



Worser Bay School

NEWS

Friday 11 December 2009

Greetings Kia ora nāmas'te Sawadee Zdravstvuyte Chao
Kia orana Talofa Zdravo Willkommen Hej Ni Hao Fáilte

A busy week in the life of Worser Bay School



Final assembly 2009



Students visiting their 2010 classrooms - obviously enjoying themselves!



New Entrants for 2010 visiting Maria's class.

And from Māhutonga:

"I made a diorama – it is a scale model which shows a major scene in 'The 10pm Question'. I made it out of lots of different things – material, clay and lots of glue."
by Ciara



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

"Another year older, another year wiser, so they say!"

I've always been curious to know who 'they' actually are! WBS has had a huge, happy and highly successful year. It's so satisfying to reflect on where we have got to and exciting to plan the 'where to' in 2010.

Today, you will receive your child's end of year summary of achievement, along with some information regarding next year - their home group teacher and stationery to sort over January when all is relaxed! Please expect a call from your child's teacher before school starts again. This is a great opportunity to touch base regarding learning goals and any pertinent summer holiday news! Please also check the daily notice section of the school website for updates from 28 January 2010.

See you on Tuesday evening - bring a cushion rain or shine. It's not looking favourable at this stage..... forecasting southerlies and a maximum of 13 degrees so prepare yourself to get up close and personal in Tautoru!

Ngā mihi o te wā me te Tau Hou!

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Diary:** Worser Bay School "Wrap 2009" - Tuesday 15th December from 5 pm.
- **Diary:** Year 6 Dinner - Thursday 17th December at 6 pm. Year 6 Parents' Wine & Cheese at 6.30 pm.
- **Please return:** Directory Slip if you **DO NOT** want to be in the School Directory 2010.
- **Diary:** School commences for 2010 on Wednesday 3rd February.
- **Diary:** Summerfest - Saturday 14th February - see notice on page 4. Tickets available at "Wrap 2009"!
- **Diary:** Open Afternoon/Evening - Thursday 11 February 3.30 - 7 pm.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

It's wrap up time. And what a year! At the last board meeting we reviewed how our school has done this year, against our four strategic goals of: Excellence In Achievement, An Engaged Community, Highly Effective Teachers Who Strive for Excellence, and Celebrating Our Place. One of the highlights of this was the excellent staff report back on overall student reading and numeracy skill levels. This clearly show that a dedicated focus on student achievement equals excellent progress. As a school, we have done well!

For some families, this coming week will be your last week with us at Worsley Bay. And what more can we say than, thank you, for all your contributions and engagement, be it through supporting your children's learning at home, getting involved in school activities, or helping out at working bees or fundraising events. All of you have helped make this place 'hum'. We wish you fair sailing in your future endeavours.

For all returning and new families in 2010, we are looking forward to another fantastic year and a continuing record of achievement.

See you all at "Wrap 2009".

Katherine Butterfield
Board Chair

Please diary Thursday 11 February 2010

We are having an Open Afternoon/Evening from 3.30 to 7.00 pm.

Please pop in with your child whenever you can during these times and take the opportunity to:

- Chat with the teachers and other parents and children.
- Be introduced to a variety of maths activities which you may like to have a go at.
- Celebrate our great student achievement results in 2009 (reading and maths data will be shared).
- Learn more about the term/year's programme.
- Be welcomed back to school, yeehah!!

AUTAHI News

Wow, how time flies and what a year it has been! The students have worked incredibly hard this year to make Autahi a great place to learn. We would like to celebrate their achievements and hard work. We have so many highlights that it would be hard to share them all. So here are some that we would like to mention.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2010.

"This year I have enjoyed swimming and tennis. Tennis has been fun because I enjoyed playing tennis and the other cool activities. I also really enjoyed our trip to the Art Gallery because it was fun and I loved the workshop where we made the Yayoi Kusama art." Millie

"My most memorable highlight this year would be organizing the Art Expo. We got to do all kinds of activities that were very exciting." Jacob

"My most exciting memories this year are making our fun fair posters with my friends. I have really enjoyed making a mess during topic when we decorated our pots." Paige

"The highlight of this year has been the Da Vinci topic. I found that it was well worth waiting for. It was different and something that we don't do everyday." Eve

"This year I have enjoyed writing my counting story with Suzanne." Leony

"This year I really liked the disco because there was lots of fun games and yummy food." Matt and Katie

"Swimming was really fun because on the second to last week of school we learnt to swim with a lifejacket on, in the 5 metre pool." Tiana

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards final awards for 2009 were for showing initiative and excellence in music.

Tautoru

Excellence in music: Rebecca, Helen and Tamrah
Showing initiative: Will A, Henry W, Finnegan and Jack R

Autahi

Excellence in music: Josef, Luka and Zoe
Showing initiative: Leony

Māhutonga

Excellence in music: Bethany, Caitlin and Reuben
Showing initiative: Abby S, Matt B and Felix for "The Band"

'WRAP 2009' - Sequence of events:

5.00 - 5.45 pm:

Sausages, pizza and hot chocolate to purchase.

5.00 - 6.00 pm:

Feel free to wander around - view children's movies, peruse new library books for possible donation, check out lost property.

6.00 pm:

We start the evening with a musical performance by some of our students of 'Peter and the Wolf'. This will be followed by a number of speeches and farewells interspersed with us ALL singing Christmas carols together LOUDLY and TUNEFULLY!

Please bring something comfy to sit on, BYO of choice and please attempt to keep your children with you!

This is an opportunity for the whole whanau to sing together! See you there!

FROM THE LIBRARY: "Wrap 2009"

At "Wrap 2009", we will have great books available for you to view. If you would like to kindly donate a beautiful new book, we would love that!

Over the past couple of years our Year 6s have often done this. It's a good way for us to remember them!



Visiting their 2010 classroom!

News from TAUTORU

How time flies when you're having fun, and we've sure had plenty of that this year! Along with the fun there has been lots of new learning and each of us has made some great progress. You'll read all about it in our reports that come home today. This year we've made great progress in knowing our goals and next steps for our learning. Here are some of them...

In writing I need to use interesting words and write more in the time set.

My goals in writing are to use different verbs and adjectives.



(To continue our progress over the holidays, have a look at www.ictgames.com for some great Numeracy and Literacy games.)

Have a wonderful, relaxing, safe and fun holiday. We look forward to hearing your stories and seeing your smiling faces back in 2010.

A note from MĀHUTONGA

Māhutonga have been doing book reviews recently. Here are a couple of them. Maybe a good read for over the holidays:

The 10pm Question

Reviewed by: Amelia Author: Kate de Goldi Rating: 9/10

Do you not like worries? Do you like life?

Then this is the book for you!!

This book is about a boy and his worries in life which is all about to change when the new girl arrives.

I thought this book was well written with good language features and amazing words that sometimes made you want to look in the dictionary. It has a lot of truth and spirit. I sometimes found it quite sad when the main character was depressed. The 10 pm Question also doesn't go on and on.

I recommend this book for people between the ages of 9-100.

ERAGON

Reviewed by: Sarah Author: Christopher Paolini Rating: 4 stars

Eragon may seem like your usual dragon book, but you've got the wrong impression. Eragon is a great book with a lot of action - it is sure to hook you in. Eragon is great for anyone over 9 and is packed with adventure.

It is a mysterious novel rated 4 stars, for its gripping story.

Will Eragon save the world, or die trying?

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

The Home and School Association will be passing on a record breaking amount to the Board from this year's fundraising efforts. This is largely due to a marvellous amount of backing from our school community, but mostly from the huge support and contribution we get from our parents. "THANK YOU!"

We will be saying a special thank you to many parents at "Wrap 2009" who will be moving on to their next adventure and leaving our community. As always (at the end of each year) it seems there will be a big gap left by some parents. Please give some thought over the summer break to how your family will be able to contribute their support in 2010 and help fill that gap.

"Be the change that you want to see in the World" – Mahatma Gandhi.

Don't forget....

"Wrap 2009" Tuesday 15th December from 5pm

Peruse the Craft Stall, buy a ticket for the Summerfest, donate a book to the Library and watch the Children's Movie Clips.

Sausages, Pizza and Hot Chocolate available from 5pm to 5.45pm.

Then settle down to Carols, Performances and Speeches at 6pm.

(Don't forget your picnic mat and your favourite tipple to oil those vocal chords.)

We have all had an amazing year for fundraising this year - come along to "Wrap 2009" to see how much the cheque will be that we will present to the Board!

One last request: Has anyone got large chilly bins / bags we could borrow for the evening to keep our pizzas warm? If so, please phone Nicola on 380 9339 (or email below).

A Happy and Safe Festive Season to All!

Your Co-chairs of the H&S:

Beth Simpson & Nicola Lancaster

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CAMP 2010

There are many exciting things to look forward to next year, and of course, many of you may already have been thinking about camp. Camp will be from 24 - 26 March 2010. The year 5 & 6s will head off together on Wednesday 24th and return on Friday 26th at about 5 pm. The year 4s, as a part of Māhutonga, will be going out, just for the day, on Thursday 25th. They will enjoy a full day of fun activities allowing Māhutonga to bond together as a whole.

More information about camp will be available on the Open Afternoon / Evening (see page 2). As well, Camp Information Packs will be sent out closer to the time.

DIARY

Rāhina (Monday)	Rātū (Tuesday)	Rāapa (Wednesday)	Rāpere (Thursday)	Rāmere (Friday)
14 Tennis	15 "Wrap 2009" - from 5pm	16 Lost Property to Charity Autahi - Swimming	17 Y6 Dinner - 6 pm Y6 Parents' Wine & Cheese - 6.30 pm Māhutonga - Swimming	18 Tautoru - Swimming School finishes for 2009 at 1 pm

Dates for 2010:

Term 1

Wednesday 3 February - Thursday 1 April (Please note: Term 1 ends on a Thursday, as Good Friday is 2 April.)

Term 2

Monday 19 April - Friday 2 July

Term 3

Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September

Term 4

Monday 11 October - Friday 17 December

In 2010, there are two longer weekends. Both the Friday of Queen's Birthday Weekend and the Friday of Labour Weekend will be a holiday.

SPORT - Flippaball

Worser Bay Blue won 10-2 against St Francis.

Worser Bay White won 9-5 against the Miramar North Dolphins.

2010 School Directory and School Information

If you do not wish your name and contact telephone number to be in the 2010 School Directory, please return the slip (in last week's newsletter) by Monday 14th December.

Please note that all school information is online (except, of course, names, addresses and telephone numbers). In this way, it can be updated regularly.

When: 1-4 pm Sunday 14 February 2010

Where: Worser Bay Boating Club

Why: To celebrate!

On the day of the Summerfest, we will be running a silent auction with a lifestyle/luxury theme. We are on the look out for Holiday Homes (1 or 2 nights accommodation), Restaurants, Wineries, Art Work, Luxury Car Rental, Theatre/Show passes, Hotel Accommodation – anything that makes for a good time. So, if you have access to any of these, or have contacts that could help, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Stephanie Wilson on 388 8285 or asewilson@xtra.co.nz to discuss further. Any company/organisation that donates will receive coverage on the day and via the school newsletter.

Thank you for your support in what will be a great summer event which will benefit your child/ren at Worser Bay School. We would also like to provide a sober driver service at the end of the event. If you own a people mover type car and might be able to do a couple of runs around the peninsula area after 4pm on the day, please contact Chris Dennehy on chrisjohn@paradise.net.nz. Remember, ticket sales available online via the school website from 15 December. Buy your ticket at "Wrap 2009" and be in the draw to win a free Summerfest t-shirt.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Seatoun Christmas Market

Saturday 12 December 10 am - 2 pm in the grounds of St George's Church, Seatoun. Stalls with lots of great Christmas presents and stocking fillers, food and family fun!

Bike the Bays, Sunday 13 December and other cycling events:

See www.feelinggreat.co.nz.

Holiday Programme Information is located in the green folder on the desk in the school foyer. Please do not remove - just ask for a photocopy.

Dog - Lost/Stolen - Reward \$500

Since 30th Sept 2009 - Mini Lassie. Any sighting since then, please ring 04 479 8180 / 0210233637 or Dog Control: 388 8212.

Cat - Missing since 3 December

Last seen at Seatoun Heights residence. Ginger male tabby 2 years old. Please ring 388 3984 or 021 432147.

A letter from our Swedish visitors...

(visited our school earlier this term)

"Kia ora all teachers and children in Worser Bay School!

We are back in Sweden and we have had a lot to catch up with, because of our trip to New Zealand. Last week we told our colleagues about all fantastic things we experienced at your place. We showed them some of our photos and they were impressed of how many good example of professional teaching we had seen. We also tried to tell them of the joy and harmony we felt in the classrooms.

Here in Sweden we prepare for Christmas, the snow is not yet here but we have changed to studded tyres in case of slippery roadways. I suppose your are preparing for summer holidays.

We want to thank you all so much for making our visit in Wellington and to your school a memory for life and an injection of good teaching.

We wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a relaxing summer holiday!!!!

Cheers

Ann-Cha, Pia, Maj.Britt och Ingela"
(the four teachers from Sollentuna, Sweden)

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