

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!)

Week 6 Term 1 - Friday 11 March 2011



**Participating
and
Contributing**



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Diary** the following dates:
Tautoru and Autahi Maths and Writing Workshops
Tuesday 22nd March - Writing
Tuesday 29th March - Maths
- Please fill in and return your **yellow Volunteer Form** which came home today if you would like to help the **Home and School** in any way.
- **Camp:** Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday 16 to Friday 18 March and Year 4 visit - Thursday 17th March.
- **Next assembly** 9.15 am Friday 25th March.
- Please fill in and return your **Emergency Contact form** if you haven't nominated someone close by as a contact already. And, please ensure you have filled in and returned your **Emergency Plan contribution of \$10 plus can of food per child.**
- Please send in **Voluntary Contribution** as soon as possible. Remember the discount period finishes on 15th April.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

As I am writing this, I am assuming that everything has gone smoothly, and our inaugural Worser Bay Sports Booklet is coming home today with the eldest or only. If not today, then most definitely next week, so look out for it.

This booklet is designed as another way of keeping you well prepared and informed of upcoming events and also supporting parents/coaches/managers/teachers in developing our budding sports players. You will also be able to locate a wealth of sporting information on the website soon.

As well as having a range of sports teams that regularly compete outside of school, we also embrace interschool competitions and love our whole school sports events. Physical Education is not all about sports teams - our comprehensive teaching and learning programme starts at 5 years old and caters for a range of developmental stages.

Physical Education also provides such a great context for developing the key competencies. This recent feedback from a parent sums this up well.....

"I was helping out with the games and some Year 3 and 4s from our school really shone. They organised their teams (including older children from different schools), they didn't whine to be in the same team as their friends, and they encouraged the younger children to have a go.

Thanks for encouraging, directing and allowing that culture to grow, so it is now within and without the school"

(February 2011)

Flippaball is already well underway, it's fantastic to see so many giving it a go, and willing coaches and managers popping their heads up!

Here's to a great sporting year!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

from TAUTORU and AUTAHĪ

Maths...

For the past 5 weeks we have been looking at measurement in mathematics, increasing our understanding of ways we can measure and units that we can measure with. We are now moving into an addition and subtraction numeracy focus, building our understanding of numbers - how big they are, how they relate to other numbers, and how they behave.

Students have been grouped according to their numeracy strategy and are working with Rachel, Scott or Hamish. Students will be developing their number knowledge (recognising and reading numbers, learning basic facts and understanding place value), as well as their number strategies – ways that they can solve number problems.

In week 9 on Tuesday 29th March we will be having an informal information workshop on the numeracy stages and the activities that students do to build their number knowledge. Teachers will be available from 3.00 – 3.30pm to answer questions and share this information with you.

For more information on the numeracy stages and framework please visit <http://www.nzmaths.co.nz/families>.

Writing...

In writing we have been focused on developing our skills of observation, learning to really look carefully at what we can see. After looking at photographs of dragonflies we practiced drawing all the careful details we could see. Hamish taught us how to label the different body parts.

We watched some clips of dragonflies moving and created a word board of interesting and vivid words to describe them. Finally we used all our observations within a poetic piece of writing to create a picture in the reader's mind of a dragonfly.

Some of us have been learning to use describing words to create a super sentence. We have been practicing to read and write the words 'like' and 'play', so we used these to write a sentence about what we like to play with. We worked on our sentences carefully and tried to add words to make them more interesting.

In week 8 on Tuesday 22nd March we will be having an informal information workshop on literacy and the activities that students do in reading and writing to increase these skills. Teachers will be available from 3.00 – 3.30pm to answer questions and share this information with you.

"In maths we are learning about things that are close and far away."



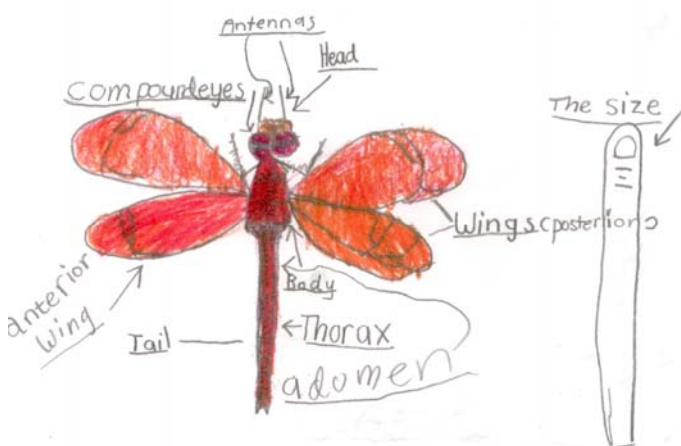
Your wings shine like glass and you float up in the sky. You sway from side to side and your eyes twinkle like a star. You have a humongous tail and it makes me shine and hail.
By Fern

*I can see you Mr Dragonfly
darting at the lake with your glowing crystal wings shining in the light.*

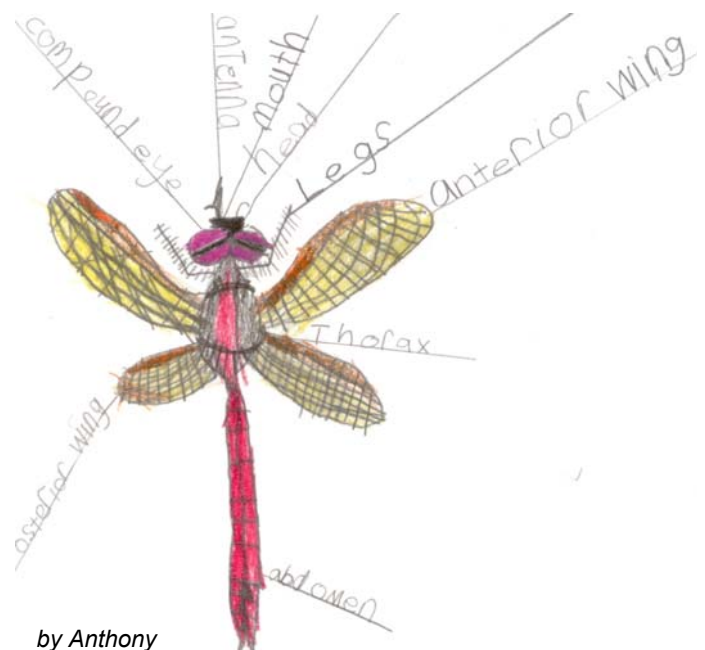
*I can see you Mr Dragonfly
with your humongous bulging eyes to see amazing things
I can see you Mr Dragonfly
with your sharp vicious hooks clinging on branches leaving lots of scratch marks*

*I can see you Mr Dragonfly
twisting your long, scaly thorax shining oh so bright like a shooting star*

I can see you Mr Dragonfly
By Jude



by Nicolas



by Anthony

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

Camp fever is building this week, there are only a few sleeps to go until we take the bus. It is such a good experience for kids, having adventures, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and, of course, all of the great bonding and team work which this experience offers. It is really rich learning. We are looking forward to applying some of the skills we have been working on in the classroom on camp as well. In particular there will be opportunities to apply our observation skills, when drawing or writing. No doubt some exciting writing will emerge from the experience. To make sure we are all prepared we will be asking the students to bring in their packed bags on Tuesday so that we can check they have all the essential items i.e. warm hats, sun block, etc.

We have been processing the collections presented by teachers last week, asking questions and making statements about the artefacts and photos. Now we are asking students to go further and ask questions of the artefacts and collections which go beyond the surface. Asking good questions is a skill we will continue to come back to throughout the year. We have already developed criteria which kids can use to evaluate the value of their questions. It is fantastic to see thinking happening.



In Māhutonga this term we have been looking at how we contribute to our learning.

Some of our criteria for Participating and Contributing in a group is :

- Sharing and discussing my ideas.
- Being an active group member by taking on a role such as recorder, reporting, time keeping or facilitating.
- Helping to solve problems.
- Having a go.
- Thinking out loud.
- Using my initiative.
- Asking for help.
- Having our 'heads together'.

We have been looking at different exhibitions of 'collections'. We came up with statements and questions about each collection. These photos show us with our heads together, thinking about which statements are most relevant to each collection. We have also been ranking and categorising our questions. We are learning to be curious and ask quality questions that are going to lead us to a good inquiry.

Students are starting to bring in collections of their own. We have Star Wars' figures, a collection of cook books and a fascinating collection of erasers! It's amazing what people collect! We are going to get students to present this collection as a series of photos on a timeline exploring and demonstrating the concept of change. If you don't have a digital camera and computer at home they can do this work at school but ideally it will be done at home as a homework task. They have until Wednesday of week eight - the week after camp - to complete this. We have explained this task thoroughly to the kids and there is a further brief explanation of the task outline in their Inquiry books. We are trying to encourage kids to take responsibility for their own work. We expect them to manage this and would like parents to expect the same. We realise that becoming independent won't happen overnight, but having high expectations will help them in the long run.

If you would like to help curate this collection with your child, that would be great. Call it quality time!



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Thank you to all who came to the information morning tea. For everyone who could not make it, here is a brief summary:

The Home and School has the important role of raising funds for the School Board, to benefit the children's learning here at Worsler Bay School. Also, equally important, is to support the teaching staff, students, parents and guardians, leading to a positive school spirit.

Now, a little about myself:

"I'm a mum of two boys at the school, Thomas in Māhutonga and Patrick in Autahi. I have supported the Home and School over the years, but joined the committee last year and got to see at first hand, the direct effect of all that great hard work by many busy people. I am keen to carry on this year as Chair.

I enjoy laughter, music, too much TV and, most of the time, my family."

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the Home and School Committee, even if you cannot make it to the meetings, please contact me.

Lastly, keep an eye out for yellow Volunteer Forms that, hopefully, made it home with the children. We look forward to your prompt feedback.

Thanks for all the help and support so far.

Eleni Moore
Chair of the Home and School.
moore@vodafone.net.nz or 388 8137

The **Entertainment Book** is arriving soon! The cost is \$60 per book, \$12 of which will go to Worsler Bay School. You can support the school while grabbing great deals! If you pre-order yours before 25th March, you will receive 6 bonus coupons. The Entertainment Book sales will finish before the end of term which will give you access to great savings on activities for the kids during the holidays. Any questions, call Margaret, 021 268 9567.

In the Capital Times recently... ..

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

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Summerfest celebration of good food and beer

SUMMER ENJOYMENT: Worsler Bay School mum Julie Williamson, Strathmore, sold Gypsy Kitchen chocolate brownies, and Tuatara Porter at the Summer Beer and Food Festival Summerfest. The event was an occasion to celebrate good beer and food, accompanied by hot summer jazz, gypsy folk, blues and laid-back Irish ballads. Beer writer and raconteur Neil Miller also took part in the event, supported by Tuatara Beer, held on February 27 at Worsler Bay Boating Club. Local Strathmore deli The Gypsy Kitchen provided chocolate brownies and coffee supreme while the Strathmore Butcher contributed sundried-tomato venison sausages. Paas fritters were again the highlight of the culinary fare, made with paas freshly caught by locals. People from all over Wellington flocked to the event, which is now in its second year, to soak up the atmosphere and flavours of Summerfest. Summerfest will be back next year on Sunday, February 26.

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Showing curiosity

Tautoru - Winter Sage and Liv for their curiosity and questions.

Autahi - Nicolas and Billy for asking questions and being curious.

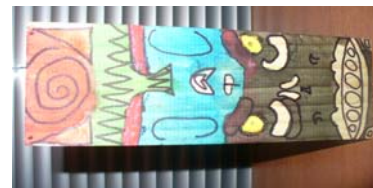
Māhutonga - Jacob, Ruby, Brynn and John for being curious and asking questions.

The focus for next week will be:

* Being curious, asking questions and finding answers.

SPORTS AWARDS

None this week as no game was played.



Staff News

Our lovely Suz will be taking parental leave from 25th March, but you will still see her around in her Reading Recovery role until the end of term (fingers crossed - all going to plan!). We are really thrilled to have Jane Bell all ready and set to join us from 28th March. Jane has a wealth of experience and we know that she will certainly bring new ideas and a unique perspective to the team. Some of you may have met Jane already as she has been in a relieving capacity this term and knows many of our children already. Go well, Suz, and welcome, Jane!

An Important Message:

"It's what teachers do moment by moment that make a difference"

Please help us to have as many moments as we possibly can!

Unfortunately many moments of your own child's and others are being wasted by continual lateness to school. Teachers' patience is also, understandably, diminishing.

Please help all children have maximum learning opportunities by ensuring your child/ren are here in class ready to learn by 8.55 am. This means they are best placed to be ready if they are here by 8.45 am, at the latest, giving them 10 minutes to sort themselves out.

Thanks - we really need you to set your alarm earlier or do whatever you can to support us in our quest for a great start to the day!

Also, please ensure that, if your child/ren are away sick or away from school for any other reason, you ring or email the office, as well as telling the class teacher/s.

And, if your child comes in late to school (i.e. after 8.55 am) they **must** sign the late book on the office counter and take a late pass to show their class teacher.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Fundraiser for Christchurch at Polo Café

Tuesday 15th March

Three course meal for \$60/head. Polo does fantastic dinners and it will be a great community night. For tickets contact Marg White on 021 2147238.

On **Sunday, March 27th** the **World of Wearable Art Ltd** is presenting a fundraising event in Wellington raising money for the Christchurch earthquake. This is a 'free to the public' event and will showcase children's garments from our Wellington designers. More details to come next week.

Wanted to Rent

Garage/storage wanted short term.
Please ring Tracey, 971 2732.

As part of the '**Fill the Basin for Christchurch**' fundraiser match on **Sunday, Cricket Wellington** will be running the following:

The 'Firebirds Kids' Day' that was postponed in November will be held this Sunday. This will be run before the main charity match between the times of 2.30pm-3.30pm. This now supersedes the previously advertised Kids' Day at Karori Park.

This day is for junior players and non-players alike to take part in a coaching session run by some of Wellington's elite cricketers and many former first class cricketers.

To gain access to this coaching session, participants will need to purchase a ticket to the fundraiser match. Please hurry as tickets are going quickly. This can be done by accessing the following link:

<http://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=FILLTHEB11>

Ethnic Food Fair and Gala, including a Silent Auction, rapid raffles and games, to be held at Miramar Central School, 38 Park Road, Miramar from 5 -7-30pm, Friday 18 March. Pick up dinner on the way home!

Tuatara Kids at 95 Park Road, Miramar are holding a Garage Sale – Family Day on the 19th March 2011.

(Proceeds are to go to children in Christchurch.)

We plan the day to start as a typical, but BIG, garage sale and then get into games, music, raffles, sausage sizzle etc.

Should you have any items for the garage sale, please contact jo@tuatarakids.co.nz to arrange drop off or pick up.

Need Before School/After School Childcare?

NZ Nannies International have Au Pairs available to care for your children and help with housework for up to full time hours in exchange for free board and \$250 per week. The Au Pair can stay for 12-24 months as required. For more information please go to www.nznannies.org.nz or email victoria@nznannies.org.nz

Harbour City Hockey Club want you!

If you are looking to play a winter sport and would like to give hockey a try or have played before, then Harbour City Hockey is for you.

Harbour City Hockey is an established club which last year had 16 junior teams in the local competitions. Team sizes range from 4 to 11 depending on player age and capability. The junior club caters for all children between the ages of 5 and 13. Games are on Saturdays in Terms 2 and 3 and are very rarely cancelled. Practices are once a week after school.

Registration date is on the 19th March between 2 – 3.30pm at the National Hockey Stadium in Newtown. Alternatively children can be registered through accessing the registration forms on the website:

www.harbourcityhockey.org.nz

If you have any queries feel free to contact Fiona on 3836947 or email fiona.morgan@paradise.net.nz

Worser Bay Beach, Marine Parade

Sunday, 20th March 2011

Come along and support this fun fundraising event for the Worser Bay Life Saving Club. Be part of a **World Record Attempt** for the most number of people applying sunscreen at the same time (sunscreen supplied by Le Tan), join in the **Big Dig** and watch the Westpac helicopter perform a sea rescue.

Registration for the World Record Attempt opens at 10am on the day or you can pre-register online and arrive at 11am. The Big Dig commences at 12 noon and costs \$5 per digger.

For more information, go to www.worserbaylsc.org.nz

Harbour City Rugby League Club

Registration and Open Day Sunday 13th March at Martin Luckie Park from 2 - 4 pm.

\$30 per player, \$50 per family

Any queries call Ian Leary 021 517953.

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