

DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27 July Miniball Years 5 & 6 Board of Trustees 7.00 pm	28 Home & School 7.30 pm	29 Year 6s visit EBIS Miniball Years 3 & 4	30	31
3 Aug Miniball Years 5 & 6	4	5 Eastern Zones Soccer (Postponement Date 12/7) Miniball Years 3 & 4	6	7
10 Miniball Years 5 & 6	11	12 Miniball Years 3 & 4	13	14
Artsplash! - Michael Fowler Centre (all week)				
17 Miniball Years 5 & 6	18	19 Miniball Years 3 & 4	20	21
Student Led Conferences (Monday - Thursday)				

* Just a reminder that school will be closed on Friday, 23 October - the Friday before Labour Weekend.

SPORT

Miniball will be starting next week.

Netball starts this Saturday 25 July and the Year 5/6 team are playing the Seatoun Seagulls at 12 midday on Court 4.

A message from the Public Health Nurse:

August 7th is World Dental Day

Caring for your teeth at home is the most important part of dental treatment. This includes:

- Brushing daily, using a soft toothbrush. This is essential for the maintenance of a healthy mouth.
- Flossing - between the teeth and along the gum line to remove plaque.
- Avoiding food and drink that are high in sugar or those with a high acidity content (eg. fizzy, sports, energy drinks and fruit juice). Make water or milk the drink of choice. The higher the sugar content is in foods, the greater the risk of cavities!
- Using fluoridated toothpaste.
- Having regular check-ups (at least once a year). All children in Year 1-8 should be seen by a Dental Therapist. Adolescents are seen by a Dentist and get free treatment from Year 9 until their 18th birthday. If children in Years 1-8 are not enrolled they can enrol by contacting the school Dental Therapist.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLUNKET SECOND-HAND CHILDREN'S AND BABY GEAR SALE
Saturday 25 July, 1 – 3:30pm, Miramar Community Centre, Chelsea Street
Second hand children's and baby equipment, clothes, toys, books.
Gold coin entry – no EFTPOS, sorry!

LEO THE LION AND THE CAPITAL CITY FORD SIGNING SESSION

It's Leo the Lion here and I'm getting very excited about the start of the [Vodafone Wellington Lions](http://www.vodafone.co.nz) season. Our first home game is against Otago on Friday 31 July, and all kids go free, so ask your parents to bring you along and show your "ROAR".

On Saturday 1 August, after our first home game, you're invited to meet the whole Vodafone Wellington Lions squad. They'll be at [Capital City Ford](http://www.capitalcityford.co.nz) for a signing session between 12.30pm-2pm, so bring along any goodies you would like signed. There'll also be plenty of photo opportunities, kids' activities, giveaways, and of course I'll be there too!

Details

What: Meet me and the Vodafone Wellington Lions squad
Where: Capital City Ford, Taranaki St
When: Saturday 1 August, 12.30pm-2pm.

Don't forget that the first game of the season is at Westpac Stadium, 31 July, against Otago for the Ranfurly Shield. This year all kids' tickets are FREE. To arrange your tickets, ask an adult to call Ticketmaster on 0800 111 999.

A NON-PC PARENTING SHOW WITH NIGEL LATTA - Tuesday 4 August at 7-9pm - The Riley Centre, Wellington High School

"A hugely entertaining, informative and irreverent evening on how to get kids through the first ten years and stay sane. Come along and be regaled with stories of grumpy trousers, fussy eaters and restless sleepers; and learn about the ten principles for raising good kids. (Some language may offend.)"
www.parenthelp.org.nz - Tickets \$15.

OPEN EVENING, HOLY CROSS SCHOOL Monday 10th August - 6.30 pm

For any Year 6 students and their parents/caregivers, commencing with hot soup and bread rolls, and a welcome from the Principal, Celeste Hastings.

This will be followed by an outline of weekly timetable/programme in Senior School, powerpoint presentation of several events so far this year, speeches from the School Councillor and House Captain and a tour of the school.



We empower our children with a love of learning so that they are adaptable and creative.

Worser Bay School NEWS



Friday 24 July 2009

Tēnā koutou te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou
Welcome back! We have caught up with many of you already at the Parent Information Evening / Health Consultation last night and you will have all received your latest Parent Information Sheet on Tuesday as to what's happening around here this term!

If you have had a chance to gaze at the magazine shelves recently, you may have noticed the latest METRO with an article about the Best Schools in Auckland. OK, it's Auckland and it's talking secondary schools, but it does make interesting reading. What stands out as being critical is what's known as 'The feedback factor'. Feedback is two way - it's what the children get from the teacher as to how they are going and what the teacher gets from the children as to how they are going. This is something we are really focussed on, teachers enquiring into their own practice, using feedback from the children and making adjustments as a result.

In John Hattie's book, published last year, "Visible Learning", 15 years of research relating to the influences on achievement are pulled together. Our goal is to keep the emphasis in our own conversations and learning on the things we know make a difference. Some of these main contributors being the quality of teaching, teacher-student relationships, lack of disruptive behaviour, feedback and creativity.

You, as parents, have a huge impact on student achievement. The more we can work with you, in partnership, the better it is for your child's achievement. Please remember, as well as the more formal opportunities, you are welcome any time to make an appointment with the teacher/s to discuss your child's progress and goals. Also, please diary Week 5 starting Monday 17th August as this is when Student-Led Conferences begin.

Have a warm weekend!

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WORKING IN CO-OPERATIVE GROUPS

How do we connect?

This week we have been right into finding out how we connect through a range of co-operative group activities. This is also giving the children an opportunity to mix with teachers and students that they may not usually mix with. It's been interesting to see these connections and different roles emerging within a group.



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Check you have received the **Parent Information Handout** sent home on Tuesday. It is also on our website: http://www.worserbay.school.nz/whatson.html#Parent_Information_-_Term_3,_2009
- **Diary Student-Led Conferences**
Week of 17th August and see 'Online Booking' on page 2.
- **Voluntary Contribution & Photocopying/Classroom Expenses**
Statements re outstanding payments were sent home just before the holidays - please pay as soon as possible.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back!

The Parents' Health Consultation evening last night was a great success. The dedicated bunch who braved the weather were treated to the high drama of watching everyone else impersonate various noisy animals (try behaving like a Roaring Stag after a glass of red wine!), followed by Circle Time for some fantastic, thought-provoking discussions about the Health and PE curriculum for our school community. Thanks to all the teachers for this opportunity to learn and contribute.

We've recently had a bit of electrical work done around the school, a general upgrade, and connecting data projectors to the ceilings in all the rooms. All systems are Go! - including our fabulous new website!

I hope you're keeping warm, dry and healthy.

Katherine Butterfield
Board Chair

Student-Led Conferences**Monday 17 August to Thursday 20 August**

Our next Student-Led Conferences will be held the week beginning Monday 17 August. This time we are using a new online booking system. The instructions are as follows:

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home.
- Enter the Worsers Bay School code U4M35 and press "Go".

We will let you know when our Booking Line is open. It is an extremely user-friendly system!

from MĀHUTONGA

"In Māhutonga, we have been working with the Year 4s focusing on co-operative groups. We had a challenge to make a bridge out of ten straws and newsprint. The bridges had to pass three tests to see if they were strong enough to hold: a) a plush ball, b) a tennis ball, and the extreme challenge, c) a cricket ball. We have also done lots of other group activities.

In a co-operative group you need to be open and listen to other people's ideas. EVERYONE needs to be involved, and you need to communicate with each other.

We have talked about different roles that are needed in a good co-operative group. This week we had a time keeper, a tester, a materials' manager, and a participation checker."

by *Ciara and Abby*

HEALTH CONSULTATION

Many thanks to the dedicated parents who braved the elements to come to the Parents' Health Consultation last night.

Your input is valued and has given us plenty to think about as we prepare our draft which will be going out for feedback later this term.

If any more thoughts pop up, please let Hamish know.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on Fairness and Goals:

Tauroru

Brenna – Fairness
André – Goals

Autahi

Corisande and Albert – Fairness
Jack – Goals

Māhutonga

Caitlin Mc and Thomas N – Fairness
Yulia – Goals

And, we forgot to mention Martha who got a Principal's Award at the end of Term 2 for 'being a positive influence on others'. Sorry, Martha!

Our New Worsers Bay School Website

Our new website is live! It is at the same address as the old one: www.worsersbay.school.nz.

Go in and have a look! If you still see the old website - don't panic! - it may take a couple of days to "ripple" through!

Take care!

Road works are being carried out in Awa Road - traffic is reduced to one lane.

Head lice!

Head lice are doing the rounds again, so be on the look out!

from AUTAHI

"In Topic we have been learning to make films about Little Red Riding Hood. We are going to be in a co-operative group. First we are learning about all the people we need to make a good group. We read a story about Little Red. We made a map like a bird is looking down from the sky. It shows Little Red walking through the forest. We did this activity in our group."

by *Katie*

"In Topic we've been learning to co-operate with each other and we had to get a group of five people and make a bridge. We had to co-operate to make a good bridge that was made out of straws, paper and sellotape. It had to be strong enough to carry a juggling ball, a tennis ball and a cricket ball. We had to talk to each other, one at a time. We were practicing listening to each other. We had to plan a 45 second play in our group. We were in three big groups. Then we got a number from Kath. We had to find a group of 5 people that had all different numbers.

We are learning to co-operate with each other and help each other. That is important because there will be less arguing."

by *Emily*

"This term I am looking forward to seeing the finished result of our co-operative group film."

by *Thomas*

"This term we are all looking forward to all the fun learning that we are doing and all the films and plays we are going to act out. Before we make our films at the end of term we are acting out fairytales and made-up plays. The groups that we are learning about are co-operative groups. The Year 4s are buddying up with Māhutonga students and the Year 3s are buddying up with Tauroru students."

by *Finlay*

TAUTORU News

"In the afternoons we are splitting into 4 groups and some of us go into Autahi. We are with Marylyn, Fleur, Rachel and Maria. We are looking at co-operative groups and team work. We have listened to the story of Little Red Riding Hood and then split into small groups of 4 or 5 and acted it.

We have also been trying to make story maps, and storyboards of Little Red Riding Hood. To show co-operation some of us have worked in groups to build the biggest tower. We are learning that there are lots of different roles people can have in groups."

by *Ella, Caitlin, Ian, Joe, Rebecca*

From the teachers:

Student-Led Conferences are coming up. Fleur and Rachel are going to be conferencing with the children in their Literacy groups. Talk to your child to find out who teaches them for WRITING.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Our next meeting for Home and School will be this Tuesday (28 July) at 7.30pm (venue to be advised). Please feel free to come and join us - it would be great to see you!

So far, the agenda items are:

- Movie Night
- Fathers' Day Breakfast
- Disco
- Parent Morning / Afternoon tea
- School Fair - Sunday 8 November
- Planning for 2010

Even if you cannot make Tuesday evening, feel free to contact us with your contribution.

Your Co-chairs of the Home and School:

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A Co-operative Group working in Autahi

Note for Year 6s going to visit EBIS

A reminder that the bus will be at Worsers Bay School at 9am next Wednesday, 29th July, to take you to EBIS. You will be picked up at 12 noon from EBIS and returned to school. Make sure you are on time that morning!

