

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 6, Friday 10 June 2011



Worser Bay School
Cross-country 2011



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

It was just great to see so many of you braving the 'know you are alive' southerly down at the beach last week. Although on the chilly side... our children showed determination and perseverance, and held that finishing line in sight. We all have our strengths and those things we would rather not participate in (yes, note there wasn't a teachers' race!). We have been doing a lot of work on taking risks, being brave, getting on with the job and sticking to it. That's why it was so fabulous to see all of our children participating so positively, cheering each other on, getting out there, getting on with the job and accompanied by plenty of smiles.

We do live in an instant world where we want all the answers yesterday. Some things aren't black and white - more shades of grey - it's encouraging habits of mind like perseverance and determination that will help take our children that one step further. We saw it at the cross country, we see it on a daily basis, you, no doubt, do as well - so let's keep on persevering ourselves and continue to take the time to help our children to slow down, stick to it and go deeper.

No ora mai ra!

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Eastern Zones Cross Country** - Wednesday 15th June (Postponement date Friday 17th June)
- **Next Home and School Meeting** - Thursday 23rd June at 7:30pm, in the staffroom.
- Next **Assembly** - Friday 24th June



The students recently
made Fascinators for the School
Disco.



"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

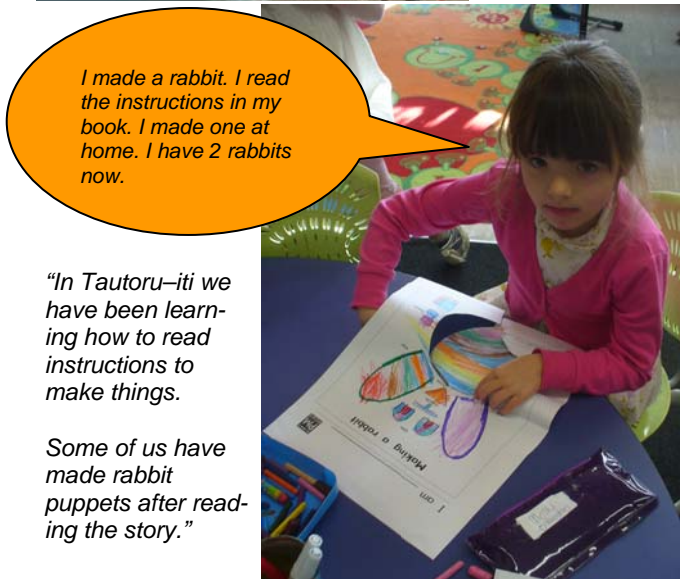
The Cross Country was an exhilarating and exciting morning; we sure were puffed after all that running. Wasn't it great to be out cheering each other on and enjoying our environment? Once again, thank you to all those who helped out.

Talking about working together, buddy writing is happening every Monday and Tuesday after morning tea, in place of buddy reading, this term. The students have an older or same-aged buddy who talks them through ideas, and supports or models the writing process. It has been a very positive start and students are enthusiastic and eager to share their ideas with each other. After our superb cross country we had a great time writing stories together about the run.

Next week we will be focusing our Inquiry on the past, on what our place used to be like and used for. We are learning about the pa site, reading myths and looking at how the Worsler Bay area has changed, as well as ahead to what might be in store in the future. Nicole will be looking at instruments from different places in the world including Maori instruments, and how they are similar and different to traditional orchestra instruments.

If you have any stories, photos, instruments or ideas, we would love to hear from you. Please come in and let us know.

It has been great to see parents helping out in the classrooms. Thank you to those who have put their name down on the calendar. It is in Tautoru, if you would like to add to it. Putting your name down, with a time, helps us to plan and prepare a meaningful experience for you with the children. Remember, all of these little things help out in the big picture, and we appreciate your support.



Buddy Writers



The finished puppets! Guess who is behind which puppet!

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

It is great to see most of the research pieces completed. A really high level of work is evident in most cases. We are fully aware of the complexity of the task and know that it has been challenging for all students. With the use of the internet, students have the temptation to simply copy and paste whole segments of relevant material. We are, of course, focusing on a synthesis of information and ideas, the weaving together of information taken from many sources. This is a work in progress and we will be giving our students other opportunities to do this type of work again soon. Thanks for your support with this task, particularly the collection of information stages as we don't have enough available computers to enable everyone to do research at school.

Some of you will have noticed tepee structures in the playground recently. We are moving on to a more challenging project; making a small whare, putting together all we have learnt. Harley's Uncle Hamish has dropped off a large stack of manuka for the project but we will need a whole lot more material for the building project. If you have any flax, nikau palm, toi toi, manuka, ake ake or other straight lengths of timber, even bamboo, please let us know or just drop them in. A small group of students will be researching the plans and methods of building this whare next week. If you are cutting flax there is a guide to follow to make sure the plants are looked after, if you are unsure of how to do this, come and ask.

Practising building techniques.



Cross Country

Thank you to all those who could make it down to the beach last Thursday! It was a rather chilly winter day but the children did a great job of persevering with their cross country run, despite the breeze, and cheering others on. Well done to everyone for running and especially those who improved on last year, and to those who made it to Eastern Zones.

A friendly reminder that Learning Journals and the blue parent SLC feedback forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

"We'd like to say a big 'Thanks' to Angela Ballara, Jacob's Grandma, for coming in last Wednesday. You shared so much interesting information. It was great to learn about what Maori used for weapons – like greenstone, how they made paint out of ochre, what they used for food and about the first Maori on this site. It was helpful to take notes that gave us information about our research questions while you talked."
by Ella G, Ian and Jack



SPORT

Worser Bay Miniball Tournament

The inaugural Year 3 and 4 Miniball tournament was held on Wednesday at the Kilbirnie Rec Centre. Four teams: Heat, Wildcats, Thunderbirds and Wasps, participated in round robin games, which were hotly contested! All players skills are improving greatly and lots of fun was had.

Results: Heat 9 points; Thunderbirds 6 points; Wildcats 5 points; Wasps 4 points

Points were awarded - 3 points a win, 2 points a draw, 1 point a loss

Players of the Day awards: Wilbur - great improvement; Wil - great hustle; Ally - great improvement and shooting; Thomas - outstanding play.

Spot prizes to Ruby and Finnegan. Thanks to all the parents who organised and assisted.

Netball Results

Good news! The Year 5/6 netball team won their game 6-4 against St Patrick's School on Saturday 28 May. Tiana got 'Player of the Day' for her fantastic energy covering the court and shooting goals.



Year 4/5 netball team had their first netball game on Saturday 28 May and all played very well. Congratulations to Faith Hewitson for being Player of the Day. This Saturday's game is at 1pm on Court 1, please be at the practice court, at 12.30 pm for warm up. Good Luck!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:
* Showing determination and perseverance.

Tautoru - Charlie T., Rory and Rowan

Autahi - Isabelle, George and Leo

Māhutonga - Brenna, Corisande, Barney and Joe

Next week's focus is:

* Solving my own problems.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Let me begin with a thank you to everyone that came to the School Disco and supported it with food, helpful hands and busy dancing feet, while wearing wonderful outfits! Fantastic Fabulous Fascinators were everywhere! A wonderfully organised event for the students to celebrate their school.

Next H&S Meeting; 23 June at 7:30pm, in the staffroom.

Interested in the Treasurer role for the Home and School Committee? Read the description below and please come and see me or email me.

Summary of Responsibilities

The Treasurer undertakes all banking transactions and keeps financial records (in Microsoft Excel) for the Home and School, attending meetings and reporting on financial affairs. The Treasurer works regularly with the H&S Chair and fundraiser event leads, and is the main liaison with the National Bank, based in Kilbirnie. The Treasurer is also the key contact for the Charities Commission.

Detailed Tasks

For Home & School meetings:

- Obtain transaction records from bank statements and online banking.
- Update and publish Cash Flow Statement and Summary Profit and Loss.

For each fundraising event:

- Obtain any cash float required from National Bank.
- Prepare banking and deposit with National Bank (can done through school banking on Tuesdays).
- Write cheques, arrange co-signing, and distribute expense reimbursements or other outgoing payments.
- Provide tax-deductible receipts for donations given.

Annually:

- Ensure Bank signing authorities are up to date as officers change.
- Submit annual financial summaries of Cash Flow / Profit and Loss to Charities Commission.

Records are kept on spreadsheet in Microsoft Excel.

Don't blame the boogie on me!

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Chair of the Home and School

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Welcome to Sylvie, Emma, Molly, Rory, Lia, Isaac and Jasper who have all started with us recently. Their families are all new to the school, except for Lia and Isaac who are Scott's children, one of our Tautoru teachers.

We look forward to guiding your development and learning.



More Fascinators.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Make a Big Splash - By popular demand Wellington High Performance Aquatics are running a 3 day Springboard & Platform Diving Camp again in the July school holidays at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, 63 Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 July 9.00 - 10.30 am each day
\$60 + Pool Entry

Numbers will be limited, so be quick to register: email to whpa@clear.net.nz or call 021 443-984
www.whpa.co.nz

Ski Camp, Chef Camp, Music Camp, and of course regular Y-Camp. **YMCA Camp Kaitoke** is heading for the mountain for the first week of the holidays for all levels of skiing and snowboarding. Week two is at camp, working on your culinary skills with Top Chef and Master Chef. In October, we're running Camp of Rock, where you'll learn how to play drums, guitar, and keyboard, sing and dance, create a band, and perform to a live audience. We're also running horse camps and traditional camps during both sets of holidays. Sound like you? Check out www.ymcawellington.org.nz, email emilyrobinson@ymca.org.nz, phone 04 568 3252 (opt 7), or txt 027 600 5496 for more info. OSCAR subsidies apply.

After School Care - Fiona, a mother with a sixteen month old baby, is happy to look after children after school. She will pick up from school, supervise homework, perhaps cook dinner etc until the parents collect them after work. \$15 per hour, negotiable if more than one child. Please ring Fiona, on 0212074506, if you are interested.