



# Worser Bay School

## NEWS

Friday 11 September 2009

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

### WORKING IN CO-OPERATIVE GROUPS

Developing our  
co-operative skills



### ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Diary:** Sunday 18 October - Spring Working Bee
- **Diary:** Wednesday 21st October - Term 4 Parent Information Evening
- **Worser Bay School Website:**  
Go to [www.worserbay.school.nz](http://www.worserbay.school.nz) and check it out on a regular basis.  
Remember, you will find our daily notices there as well!

Thanks to all those who have returned their Health & PE Survey - 84 responses so far.

### Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Whetukairangi

Education, just like many other professions, has its own unique language. We understand that sometimes it can sound more like sonar signals being transmitted through wild seas. There is some 'school jargon' which is useful for parents to know and understand but there is some which could be transported elsewhere, far, far, away and replaced with good old upfront plain language.

It is hoped that the National Standards, to be implemented in 2010, will support schools to keep the message simple when answering the question, "Is my child achieving as they should be and what can we do to help them?". You will receive the next written summary of your child's Student Led Conference before the end of the term. Yes, the teachers really are trying not to overdo the jargon, but please also understand that when you are immersed neck deep in it, day after day, like anything, it becomes natural. That's one reason, according to that favourite man of mine, Ken Robinson, people in education don't get invited to social occasions very often!

Anyway, it's always a work in progress, so if you do receive a summary where the messages aren't as clear as you would like, then please do not hesitate to seek clarification from your child's teacher. We are currently planning to develop and streamline our reporting practices over 2010, as it's all about continuous improvement! (Oops, or is that making things better!)

Make sure you enjoy some happy cake (see over) this weekend.

Noho mai rā.

*Jude*

## WORD FROM THE BOARD

Finally it seems spring has sprung and we are enjoying longer, sunnier days. It also means it's nearly Working Bee time again, so dust off your gardening tools and painting gear and put **Sunday 18 October** in your diaries for a spring clean Working Bee at school. That's the first weekend back next term for a general tidy up and to spruce things up for the school fair which is fast approaching.

No doubt more of you will be coming up to the school during these fine weekends to play or kick a ball around. Maintaining a presence at school over weekends and holidays is a huge help with general security and we appreciate the role the school community plays in doing that.

Remember the notebook in the office if you notice any maintenance issues around the place when you are here.

**Kirsty Chamberlain**  
Board Member

## TAUTORU News

### How to Make a Happy Cake

"The Bananas reading group in Tautoru read a book called 'How to Make a Happy Cake' and then we made one. We didn't follow the instructions in the book, but it didn't matter because what makes the cake happy is the face you make on top.

Follow your own favourite cake recipe and then to make the happy face on top you need: a piece of paper/cardboard, sieve, icing sugar, scissors and a pen.

Draw circles for eyes, a triangle for a nose, and an orange wedge shape for the mouth. You can add hair and ears if you would like to, just remember to make them a shape.

Cut these shapes out and place them on top of the cake.

Put some icing sugar in a sieve and sprinkle it over the cake and paper until it looks white. Then carefully lift the pieces of paper off the cake.

Now you can scoff it down with the people around you!"  
by *Aidan, Ella, Faith, Henry, Ian, John*



The Bananas reading group with their Happy Cake.

The movie makers ready for their 'shoot'.



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on lending a hand and organising yourself ready for learning.

### Tautoru

Lending a Hand - Burton, Tasia & Finnegan

Organising Yourself - Isabella, Henry A & Lauren

### Autahi

Lending a Hand - Taine

Organising Yourself - Paris & Sarah

### Māhutonga

Lending a Hand - Nick & Rose

Organising Yourself - Louise

The Principal's Awards for next week will be awarded for working with others in a team and physical prowess in sport.

## EASTERN ZONE HOCKEY

Well done to all who participated in the EZ hockey. It was a mixed bag of results; the non competitive team won three games, drew two and lost one. The competitive team lost all their games. The students were great representatives of the school and showed fantastic sportsmanship.

"At the start of the day we weren't working very well together as a team. We kept the ball to ourselves and dribbled it. By the end of the day we were cooperating with each other marvellously." by *Madi*

"We all tried our hardest in our games. We won three." by *Reuben*

"A BIG thanks to our team leaders Mandy, Barbara and Rachel." by *Curtis and Madi*.

## Swimming

Swimming will be starting the first week of Term 4. Further details to follow in our next newsletter.

Our Eastern Zone's Hockey Team.



## A note from MĀHUTONGA

Our big question for the term has been around finding out what makes an effective, co-operative group. Most students have developed a good understanding of the benefits of learning to work in a team. These include getting to know each other, finding out strengths and weaknesses, learning about what motivates each team member, and learning to trust and rely on each other.

We have also done a number of fun, challenge events that encourage competition within the co-operative group context. These include straw tower building, dart making and throwing, and game creation. We have noted that competition is a great way to motivate students and is an important part of our programme. Learning how to be competitive, while maintaining good relationships is an important skill. Talking to your child about how this applies to their life outside of school will really help cement this term's focus.

### MOVIE MAKING PROCESS

So the big question teachers and students asked themselves this term was 'How do we connect?'. We wanted to find out '*What makes an effective cooperative group?*'. We focused on exploring group interaction and roles and responsibilities within one of the largest groups we belong to – Worsler Bay School. We pondered the following:

- What is my role and my responsibility when I'm in a group?
- How do I interact in a group?
- How do I connect with others?
- How do I relate to others in class and in the playground?

You may have already identified the Key Competency best suited to this focus as being 'Relating to Others'. Actually, it's not easy to isolate because all five key competencies along with the Enterprising Attributes work together to shape our interactions and the way we learn.

The learning outcomes were taken from the Health and the Social Studies curriculum, but with the recent installation of data projectors and screens in each classroom, teachers were keen to pursue a multi-media project with students. This choice developed deeper understanding – not only of students' cooperative skills, but also helped make connections with prior learning and reinforced earlier work on process from Term 1 & 2.

A series of activities were designed to guide the students to see the implications of what it means to be part of a cooperative group. The learning tasks explored group roles and responsibilities, relationships with others, participation and contribution, stereotype, bias and tolerance. One of the starting points was viewing the moving image exemplars on TKI. These exemplars introduced students to the film making medium and provided an understanding of the success criteria (what we would be looking for in the finished product).

We chose to combine our learning and newly acquired film making skills to produce the retelling of a well known fairy tale - '*Little Red Riding Hood*'. The process involved learning about storyboarding, camera angles and movie editing skills. We talked with professionals in our wider community to find out about their individual and collective responsibilities as a cooperative group. Well-known artist and illustrator, Jacqui Colley, came to share her own storyboarding ideas with us. She talked about the importance of "taking risks and trying something new" and advised the students to "take opportunities when they arise".

While using creative ideas and processes, the students needed to look ahead to identify, solve and avoid problems. When they wished to hold on to their own very good idea they realised they had to negotiate or influence others before reaching agreement. Very soon, students discovered that every decision they make has an impact – in due course, it made better sense to stop and consider the needs of others, and try to encourage and listen to all viewpoints.

So, we're in the final throes of our movie making venture and look forward to sharing this work with you in the very near future.

### From the HOME AND SCHOOL

**Wow! What fantastic support we have been receiving this term!**

It was great to see so many Dads/ "Poppas"/ Grandads/ Uncles here supporting our Fathers' Day Brekkie. Thank you to all the people who filled in the "I can help" section of the forms - if you haven't heard from someone yet, you will soon!

#### The School Fair is Looming Large!

We are very pleased to announce that Jewetts Real Estate will be our Principal Sponsor for the Fair. Steve Farrell has been very supportive both financially and with practical help. If you are thinking about any real estate moves, please do consider choosing Steve and his team in Seatoun in appreciation of their support.

Check your cupboards for Lucky Dip items: any small toys, pens, pencils, erasers, balloons, left over party bag items, etc. These can be dropped in to the staffroom in a labelled bag.

Please see the attachment about our White Elephant Days: we have two Saturday Morning times for drop off of your Fair Treasures, whether it be household items, jam jars for the deli, toys, baby gear, clothes or books – you can drop them up at school on:

- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am to 11.30am**
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am to 11.30am**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS AT SCHOOL AFTER 11.30AM ON THESE DAYS AS THIS COULD BE A POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD.**

If you are able to help sort through and pack up boxes for storage on these mornings all help would be very much appreciated!

We had a very productive stall holder's meeting last night. We still have a few gaps that we need to fill and some more support will be called for nearer the time - watch this space. Thank you to all those people who came and contributed to our meeting.

**Only 7 weeks to go! Yes, 7 Weeks!**

**Mark your Calendars: School Fair  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 11am – 2pm**

Beth Simpson & Nicola Lancaster  
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# DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15	16	17	18 SLC Summaries home
21	22	23 School Photograph Day - 9.00 am	24	25 Last day of Term 3 - School finishes at usual time, 3.00 pm.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Miniball

All wins this week!  
Celtics won 20-14.  
Player of the day was Thomas.

Spurs won 18-14 in a hard-fought game with bodies flying everywhere!  
Player of the day was Curtis.

Lakers won 22-12.  
Player of the day was Oliver who had his best game of the season.

Trailblazers had a BYE this week.

### Netball

Our netball team had a good win for their last game for the year.  
They won 18-2 against Miramar Central.

## Flippaball – Term 4

Flippaball starts up again in the first week of Term 4 (Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October). If your child is keen to play, please email Carolyn at [cbrett@worserbay.school.nz](mailto:cbrett@worserbay.school.nz) by Monday 14 September. Cost will be around \$20 for the term plus the usual pool entry fee.

Practices will be at 7.00 to 7.45am on Wednesday mornings (starting 21<sup>st</sup> October) and games will be after school on Fridays.

We'll be having a Flippaball photo taken on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, so remember to bring your WBS Sports T-Shirt if you've played Flippaball this year.

## WELLINGTON AMI Primary Schools, Singles Tennis Tournament

**Girls 13th October 2009** (back up 15th October)

**Boys 14th October 2009** (back up 16th October)

**Note:** *Wellington Competition = South of Ngauranga Gorge (including Churton Park)*

VENUE: Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre, reporting time 8.15am.

*Players entered must have played tennis before and have knowledge of the rules of tennis and how to score a game. Players must also bring their own tennis racquet for the event as well as wear appropriate sporting attire.*

SUPERVISION: One parent or teacher is required per school to manage the players at each venue so if you are able to help, please let me know as due to numbers we won't be sending a teacher.

ENTRY FEE: \$18.50 per player.

If your child is interested, or if you can help, please see Hamish by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September. **There will be no entries accepted after this date.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### SPRING KNACK - Beautiful original New Zealand-made craft

Saturday 12th September  
9.30 am - 1.30 pm Berhampore School Hall,  
Britomart Street, Berhampore.  
[knack.market@gmail.com](mailto:knack.market@gmail.com)

### Miramar Tennis Club Mid-Week Section

Open Day - Friday 18 September -  
9:15 – 11:15am.

Come along and bring a friend!  
Free childcare available on the Open Day!  
Yummy morning tea! Tel: 388 3629

### Miramar Tennis Club Holiday Programme

Term 4, 2009 - Five Day Programme.

Visit our website [www.miramartennis.org.nz](http://www.miramartennis.org.nz)  
or email: [miramartennis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:miramartennis@xtra.co.nz).

### Miramar North Kindergarten

#### "Glow in the Dark" Disco

Friday 11 September, 5.30 - 7.00pm.  
Salvation Army Gym, 63 Miramar Ave.  
For all Junior Syndicate pupils and pre-schoolers. Tickets available from [deanosq@xtra.co.nz](mailto:deanosq@xtra.co.nz) or 027 222 9903.  
Also door sales. \$5 entry includes a free gift.  
Food, drinks and glow sticks available.

### Kelly Sports Summer Series Leagues

run for children **aged 5 - 17**. Fun, social Summer Football and Netball competitions for any ability run on Friday nights. Get a team together!

For more information check out our website [www.ksports.co.nz](http://www.ksports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.

### Missing Scooter

Has anyone seen Sadie's missing scooter - a small alloy one with a red rear wheel that flashes when it turns - fairly distinctive! Hopefully someone has taken it home by mistake.

## FAMILY CONCERT

**Ilott Theatre, Wellington Town Hall**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm**

Presented by NZSO Associate Concert Master, Donald Armstrong, with String Quintet and Wellington's top young singers, musicians and dancers.

\$10 child / \$20 adult / \$50 family

The concert is in support of the Sarah Lilli Fund which enables children in need to pursue creative, sporting and other interests.

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