

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 8/11 - Friday 11 June 2010



Baking Takakau Bread



*Eastern Zones Cross-Country held at last!!
Some excited participants!*



*Chalk Writing
in Autahi*

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Hopefully the night sky will clear over the next few days to allow us a clearer view of the constellation of Matariki. At our place this week the focus has been the coming of the Māori New Year. Matariki celebrations have included baking Takakau bread, smoking fish, designing hunting tools, putting the finishing touches on co-operative art projects, and creating purerehua, a musical instrument historically used by Māori to signal the coming of Matariki.

Thank you to the many parents who have engaged with us and given their time to help us bake, make, and take our learning to a new level.

Matariki is not only about gathering and storing the food that is in abundance, it is also a time for learning and sharing, an opportunity for us to talk about whakapapa, teach arts and crafts skills, or play favourite games together... a perfect diversion for this current cold winter snap.

Enjoy the weekend. If the skies remain cloudy try this online link <http://www.aao.gov.au/images/captions/uks018.html> for a really great image of Matariki.

Noho ora mai ra

Maria

Staff News

We are thrilled that Sophie Hamilton will be joining 'Team Taururu' from the beginning of Term 3. Many of you will know Sophie already, due to the fact she has been working in the school, is a WBS parent and has a long association with the school as she worked here in the 90s! With 20 years New Entrant, Early Childhood and Junior School experience behind her, we know that Sophie, along with Marylyn, Suzanne and Scott will continue to provide a fantastic introduction to school life. Sophie will be making contact with all NE families soon. Suzanne, as Team Leader of Taururu from Term 3, can answer any questions in the interim.

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Matariki Soup Lunch** - 1.00pm, Monday 14th June
- **Return Miniball Interest Slip (Yrs 3 - 6)** by Wednesday 16th June.
- **Matariki Open Afternoon** 3.00 - 6.00 pm, Thursday 24th June.
- **Return Disco payment and slip**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards for the last two weeks were for:

- * Being a role model in and out of school.
- * Managing our resources.

Tautoru

For being a positive role model in and out of school:
Tamrah, Isabelle and Jack K

Autahi

Managing our resources: Ella W

For being a positive role model in and out of school:
Henry and Ian

Māhutonga

Managing our class resources - always putting things away: Millie

For being a positive role model in and out of school:
Ben and Madi

Next week's foci will be:

- * Being flexible
- * Making improvements - responding to feedback.



Eastern Zones Cross-Country

Eastern zones was so much fun!! The course was really challenging, slippery, muddy and slimy.

Years 5 and 6 had to run up a really steep hill but the Yr 4s got to run down it, lots of kids lost their shoes or slid down into the big puddle below. Lots of people made it into Inter Zones: Kirstie, Coco, Martha, Zoe and Josef. There were three postponement dates, we were so relieved to finally get it over and done with on 10th June.

Eastern Zones was a good experience for most of us. Most of us were looking forward to curving round the corner and sprinting through the finish.

Zoe, Martha and Taine



Some happy cross-country competitors!

From the HOME AND SCHOOL School Fair Meeting Thursday 17th June 7pm in the Staffroom

By now many of you (those who ticked THAT lovely yellow form) will have received an email about our first Fair meeting. If you haven't heard or you are new to school and would like to give us a hand in organising the Fair, please come along! Alternatively, you can email me or give me a ring: nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz / 04 380 9339.

Our first meeting will include:

- Intro / brief
- Confirmation of the Fair Date
- Theme
- Sponsorship
- Booking of Resources

Join us in making this another fun and successful Fair Day!

Wanted - A real Treasure!

A real treasure to be our Treasurer for the School Fair, and then for the next financial year of the Home and School Committee. Our fantastic current Treasurer will need help with the School Fair and would like to hand over her position next year. Happy to work with numbers and the use of Excel spreadsheets is all you need! If you are interested in giving Julia a hand, please give her a ring: Julia Rowling 934 8202.

Coming Up Next Term.....

Worser Bay School Disco – Friday 30th July, 6 - 8pm, The Salvation Army Hall, Miramar

Dust off your dancing shoes, practice your moves to the latest grooves and buy yourself a ticket for the highly anticipated Worser Bay School Disco! Tickets are \$5 per child (adults free!). Ticket Reply Slip - page 4.

And finally a reminder.....

Please support Jewett's Real Estate who were our principal sponsor for the 2009 Fair. Steve Farrell was very supportive both financially and with practical help. If you are thinking about any real estate moves, please consider choosing Steve and his team in Seatoun in appreciation of their support.

Any sale linked to the promotion of Jewett's by Worser Bay School and Jewett's will donate \$500 to the school.

Jewett's Auctioneers & Estate Agents, 17 Dundas Street,
PO Box 15136, Wellington. Telephone: 04 388 8788,
www.jewetts.co.nz.

See you on Monday for a nice cup of warm soup!

Chair of the Home and School
Nicola Lancaster
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from AUTAHI

You might have seen our chalk writing on the ground around the school. Some of us have been practising our letters in chalk. This allows us to use our large muscles to get the feel of writing the shapes. We have been doing the "racing 8" shape which allows us to make the shapes used in forming all letters and practise crossing the midline. These skills are helpful in reducing letter reversals such as b instead of d.

Jack S: *"We have been learning how to do handwriting the right way so we can get better at it. We're using chalk because its easier than pencils. We do the racing 8 because it can be anything."*

"It's easier to do it with chalk." Andre

"We're practising our letters by drawing with chalk. Instead of just doing the S we do the racing 8 instead." Billy

We are doing it to:

"learn our letters, to learn the shape." Jack R

"learn our letters in the alphabet and to learn our 8s." Gabriel

"learn our A B C D." James



A note from TAUTORU



Tautoru thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Te Papa to celebrate Matariki. We were able to enter the 'star dome' to have a first hand experience of how different constellations move across our night sky. We saw the constellation 'Tautoru' which had a special significance for us. This constellation is a group of three bright stars just like the three home groups that call Tautoru home. We also learnt about Taonga Puoro (traditional Māori instruments). We were lucky enough to hear a talented musician play most of these instruments. Some of the instruments made a number of different sounds which signified different characters in Maori myths and legends.

Matariki was a time for learning. We learnt that stars were not only used in myths and legends but were also used by Māori to calculate time, seasons, navigate, preserve knowledge and stories, maintain customary practices and to inspire action and achievement. You would have smelt or been lucky enough to taste our smoked fish, dehydrated fruit, not to mention our Takakau - traditional Māori bread. Our Matariki preparations continue to be a great opportunity to work in co-operative groups across the school.

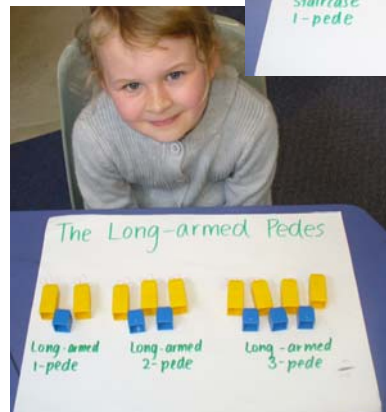
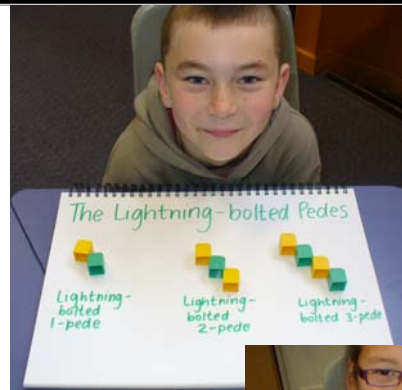
A note from MĀHUTONGA

In Māhutonga we have been learning to create and continue sequential patterns and find rules for the next member in a pattern. In Kath's Maths class we have been developing our understanding of these pattern concepts by exploring a mythical species of insect on the island of Elsinore called Pedes. Some of the Pedes we looked at were the Humped Back Pede, the Spotted Pede and the Big-Headed Pede. These Pedes are made out of squares and there is a pattern to follow as they get larger. We have invented our own Pedes. Take a look – can you make/draw the next three Pedes in the pattern? Could you make up a rule for this Pede?

Picture 1: "My Pede is called the *Lightning-bolted Pede*. The *Lightning-bolted 1-Pede* has 2 squares. The *Lightning-bolted 2-Pede* has 3 squares. The *Lightning-bolted 3-Pede* has 4 squares. Can you work out the rule for my Pede?"

Picture 2: "My Pede is called the *Staircase Pede* because it is the shape of a staircase. The *Staircase 1-Pede* has 3 squares, the *Staircase 2-Pede* has 5 squares and the *Staircase 3-Pede* has 7 squares. Can you work out my pattern?"

Picture 3: "My Pede is called the *Long-armed Pede*. The *Long-armed 1-Pede* has 5 squares, the *Long-armed 2-Pede* has 8 squares and the *Long-armed 3-Pede* has 11. Can you work out my pattern?"



Sports, Sports, Sports

Flippaball: The team won again on Friday; 8 - 3 against Queen Margaret's.

Netball: The year 5/6 team are playing at 12pm on Court 2; the Year 4 team are playing 1.30pm on Court 4.

Miniball Term 3: The time has come for students to sign up for Miniball for Term 3. This term it's good to see so many students getting involved and having a great time. It really is a fantastic way to get kids active and involved in a team sport and learning some new skills.

If your child is interested please ensure that you get the application form in by the due date as any applications after then are subject to team numbers and their size. Ideally, we would like to have 4 teams of 7-8 students so that game time can be maximised for each child.

Kilbirnie Recreation Centre is running the same structure as the previous term, however, it will be an 8 week league.

YEARS 5 AND 6: Mondays: 26th July - 13th September (3.20pm - 5.50pm)

YEARS 3 AND 4: Wednesdays: 28th July - 15th September (3.20 - 5.20pm)

The price for entering a team is \$170 and spaces are allocated on a **'first in first served'** basis so we need to ensure we get our Worser Bay Teams in **ASAP**. We are unable to provide a cost per student until we know the definite number of players we will have per team.

Please complete the application form adjacent for your child and indicate if you are willing to coach or manage a team. Please have applications in by **Wednesday 16th June**. As stated previously, any later than this and your child could miss out. Please note that the teams will be expected to wear a Worser Bay T-shirt.

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Reply Slip for Miniball

I would like to be a part of a Worser Bay School Miniball team.

Child's Name:

Year:

I would be able/unable to help as a Coach or Manager. (Please circle.)

Parent's Signature:

Return by **Wednesday 16th June**.

Worser Bay School Disco – Friday 30th July

Child's Name _____
Tauru / Autahi / Māhutonga (**please circle**)

Child's Name _____
Tauru / Autahi / Māhutonga

would like _____ Disco tickets at \$5 each

I have enclosed \$ _____ Cash / Cheque **Or**

I have paid \$ _____ by direct transfer to the **Home and School Committee Account**
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(**please use 'Disco' and Family Name as reference**)