

Worser Bay School Children love learning. At our school, the entire school community can:

\* See achievement celebrated and children valued as individuals; \* Feel motivated and inspired to participate; \* Experience success.

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 2, Week 9, Friday 1 July 2011



*Our inaugural early morning Matariki Celebration proved a great success despite the cold and being unable to see the stars. Instead, the children and their parents enjoyed listening to Marilyn, the astronomer, in the warmth inside!*



## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Wow, what a full on few weeks we have had! That's OK - we can get there, there is no downward slide into the holidays happening at this school!

Having a pensive moment, I am really thrilled with the movement we have made in the last two terms regarding our questioning and thinking skills. The focus on finding opportunities to develop those key competencies (thinking, relating to others, understanding language symbols and texts, managing self and participating and contributing) across all learning areas has also been relentless! I can't stress the importance of getting our children ready for a global environment.

Professor Yong Zhao was a standout at the New Zealand Principals' Conference in April. As he reminded us, Singapore is right up there in terms of student achievement and has developed a ".....deliberate strategy to teach critical and creative thinking skills and reduce subject content." He also listed the issues that our children will face in the future and the important characteristics they will need to succeed. Such things as recognising individual differences, multiple intelligences and cultural diversity, having curiosity, passion and creativity.....these are the 'employable skills of the future'. If you would like to read more about Professor Yong Zhao, who, I think, is fabulous - you can check out: <http://zhaolearning.com/>

We are educating in very different times and need to understand this, keep up and get ahead of ourselves. So downward slide to the holidays??.....No way!!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Ukulele Group** - remember to return your permission slip for the trip to the Rita Angus Retirement home on **Monday 4th July**.
- **Please return Flippaball/Miniball Slip** if your child wishes to join a team or resign from a team by **Wednesday 6 July**. (See page 4.)
- **Swimming Sports - Thursday 7th July** at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre at Kilbirnie - please return your slip and money, if you haven't yet done so.
- **Worser Bay School Art Celebration - Wednesday 13th July** (see page 4)

**"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach them to learn by creating curiosity, they will continue the learning process as long as they live".**

**TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News**

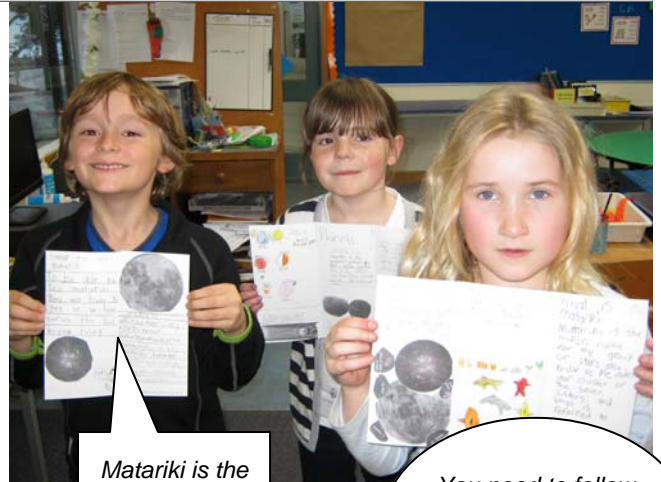
**Matariki**

Matariki is a time to celebrate with others, to share stories, feast and acknowledge the coming of a new season. Matariki also means celebrating the unique place in which we live and giving respect to the land we live on. So, despite the weather and early start (phew!) it was fantastic to see so many families brave the early morning chill to make our own Matariki celebration special. We are fortunate to be learning and growing on such a unique site with an amazing history.

In literacy sessions we have been looking at different myths and legends from Aotearoa and around the world. Students have been working on writing their own myth by including their own mythical creature in a story. In reading sessions students have also been looking at creation myths and various Maori legends along with Matariki.

Some groups have designed their own fishhooks while others have produced brilliant brochures with information about Matariki from fishing to star watching and the planets.

Here are some examples:



Matariki is the Maori New Year.

You need to follow the line of Orion's Belt to see Matariki

We designed our own fishhooks for Matariki!



Matariki activities on Thursday. The students enjoyed working with different age groups, and in some cases, their siblings!



**A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI**

It was fantastic to see so many people at the Matariki breakfast. Thanks to Marilyn Head for her slide show and talk. She was really impressed with the school saying that she wished she had some kids to send here. She thought she might adopt some as hers are too old! The kids really enjoyed the Matariki activities with the whanau groupings. It was lovely to see them supporting each other and the general tone was calm. Eve said, "We made string games with Kath and Marilyn. We learnt a game with Paua shells and you shake them like rattles and you have to find each other, following the sound of the rattle." Fleur and Rachel led kite making, Jane and Scott's groups made God's eyes and John and Hamish's group made Koauau. Hamish learnt to play the Koauau. We are really proud of him!

We are well into research projects with students using mind maps to help organise their ideas prior to writing. Greta said that her mind map "gives me the main points so that I can research easily". Emma said that her mind map is "helping me figure out how to answer my Inquiry research question". Ella tells me that she went to the Miramar library where she found some old documents. She told us about the tram that used to run between Miramar and Seatoun and the old gas works. Good digging, Ella!

We are finding out a lot from people's stories. This is exciting. People are our best and most interesting resource so thanks for your continued cooperation with this.

Some students leave their books at home religiously which is interrupting the momentum of their work. A kindly reminder in the morning as your child leaves the house would be fabulous. Spelling Rockets need a reminder, too.

We are painting and drawing and gluing for the Art Exhibition. Already there is some lovely work emerging. Yet another event on the Worser Bay School calendar which we are looking forward to.

Remember, swimming sports next week. Keep an eye out for the details.

Creating masterpieces for the Art Exhibition is well underway. Children have been learning to scale images, understand the meaning behind Tapa cloths and continue developing their observational skills.



*We are doing art based on Leger. We are making our own version of it about this area. We put a grid over a photo to make it easier to copy and we have to add shapes and colours in the background and then the picture in the front. We can only use hot colours and 1 cold.*

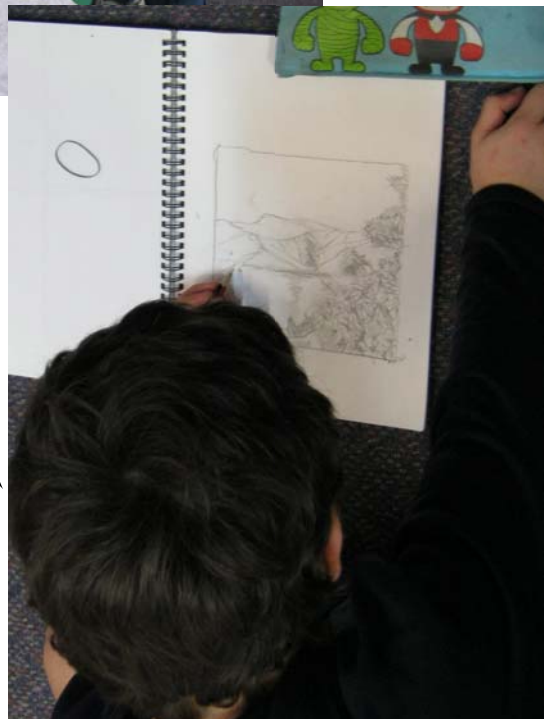


*We have been drawing symbols based on the artist John Pule who did it on Tapa cloth. We are creating a modern version of a Tapa cloth.*

*First I had to draw what I could see. Then I was testing the colours to use on my canvas. We are only using cold colours – blue, green, purple and white. Next I did a trial painting to get the right mix of colours. I know it will be **way** better when I do it on the canvas.*



*I was sketching a photo of the view out of the school.*



**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- \* Great supporting each other in whanau groups.

Ruby, Leony, Taine, Millie, Gretel, Katie, Maya, Ella N., Freya, Hunter, Jack CC, Billy, Natalie and Felix

Next week's focus is:

- \* Having a sporting attitude!

**Worser Bay School Art Exhibition is coming to a place near you!** Please diary: Wednesday 13 July 5-7 pm, St Christopher's Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun.

Come on down between these times and be impressed by our children's art and a splash of musical talent (both adults and children!). You will also need to bring some pocket money as there will be nibbles, 'adult refreshments' and the like available for purchase and you will want to relax at the end of a long Wednesday in the last week of a long term!

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL**

Well, as I am writing this I am excitedly anticipating a very unforgettable morning of clear skies showing many stars! Thank you for all your support - the breakfast orders that have come through and the many offers of help. The Home and School Committee would like to thank Mojo Coffee Cartel for supporting Worser Bay School by supplying coffee to us for fundraising events like the Matariki Breakfast. Please read the following carefully as we are after some more help from you and your children and where you can possibly have some fun!

**Kids' Market**

As part of Wellington on a Plate events, the Hill Street Market in Thorndon is having a Kids' Market Day on Saturday 20th August. We have booked a stall for Worser Bay School and the rules are we need to sell basically anything related to food. For our stall we were thinking along the lines of some of the things we sell at our Fair - toffee apples, sweets, home-made lemonade, deli items, maybe even some wee kids' aprons and decorated wooden spoons. We'd love the children to be involved in this stall by making items to sell and coming along on the day to help sell our items. If you'd like to be involved in this exciting fundraiser in any way or have some ideas, please contact Steph Calder - [stephanie.calder@ihug.co.nz](mailto:stephanie.calder@ihug.co.nz) or 021 237 5313.

**Worser Bay School Art Celebration**

At the up and coming event displaying the students' creativity we require some extra help on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Some of it will be for during the day and some on the night. If you are able to help, please email me, Eleni, at [moore@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:moore@vodafone.net.nz)

I read a sign this week that said we live in the coolest little capital of the world (we took advantage of the Wellington Open Day) and I'm now getting excited about showcasing our world to others very soon. Could it be at our famous Fair?!

Eleni Moore  
Chair of the Home and School  
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**Matariki Brekkie- Tino pai rawa!**

What a fabulous turn out of fresh looking children and adults!

Thanks so much to the staff for the idea and energy and a special thanks to our parent volunteers who turned out bacon and egg sammies speedier than any fast food joint. It's always great to try something a little different and different it was!

The children spent the day in whanau groups (Years 0-6 mixed groups, siblings included!) and the focus, support and care shown towards each other literally brought a tear.....

**'What we've been up to...' on the website.**

Have a look at: <http://www.worserbay.school.nz/wb-what-we-have-been-up-to.html>

Jenny has been very busy updating our website with all Worser Bay School's recent activities! It looks great!

**SPORT****Important!!!**

It's that time again when we need to think about registering our sports teams. Flippaball and Miniball will be running again next term so we are asking any **students who are keen to play or who wish to pull out to fill in the slip below**. If we don't hear from you, your child will remain in their chosen sport.

If you need more details please see our Sports Booklet or talk to Hamish.

**Please return the slip on page 5 by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, as we need to know numbers so that we can register the appropriate number of teams.**

**Miniball for Term 3**

**Years 5 & 6:** Games will be played from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September (8 Week League) 3.20-5.50 pm.

**Years 3 & 4:** Games will be played from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September (8 Week League) 3.20 – 5.20 pm.

**Note:** The first two weeks of the league will be grading games. Competition games will start in the week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Netball Results**

Year 5/6 Netball - It was a superb day at the EBIS courts last Saturday - the sun was shining, it was warm and both teams played some great netball. Congratulations to Samantha (year 5/6 team) for getting Player of the Day for moving into space when receiving the centre pass. This Saturday the year 5/6 team plays Lyall Bay at 12pm on Court 3.

**Year 4/5 Netball**

Thankfully the weather was kinder to us on Saturday and the year 4/5 netball team played their third game of netball. All of the team played very well, against a very tall team from Newtown. Congratulations to Ella W. for being Player of the Day for great defending and intercepting. This Saturday's game is at 1pm on Court 2, vs Island Bay Storm. Please be at the practice court at 12.30 pm for warm up.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Book Now for Holy Cross School Holiday

**Programme**, Holy Cross School, Miramar -  
8am - 5:30pm, 18th July-29th July  
Enrolments: 30 places available per day.  
Fees: \$25 /day per child for onsite day, \$30 per child for  
outing day

Payment is required to confirm your child's placement.

Enrolments close: Friday 15th July

For enrolment forms and enquiries contact:

Programme Supervisor, Sally Rollo:

[holycrossoscar@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossoscar@gmail.com)

### MARANUI WATERPOLO CLUB

If you enjoy swimming this sport is for you! Maranui Waterpolo club is one of the country's oldest and most prestigious clubs having supported young people in this sport for over 75 years. Children, teenagers and adults can all take part. There are currently team openings available for boys and girls U12, U14, U16, U18, U20. Contact Geoff and Catherine Burt on 3885-426 or email [The\\_Burts@xtra.co.nz](mailto:The_Burts@xtra.co.nz)

The **NZ International Film Festival** has put together a great selection of films and animations for kids of all ages. Make the most of the last days of the school holidays, and enjoy weekends with their range of films. If parents would like to get together as a group, NZIFF can offer 2 complimentary tickets for every group of 20+ people. Additional adults that join the group pay children's rate. Check-out their selection here:

<http://www.nzff.co.nz/wellington/for-all-ages> or contact [leandro@nzff.co.nz](mailto:leandro@nzff.co.nz) for group bookings, by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The session times and full festival programme will go live on 30 June.

**Works of heART** Island Bay School Art Auction  
*Island Bay School invites you to a celebration of creativity over two days:*

**Silent Auction/Sale of Art & Craft**

When: Friday 8 July, 5.30 to 8.30pm (entry by koha)

Where: Island Bay School Hall, Thames Street

Who: Bring the whole family! (& friends, neighbours ...)

**Live Auction of Original Artworks**

When: Saturday 9 July, 7.00 to 10.30pm (entry by koha)

Where: Blackmore Jean Gallery, Shelly Bay

Who: A cocktail function for the grown-ups

Check out: [www.islandbay.school.nz/NewsCentre/69/](http://www.islandbay.school.nz/NewsCentre/69/) for information including a slideshow of art or join us on [www.facebook.com/IslandBaySchoolArtAuction](https://www.facebook.com/IslandBaySchoolArtAuction)

### Do you need to escape to a peaceful haven every few weeks?

- How about a beach house with shared ownership and shared expenses?
- Spacious, tidy, comfortably furnished 3-4 bedrooms, open plan living area.
- On beach front with superb sea views and fantastic sunsets, sheltered courtyard bordered by pohutakawas at the back.
- In Paekakariki - just 35 minutes drive from Wellington CBD or 7 minutes stroll to the train.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, see Carolyn A in the school office.



Our Lost Property Box is STILL bulging at the seams! We would like to see all these lost items returned to their original homes, so please come and check through them. You may be surprised at what lost items turn up! Just check too, at home, that you haven't mistakenly got someone else's gear. A red Kathmandu half-zip top has gone missing, and a MSP hoodie hasn't turned up yet

### Reply Slip - Flippaball and Miniball Term 3

(If you want to remain in your chosen sport/s **do not** send in a reply as if we don't hear from you we will assume you want to continue as in Term Two.)

Please select either of the options below:

- I wish to join a Flippaball/Miniball team in Term 3.
- I am currently in a Flippaball/Miniball team and **do not wish** to be in it in Term 3.

Child's Name .....

Parent's Signature .....

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