwirra Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday May 8

Facilities meeting (Yultiwirra) 8.00am

Finance meeting 6.00pm

Friday May 11

Fundraising meeting 9.15am

Sunday May 13

**Mother's Day**

Tuesday May 15 – Thursday May 17

NAPLAN Testing

Tuesday May 15

Parent rep meeting @ Wairoa 1.30pm

Executive meeting 6.00pm

Board meeting 7.00pm

Thursday May 17

Education committee meeting 4.00pm

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1 & 2 2018

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Tuesday May 22

AGM held at Yultiwirra – 6.00pm

Thursday May 24

Parent Get Together – Wairoa Café 9.15am

Wednesday May 30

Sharing Assembly 11.30am

Cycle 1 & 2 & Indo sharing. All parents welcome!

Thursday May 31

Parent Education – 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Thursday June 14

Cycle 1 & 2 Music concert – 6.30pm

Monday June 18– Friday June 22

Collaborative Interviews - Yultiwirra

Monday June 18

Parent Education – Cycle 1 Transition 9.15am

Saturday June 23

Quiz Night

Monday June 25

Parent Get Together – Yultiwirra 9.15am

Tues June 26, Wed June 27, Thurs June 28

Coffeehouse Cabaret – Wairoa

Thursday July 5

Sharing Assembly 9.30am

Cycle 3 & 4 sharing. All parents welcome!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The conflict between the grown-up and the child begins when the child has reached a point where he can do things on his own.”

*Maria Montessori*

## 2018 TERM DATES

**TERM 2:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**TERM 3:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

**TERM 4:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

## PARENT GET TOGETHER – WAIROA CAFE

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Come along to the Wairoa cafe with great coffee, tea and scrumptious cakes and in a warm & inviting atmosphere on Thursday 24th May from 9 - 11am.

## THANK YOU

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Thank you to Cheryl Shigrov for the generous donations of Lego. The students who attend lunch club are extremely appreciative!

## 40<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY RECIPE BOOK

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This year we are creating a special “40th Birthday” edition of The Hills Montessori School “Family Favourites Recipe Book” and are calling upon members of the school community to write down their favourite tried-and-tested recipe(s) for publication in the book. We are seeking recipes of all kinds! Please email your recipes to [reception@montessori.sa.edu.au](mailto:reception@montessori.sa.edu.au) to ensure your contribution is included. Copies of the recipe book will be available to purchase later this year and will not only include fabulous recipes but artwork by students. We eagerly await your contributions! *Thanking you, the Fundraising Committee (please speak to Ellie or Vanessa should you require further information).*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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Maria's Kitchen (who supplies the lunch orders) is now offering on-line ordering and paying for lunch orders. Instructions on how to do this along with the Lunch Order Menu are on the SkoolBag app under Parent Information/Lunch Orders. Lunch orders are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Does your child or teen have a sleep problem? The Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic at Flinders University offers treatments for children and adolescents of all ages (including infants from 6 months of age). To book an appointment, call on 8201 7587 or email [casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au](mailto:casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au)