

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

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

This is our last newsletter of 2010!



*Our very
successful
'Jandal Day'
last Friday*

and

*Competitors
getting ready for
the flag race at
our Monday
Beach Ed Day*

REMEMBER!

TERM DATES for 2011

Please note these dates will differ from the usual, owing to the World Cup being held in New Zealand next year:

Term 1 - Tuesday 1 Feb to Friday 15 April

Term 2 - Monday 2 May to Friday 15 July

Term 3 - Monday 1 Aug to Friday 7 Oct

Term 4 - Tuesday 25 Oct to Friday 16 Dec

Friday 3 June and Tuesday 7 June (Queen's Birthday weekend) will be additional holidays.

Week 9 Term 4 - Friday 10 December 2010

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

I vividly recall sitting down to write the first newsletter piece for 2010 and now it's the finale for the year. Out comes the old cliché - "Time flies when you are having fun!" - and that's exactly what we've been indulging in.

The school has moved a long way this year. We have an exciting, new and fresh direction. Some of our key developments over 2010 include:

- **Confirming** our new school vision and values with your input.
- **Creating** a dynamic and thoughtful strategic plan, which is up on the website now, so please check it out.
- **Developing** the goals for 2011, which the staff are already working towards (since November!).
- **Defining** ways the school team will work together to bring out the best in each other and achieve our goals.
- **Focussing** on developing teachers as leaders.
- **Prioritising** teacher professional development, which continues to strengthen in 2011 as we focus on developing an engaging curriculum through inquiry and providing greater 'challenge and stretch'.

Of course, we could not get so far without you, our supportive community, working in partnership with us. Nga mihi.

Of course, we wouldn't have a joint purpose if it wasn't for our great Worser Bay School children, our raison d'être!

So, it's another year older and another year wiser (so they say!) Please have a safe, fun filled festive season and we will be here, with bells on, Tuesday 1 February, ready to roll!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Library Book Buying** - Before school every day next week and at the Xmas Wrap!
- **Sushi Lunch Orders for Thursday** in by 9.00 am Wednesday 15th (see page 2)
- **Xmas Wrap, Wednesday 15th December** 5.00 pm, for a 5.45 pm start (see page 2 - H & S)
- **Year 6 BBQ, Thursday 16th December, 5.30 - 7.00 pm**
Year 6 parents are welcome to stay and have refreshments in the staffroom.
- **School closes for the end of term at 1.00 pm on Friday 17th December.**
- **School commences for Term 1, 2011 at 8.55 am on Tuesday 1st February.**
- **Diary:** Family Sports Evening at Miramar Park, Thursday 3rd February - 5.00 - 7.00 pm. It's BYO picnic and a bit of cash for a raffle or two. Build up the fitness post-Christmas!

HI TO THE WORSER BAY COMMUNITY

What a year it's been for our school and community! While there are too many highlights to name them all, a few that stand out are the inaugural Summerfest and Sports Night; celebrations of our place with the Matariki Open Day and Chinese New Year; Board elections; the disco and quiz nights; the spectacular *Ebb and Flow* production; an engaging annual and strategic planning session for the teaching team and Board which confirmed how much our school is on the right track; and a very, very successful Fair.

Through all of this we've seen an unstinting focus on student achievement. The presentation by the teaching team of the student achievement results for the year at this week's Board meeting demonstrated how much progress our children have made and how well our teaching team is doing as it continues to strive for excellence. The results across the school are truly something we can be proud of, and demonstrate the significant progress the teaching team has made in deeply understanding what we're doing well, what we can work on, and what next year's focus will be. You will all be looking forward to understanding the progress that your child(ren) have made in the last year when reports arrive home today.

None of this could have been achieved without the energy and inspiration of the many of you that have put your shoulder to the wheel to make your contribution - thank you all for your efforts! Particular thanks and acknowledgement to a select few are deserved. The teaching team's unwavering professionalism, energy and enthusiasm is what makes the single biggest difference for our children. At an individual level, Jude leads the team and school with unflinching dedication and purpose. Team - thank you for what you do and how well you do it. Thank you to Nicola Lancaster for the many hours that you put in leading the Home and School - you thoroughly deserve a well earned break! Final thanks to Katherine Butterfield who is stepping down as Chair of the Board after a bit over 3 years in the hot seat. The Board has benefitted enormously from your wise, perceptive and steady hand, Katherine, and you leave big shoes to fill. We will elect a Chair at our first meeting next year and look forward to letting you know who that is.

In the event we do not catch up at next week's Christmas Wrap, may you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year spending time with the ones you love in places that are important to you.

From your board of the school where children love learning.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

WBS Wrap 2010

Come and join the festive cheer and find out the total funds raised this year! We will be presenting the cheque! Don't forget to bring a bottle of your favourite tippie to enjoy, along with the picnic blanket and some change for a snack.

The Wrap will be on Wednesday 15th December:

- Food available from 5 to 5.30pm
- Carols and speeches start at 5.45pm.

We will be offering a sausage sizzle and pizza both at \$2 each/slice.

We will aim to finish selling the food by 5.30pm so everyone can sit with their families and enjoy the carols.

Summerfest 2011!!

There will be tickets available to purchase at the Wrap - \$5. Why not buy your friends and family a ticket for Christmas?

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- * Keeping going when things get tough. Showing determination.

Tautoru - Emma C, Emma R and Khailin

Autahi - Ian and Emma R

Māhutonga - Coco and Albert

The focus for next week will be:

- * Being an active member of the team.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Donate a book to our Library!

We have selected a really wonderful box of books from The Children's Book Shop that we would like in our library. If you are thinking of donating a book to the library this year, the books will be out on display, so you can choose a title, in the mornings of the last week of term and during the Christmas Wrap in or near Tautoru Iti, or see Marylyn. Student librarians will be manning the tables at the time of the Christmas Wrap.

End of Year Recall of Library Books

We need to get all our library books back for our annual stocktake. If your child still has any books on loan, he or she will have been given a notice to take home today, listing the book(s) still on loan. Please check your child's bag for this notice, and have a look at home for any books which need to be returned.

If you have already returned any of the books in the notice, please let Christine know. You can email her at library@worserbay.school.nz

Sushi Lunch Orders

Next week sushi will be available for lunch on Thursday as we are finishing at 1.00 pm on Friday. Please have your orders in by 9.00 am Wednesday.

Also, we are putting a 'Student Satisfaction Sushi Survey' on our website today. If you have any comments, either positive or negative, please complete and return to the address on the survey.

Thank You!

It has been an amazing year, I have certainly experienced the community spirit first hand with tremendous support from the families and community of Worserbay School and for this I thank you all. Our fantastic total would not have been possible without you!

It doesn't matter how large or small you feel your contribution may have been, every offer of help makes a big difference in a small school like ours.

We will need new members on the committee for next year, so make 2011 the year you choose to make a difference..... join us at our next meeting in 2011.

Happy Holidays!
Nicola Lancaster
Chair of the Home and School
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from AUTAHI

Beach Ed - A Huge Splash!

The sand was warm and the water was rough when Worser Bay Beach was invaded by hordes of raucous students on Monday. The Year Three to Six pupils from Worser Bay School were visiting the beach to take part in the Surf Lifesaving New Zealand Beach Education programme.

The day started with introductions and a tour through the Worser Bay Surf Lifesaving clubrooms.

"It was cool when we got to look at all the equipment like rescue boards and the IRBs", explained Thomas Dennehy.

Miles explained the IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) and how they are used to rescue people in trouble (see below).



After the tour students got to watch a couple of educational movies one about being 'Sunsmart' and the other about 'Surf sense'. The key messages the students got were...

- *Never swim or surf alone.* Ben
- *Swim between the flags.* Anneke
- *Know your limits.* Henry
- *If in doubt, stay out.* Caitlin
- *Always have an adult watch over you.* Ian

This was followed by some outside beach activities, the highlight for students being the beach flag races.



"We had to dive into the sand to get the pieces of hose before anyone else did", a weary Caitlin told our reporters.

After lunch things got even more exciting as students donned their wetsuits, dove into togs and were allowed to run, dive and play in the ocean. All this while surrounded by a wall of mostly wetsuit clad parent and teacher helpers.

"It was fun, we got to duck and dive in the sea", exclaimed an excited Ben.

The water activities worked on building the children's confidence in the sea and backed up prior learning from the day.

On the whole, the day was rated as a huge success by most; the weather played its part, everyone had fun and are looking forward to getting down to the beach again soon.

A note from MĀHUTONGA

In Māhutonga we have started to look ahead to next year. The Year 5s have been busy training for their new roles and responsibilities next year, including School Patrol and working in the Library. Have a look out for us as we train and learn from the Year 6s over the next week.

Last Friday Christine took us for training. She taught us how to issue and return books, and also how to reserve and renew them. Christine also showed us where to put books away when they've been returned. Next week we'll be practising how to be on library duty at break times. Sam and Emily

I am feeling really excited about being a librarian and I'm looking forward to helping tidy up putting books away and helping Marylyn. Emily



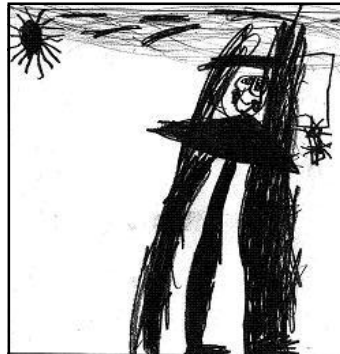
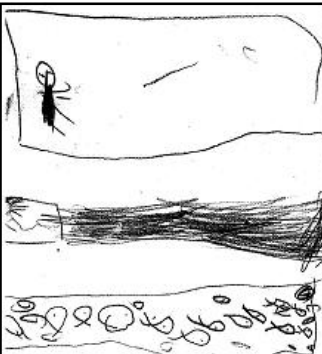
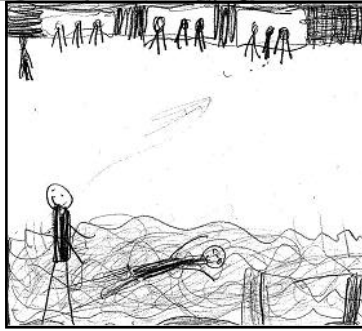
I'm looking forward to reading new books and telling people about them. Sam



Last week Officer Aaron Dann came and trained the Year 5s to be school patrollers.

We watched a video about School Patrol and learnt about the calls. We went outside onto the road and did some training like the real patrols, except it was during school time. Doing patrol was very interesting. It looks like it's very easy but there are actually lots of facts you have to know. Being a patroller means that when anybody crosses the road, you are helping to save lives. Josef

A note from TAUTORU . . .



We have finally reached the end of our school year for 2010 and, boy, we have had a lot to celebrate in Tautoru! Some of the highlights of this year have been our Chinese New Year Celebration where we danced our socks off to the rhythm of our instruments behind our lions. The stars of Matariki rose in June as we prepared our demonstrations and displays of our learning about Maori taonga puoro (food preserving), hunting and gathering and Maori art. Who could forget the extraordinary Ebb and Flow Arts Celebration which showcased our learning through the arts, music, dance, drama and visual art. As well as all these exciting events we have had loads of fun day to day learning alongside each other. Here is a small snapshot of what we have enjoyed the most, and their accompanying art work (in same order as the stories - from left to right)...

This is the story of the time we got to go in the tent and see the stars. Frankie T (Te Papa Matariki Trip)

My favourite thing so far this year is swimming because we get to go in the water and splish splash around. We have loads of fun. Jack CC

My favourite thing that I did this year was Circle Time. I love Circle Time. I get to hear people's troubles and help solve them. Emma S

My favourite thing at school was the school disco. My Dad was Disco Daddy and Patrick's Dad was DJ James. My Dad tossed out lollies and ice blocks. There were balloons everywhere and delicious food. The school disco finished late and it was pitch black. The school disco was at the Brownie hall. There were moon-hoppers and I bounced right off like a grasshopper. Hunter W

This year I went to the Marine Centre and I really liked it because we got to go outside. What I really liked outside was seeing the sea anemones. Jack K

I am playing cricket because it is fun. Emma C

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Want to do something completely different?

Census Collectors needed in your area!

Tuesday 8th March 2011 is Census Day. Everyone in New Zealand needs to complete a census form. People are needed in our area to help with the delivery and collection of census forms. Work locally/flexible hours. Six week commitment. Full training provided.

Visit our website and apply online now.

www.census.govt.nz/jobs

Teddy Bears' Picnic www.teddybearspicnic.co.nz

Saturday 29 January 2011, Frank Kitts Park, 12 - 4.30 pm
(Rain day: Sunday 30 January)

This picnic is packed full of entertainment for grandparents, parents, children and their teddy bears.

Bluebridge Straitsman Open Day

Bluebridge are having an open day this Saturday in Wellington. This is a great chance to walk through their new Cook Strait ferry, the Straitsman, and have a look around. It will be a fantastic day with lots of entertainment, raffles and prize draws. Entry is by gold coin donation which will be donated to the Wellington Children's Hospital.

Open Day details -

Date: Saturday 11 December
Time: 11am - 3pm
Venue: Bluebridge Terminal on Waterloo Quay
(opposite Wellington Railway Station)

Look out for more information re holiday programmes in our folder in the School Foyer (by the laminator).

Lost Property Reminder

As per usual, any lost property not retrieved by the last Wednesday of the term, will be given to a local charity.

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