



WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 3 2021

*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.
Robert Louis Stevenson*

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From the Principal's Desk

Please don't bail your kids out

When I was a kid and messed up in some way, my parents tried to make sure I learned from my mistakes and didn't repeat the same unacceptable behaviour. I had to accept responsibility, apologise, put it right and hopefully show some remorse. We do much the same here at the College with our 'Own it! Fix it! Change it!' process. The 'Own it!' is simply accepting responsibility; putting our hand up, saying "My bad". 'Fix it!' is about doing what we can to put things right, and should almost always start with an apology. 'Change it!' refers to the need to be different next time.

Some people think that we shouldn't expect an apology if a learner who messed up doesn't really feel sorry. I disagree. We don't apologise because we feel like it; we apologise because it's the right thing to do. If we do the right thing the feelings might come later.

I have noticed over the decades, a big increase in the number of parents who try to protect their children from the consequences of their (the child's) misbehaviour. This is very concerning as it doesn't allow our young people to learn, to mature, and to become decent citizens. So next time your child messes up in some way, please ensure they 'Own it! Fix it! Change it!'. And please don't bail your kids out!

Extra-curricular

Please ask your child/children which extra-curricular activities they will be joining this year. Sports, cultural and performing arts activities are an important part of our broad, general, New Zealand education; and create some of our best school memories. I am delighted to hear that many learners are 'signing up'. If parents want to get involved in some supportive way, please email Gail Colliar our DP who oversees this area, GailCo@wgpcollege.school.nz and she will make sure the right person here at the College knows of your interest, and makes contact.

Easter Break

From time to time we have the Easter Break during term time. I hope you are looking forward to a special long weekend. For those for whom this is a weekend of special spiritual significance, all the best as you and your family remember the Easter story and attend associated church services.

Ka kite ano (see you again soon)
James Thomas, Principal

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[Link to NZQA Website](#)

[Link to Careers Page](#)

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ABC Lunches

ABC Lunch was established in mid 2018 by a group of Year 12 learners from Whangaparaoa College, who took part in the Young Women's Leadership programme at Massey University, Albany. Led by Heleina Vaha and 7 young girls who, after reminiscing about their primary school experiences and learning, all agreed to make some sandwiches and donate them to the local schools. They believe food is essential for all children and they wanted to ensure that it is available for learners who go to school with no lunch/food or forgot their lunch/food for various reasons. It is important that children can have access to food while at school to support their growth and learning.

Since then, ABC Lunch donates fresh sandwiches, fruit and healthy snacks free of cost to local primary schools in Whangaparaoa. ABC Lunch sponsors lunch vouchers/tokens for our learners here at College and supports Hibiscus Tuakana learners that help out at the College Breakfast Club on weekdays.

Pacific Integrated Foundation Trust is the umbrella organisation of ABC Lunch and just recently, received funds from the Ministry of Social Development and Auckland Lottery Community, to support the operations and management of ABC Lunch and other activities.

The ABC Lunch team also runs sausage sizzle fundraisers at the Silverdale Bunnings, so keep an eye out for us in the future and feel free to come and say hi! More information and updates will be available on our Facebook page [@abclunch](#).



Sport

Congratulations to our Senior Boys and Girls who represented the college in the North Island Summer Volleyball Tournament. This was the first time we had entered this tournament and it was a huge learning curve for all of the learners. Volleyball continues to go from strength to strength at the college, with more learners trying out than ever before.



North Island Volleyball

Well done to **Torbein Beauvais** and **Liam Skelton** who participated in the North Harbour Secondary Schools Athletics Champs. Torbein came 2nd in Junior Boys 200m, 9th in 100m and 7th in Shot Put. Liam came 8th in Discus and Shotput.



Year 8 Boys Tag Champions

In the Intermediate area we are the proud North Harbour **champions** at both NZTFI Tag and ARL Kiwi Tag. Beating amongst others; Murrays Bay, North Cross and Orewa. The boys will now go on to compete against the best in greater Auckland.



Intermediate Swimmers Alex, Oscar and Tiia

We have also had learners out representing the college in swimming at both Intermediate and Senior levels, and also Tennis Zone Days. We have begun the process of selecting for Sports Camp and Aims; Year 7/8's who wish to be involved, should be watching the notices for try-outs.

We are currently organising all winter sports teams and we will finish Term 1 by hosting a sports exchange versus Huanui on Thursday 15 April. A reminder that sports hoodies can only be ordered by those representing the college in an ongoing team sport. Please click this [Sports Hoodie link](#) if you wish to order a hoodie. This link closes on Thursday 15 April.

Health Education

Sexuality Education Feedback

We are currently reviewing our Health Education programmes, in particular Sexuality Education and we would appreciate as much community input as possible. Could you please take some time to complete this short survey. There is some general information included in the survey to read before answering the questions. Survey link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp3obL4zjNvfIRdb-23t3RKB7o_FkhuaLANAsn4JjuVPTBtA/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any further queries, suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact Melinda Bayes-Powell – melindaba@wgpcollege.school.nz
Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Extra-Curricular Performing Arts

After a stop-start beginning to the year, we have a wide range of activities up and running for learners to get involved with.

Many bands and choirs have started their practices. The Senior Jazz Combo performed at the Whangaparaoa School Gala and have the National Youth Jazz Competition coming up, we wish them well.

Our Year 10-13 production rehearsals have begun and looks like it will be a lot of fun and a true celebration of performing arts at Whangaparaoa College.

Planning for other up and coming events and activities is well under way, so keep an eye on the notices and future newsletters.

We look forward to seeing the learners getting involved!



Emma Williams (Cultural Arts Director)

Enviro Group



At Whangaparaoa College, we really want to be dedicated to the environment - looking after it, protecting it and preserving it. To show this, we've begun an Enviro Club at the school, meeting every second Friday lunchtime in Ms Sinclair's classroom (S2).

Even if you don't come and get involved, it's really easy to be involved at home.

Here are 4 super-simple tips you can introduce in your home to help save the planet.

1. Make sure you're sorting your rubbish into recyclable and non-recyclable. Paper including newspapers, magazines, mixed paper and cardboard, glass bottles and jars, rigid plastic products, metal containers, including tin, aluminium and steel cans are all able to be recycled.
2. Create a compost bin - food waste (no meat or dairy) can be used to create awesome compost to be used in your garden or houseplants.
3. Using sustainable ways to get to school - carpooling, bussing, walking, scootering or cycling are all easy ways to decrease carbon emissions from cars.
4. Using reusable bags for shopping. These bags are available at most supermarkets and can be used for food and retail shopping. Also please choose the reusable fruit bags, which massively cut down on plastic.

Hungerball

Hungerball aims at promoting healthy lifestyles through enjoyable physical activity. Fast-paced Hungerball soccer, hockey and other ball games are played in the specially-designed six-sided inflatable arena where players simultaneously block a goal and attack in battles of singles, doubles and triples. Our Year 8 classes were all lucky to be treated to a fun session in the portable arena last week. It was a giant inflatable version of soccer in a cage in which our learners had fun and worked up a sweat - six goals, six players, one ball...

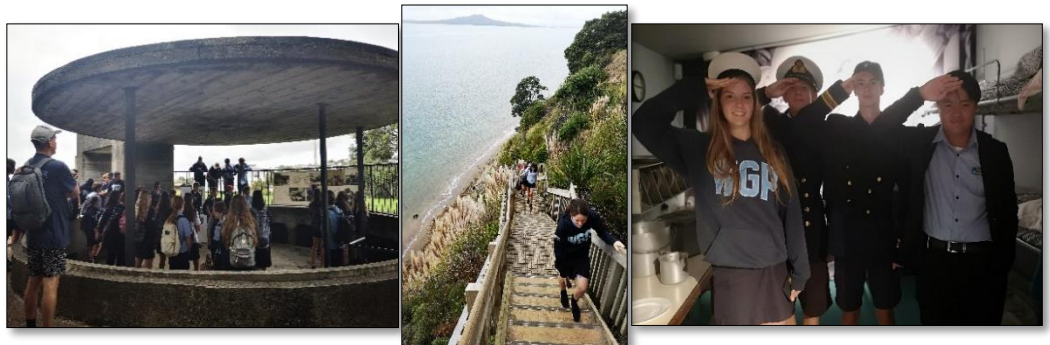


Level 1 Geography

Our Level 1 Geography learners are studying Sustainability. They spent a day at Shakespear Regional Park investigating how sustainable the park is, looking at the native forest restoration and the farmland. They looked at how the working farm is managed, the juxtaposition of farm land and native fauna and how they work together. After lunch our learners joined the park rangers replacing metal around the fenced borders of the park. Metal (or gravel) stops the ground being susceptible to invading pests digging through it at the fence line.



Level 1 History



The History learners are studying "World War 2 at Home". In a recent trip to Kennedy Park, North Head and the Navy Museum, our learners were given a tour of the defence remnants by volunteers from the Kennedy Park trust. <http://www.kennedypark.org.nz/>

They had the opportunity to scale Mount Victoria and visit the Torpedo Bay Navy Museum, <https://navymuseum.co.nz/?sfw=pass1617149466>, where they were given access to a lot of special primary resources, specifically chosen by the museum for the relevance to the learners particular assessment subject.

Level 2/3 Drama

The Haka Party Incident

On Monday 29 March we went and saw The Haka Party Incident at the ASB Waterfront Theatre. The show was brilliant and we thoroughly enjoyed it! The acting was inspiring and the clever retelling of history and racial issues was moving and striking. The Q&A afterwards was extremely helpful and we loved learning about the creative process, costuming and the journey to the stage.

Lila Opie-Brackley



Pathways Expo

On Wednesday 24 March from 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm, we held a Pathways Expo in our Auditorium Foyer and Stage area to offer learners of the college and their whanau an opportunity to meet with local pathways providers and ensure they are on the right track for their future career aspirations.

This event coincided with our yearly Meet the Teacher evening, an ideal opportunity to support a captive audience.

This is a list of the providers that attended the evening:

Ashton Warner Nanny Academy
Auto Super Shoppe
AUT
Barcats
BCITO
Crown institute
Defence Forces
ETCO
Massey University
MITO
NZSE
Otago University
ORC
Police
Unitec
UoA
Waikato University



Lumino Dental

Free Dental care for Year 9-13 Learners.

The Lumino Mobile Dental Van will be at Whangaparaoa College in the school holidays, catching up on assessments and treatment for learners.

If you would like your child to be enrolled to receive free dental care, please [click here](#) to download the enrolment form. This form will need to be completed and either sent directly to Lumino The Dentists, PO Box 106514, Auckland 1143 or drop it off at the school nurse.

To make an appointment please call 0272228521.

Lumino will be emailing enrolled families directly to make appointment times for the holiday period.

Free Hearing Tests Year 9

All parents/caregivers of Year 9 learners should have received an email about a free hearing test that is being offered at Whangaparaoa College this year. As it is part of a study, we need 50 learners to participate. This is a fabulous opportunity for Year 9 learners to have a free hearing test and education about protecting their hearing. Testing will occur at school from **Monday 30 August – Wednesday 1 September**. The testing is painless.

If you would like your child to receive a free hearing test, please complete the form included in the email and return it to nurse@wgpcollege.school.nz. Forms can also be dropped into reception or the school health clinic.

Upcoming Immunisations

Year 8 - HPV1 on 20 May 2021, HPV2 on 15 November 2021

Year 7 - Boostrix on 19 August 2021

As part of the national immunisation schedule, all Year 8 learners will be offered the opportunity to be immunised against the HPV virus at school.

Information and a consent form has been sent home with your child. Learners have been shown an information video in class.

All Year 7 learners will be offered the opportunity to receive Boostrix (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough).

Year 7 learners have also been shown a video in class and consent forms have been sent home.

Please complete the form and return it to your child's Kaiārahi.

It is important that the form is completed whether or not you give consent.

If they have already received the immunisation, or you wish to take them to your family practice for the free immunisations, please complete Part B, the Non-Consent part of the form. This helps with the administration process of the programme.

Copies of the form and information about the vaccinations can be found at www.healthed.govt.nz

Emails

You may have recently received emails from some of our staff where the email address was @wgpcollege.school.kiwi. Please note that these email addresses were only temporary and they're no longer valid. If you need to contact our staff, please make sure the email address is @wgpcollege.school.nz. Also, if you have not received communications from us, please check your spam/junk folder.

Online Safety

Whangaparaoa College recognises the increasing role that the internet is playing in our learners lives. We believe that education is the best policy when it comes to helping our learners stay safe, comfortable, mindful, and empowered in their online dealings with each other and the wider world. As such, as part of our active improvement plan, Kaiārahi will be taking their Rōpū Whānau through an Online Behaviour and Safety programme this year. The programme will cover expectations for learner online interaction and strategies to help learners navigate the digital world with confidence and assurance.

Topics will include: Sending or posting sexual images and texts; watching, viewing, and/or sharing inappropriate content; conducting safe online relationships and online bullying.

If you are concerned about your child engaging in this learning please contact Dawn Sullivan dawnsu@wgpcollege.school.nz

School Socks

After careful consideration and consultation with teachers, learners and the community, we are transitioning to plain black socks (above the ankle and below the knee) as school uniform for all learners. These can be purchased from NZ Uniforms or at any other retail outlet. Both the current blue socks and the black socks will be allowed for the rest of the year while we are transitioning.

Absentees

Whangaparaoa College has a responsibility to account for all enrolled learners on a daily basis. In a large school this is a huge task, and we would ask for learners and parents to support us in achieving this.

Please help by ensuring that:

- When your child is away, an email or phone message is sent to the school office, preferably before 9.00 am.
- If your child is going to be away for two days or more, you advise the school of the reason by phone or email as soon as possible.

The email address for absences is absences@wgpcollege.school.nz

Or phone: **09 424 9177**

For authenticity purposes, some absences may be followed up by the school to obtain verification.

BYOD Deals

Whangaparaoa College have teamed up with suppliers of BYOD devices and accessories to offer our community access to online deals.

To access the deals at:

Cyclone please click [here](#) and enter the password: **wgpcbyod**

PB Tech please click [here](#)

Noel Leeming please click [here](#) select mynoelleeming on the top bar, setup BYOD membership, choose school.

Upcoming Events

April	1	National Youth Jazz Competition SENHEED Trip, Eat My Lunch Term 2 Zone Day Try-outs
	2-6	Easter Break
	7	House Tug of War Year 7
	7-9	L3OUED Survival Camp, Huia
	8	Excellence Breakfast, 7.45 am, Auditorium Foyer Tag Zone Day AAIMS Tag Champs Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8WRD,8DAVM,8ANS Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8SWA,8DVS,8ACH Year 8 Te Hana Trip, 8MMH,8PLL,8HAU
	9	Girls Futsal Zone Day
	12	KiwiTag Auckland Champs
	13	Boys Futsal Zone Day
	14	Year 7 Snorkelling, 7WINK,7TOWL,7WRE
	15	Huanui College Sports Exchange L3PHED Trip, Silverdale Crossfit
	16	L1-3MAOR Polyfest
		End of Term 1
May	3	Term 2 Begins

For more information from our school calendar please see [Quick Links](#)

Community Notices

Whangaparāoa Community Hub



LOCAL FOOD BANKS

Please call ahead as there may be changes due to Covid-19

Helensville Foodbank
49 Commercial Rd, Helensville (09) 420 7725
Please call first to make an appointment
Opening Hours Mon / Wed / Fri 9.30 AM to 11.30 AM

Hibiscus Coast Community House
214 Hibiscus Coast Highway, Orewa (09) 426 3598

Hibiscus Coast Salvation Army
32 Greenview Lane, Red Beach (09) 426 0239

Homebuilders Warkworth
5 Hexham Street, Warkworth Phone: (09) 425 7048

Interchurch Foodbanks
24 Hour Helpline, Auckland wide (09) 302 2682

Love Soup Hibiscus Coast
717 Whangaparāoa Rd, Stanmore Bay
Food parcels for collection Mon, Wed, Thurs 1-3pm & Sunday 5-6pm
To order a food parcel message them via Facebook
@LoveSoupHibiscusCoast

Mission Fellowship
9 Wainui Rd, Silverdale. 027 333 8896

Orewa Baptist Church
2-8 Loop Road, Orewa (09)426 6976

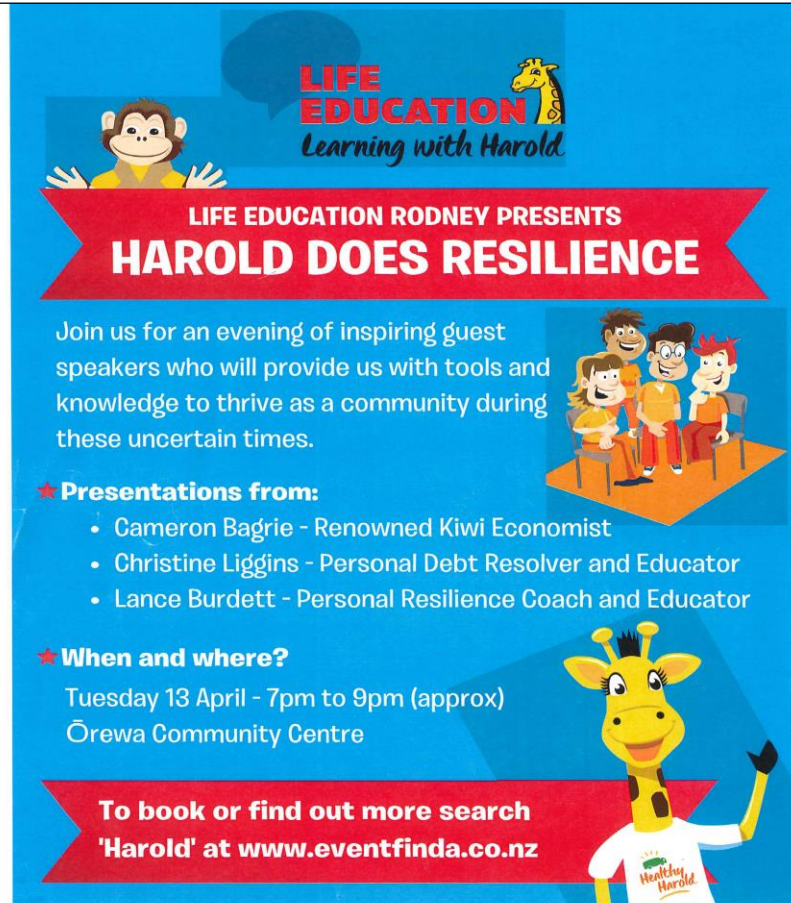
Warkworth Foodlink
5 Pulham Road, Warkworth Phone: (09) 425 8861

Wellsford Foodbank (Wellsford Community Centre)
1 Matheson Rd, Wellsford Phone: (09) 423 7333

Whangaparāoa Baptist
Food parcels available for anyone in need. Contact Kerry 022 064 6604

Updated 9/9/20

Any adults in our community that would like to join a presentation on resilience skills building from Life Education Trust Rodney please see the below flyer for details.
 Tickets are \$20.00 per adult or \$40.00 per family. Children welcome to attend.
 Please follow this link for full information:
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2021/harold-does-resilience/auckland/orewa>



LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold

**LIFE EDUCATION RODNEY PRESENTS
HAROLD DOES RESILIENCE**

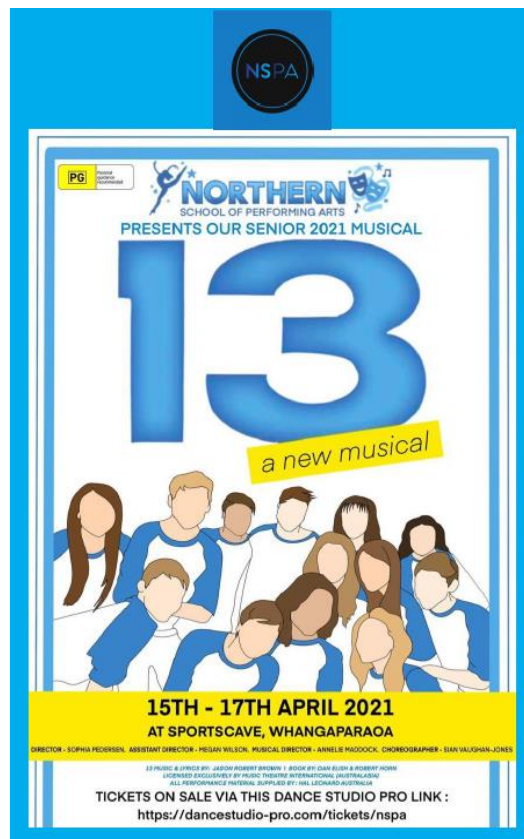
Join us for an evening of inspiring guest speakers who will provide us with tools and knowledge to thrive as a community during these uncertain times.

★ **Presentations from:**

- Cameron Bagrie - Renowned Kiwi Economist
- Christine Liggins - Personal Debt Resolver and Educator
- Lance Burdett - Personal Resilience Coach and Educator

★ **When and where?**
 Tuesday 13 April - 7pm to 9pm (approx)
 Ōrewa Community Centre

To book or find out more search 'Harold' at www.eventfinda.co.nz



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NORTHERN
SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

PRESENTS OUR SENIOR 2021 MUSICAL

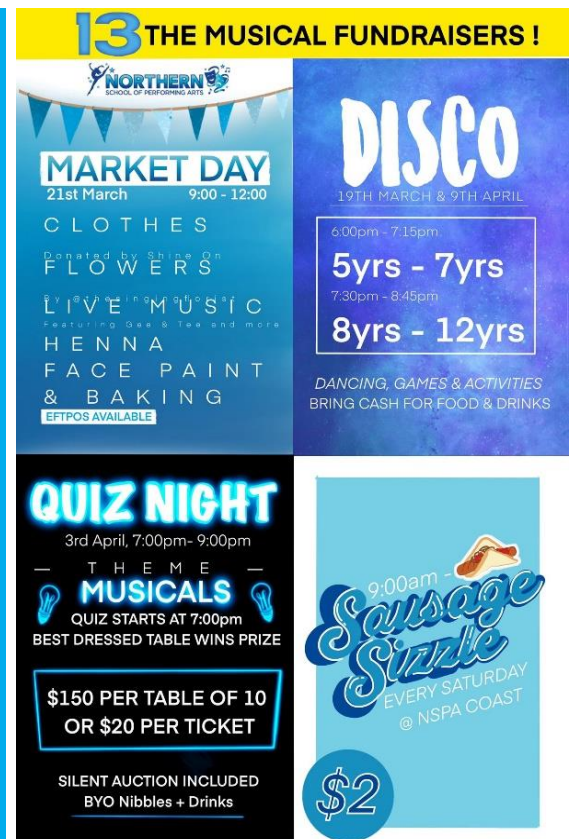
13
a new musical

15TH - 17TH APRIL 2021
 AT SPORTSCAVE, WHANGAPARAOA

DIRECTOR - SOPHIA PEDERSEN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - HESAN WILSON, MUSICAL DIRECTOR - ANNELE MACDOCK, CHOREOGRAPHER - DAN VALUGHAN-JONES

13 PHOTIC & LYRICS BY: JACOB ROBERTS (BOOK) & ROBERT HOOD (LYRICS)
 LICENSED EXCLUSIVELY BY MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (AUSTRALIA)
 ALL PERFORMANCE MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY: HILL LEICHHARD AUSTRALIA

TICKETS ON SALE VIA THIS DANCE STUDIO PRO LINK:
<https://dancestudio-pro.com/tickets/nspsa>



13 THE MUSICAL FUNDRAISERS!

MARKET DAY
 21st March 9:00 - 12:00
 CLOTHES
 DONATED BY SHINE ON
 FLOWERS
 LIVE MUSIC
 FEATURING OZZ & TEE AND MORE
 HENNA
 FACE PAINT
 & BAKING
 EFTPOS AVAILABLE

DISCO
 19TH MARCH & 9TH APRIL
 6:00pm - 7:15pm
5yrs - 7yrs
 7:30pm - 8:45pm
8yrs - 12yrs
 DANCING, GAMES & ACTIVITIES
 BRING CASH FOR FOOD & DRINKS

QUIZ NIGHT
 3rd April, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 — THEME —
MUSICALS
 QUIZ STARTS AT 7:00pm
 BEST DRESSED TABLE WINS PRIZE

**\$150 PER TABLE OF 10
 OR \$20 PER TICKET**

SILENT AUCTION INCLUDED
 BYO Nibbles + Drinks

Sausage Sizzle
 9:00am -
 EVERY SATURDAY
 @ NSPA COAST

\$2