

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Term 3, Week 2, Friday 12 August 2011

Eastern Zones Football



Our Football teams did brilliantly at Wednesday's Eastern Zones tournament. One of the teams came 2nd and the other 14th. We are really proud of the result and the way they conducted themselves. Awesome!

Parent Workshops

Come and find out more about what's up at school, why and how we can work together to support the children's learning on **Thursday 18 August**.

We are having 3 recurring sessions so that you can select which suits and if you have a child in each area of the school you may like to come to numbers 1 and 2 or 2 and 3 and you won't be rushed or miss out. We would also like to have the children present as there are opportunities for them to take a bit of a lead in demonstrating what's happening too.

1) 3.30-4.15 2) 4.30-5.15 3) 5.30-6.15

(Please note the format has changed slightly since this was first published last term.)

Tautoru-iti, Tautoru and Autahi: Come along and learn more about the thinking tools and strategies that we are learning about. Students will be showing and leading parents through thinking activities, showing how they work and what we have been using them for in class. We will be sharing how these thinking tools help us in our inquiry and foster deeper thinking about what we are learning.

Māhutonga and Matariki: What will the session include? We will revisit the Inquiry Process using our recent Inquiry 'Our Place - The Miramar Peninsula'. A slide show will demonstrate the questions students have asked, the plans we have followed and show examples of students' work. You will see the 'learning story'. We will discuss how you can help at home, giving particular attention to the research work as the students will need to revisit this research process often in order to build their skill base. We have seen great movement already over two terms, it's exciting and we look forward to talking more on the 18th.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou and Ni men hao

One of the principles in the New Zealand Curriculum is to have a future focus. One of our goals in our Strategic direction is to open our children's eyes to the wider world, increase global awareness and opportunities for developing 'cultural intelligence'. All very important for the world they are growing up in and the world they will eventually work within.

For this reason, I applied for the NZ Principals' Delegation to China and was thrilled to be accepted. This Delegation is led by Auckland's Confucius Institute and 15 of us are off in 3 weeks to learn more about life, work and education in China. I also want to hatch a plan for what is going to be the hook in for our children, what is going to motivate and engage them, get them interested in a culture that will definitely play a part in their futures.

I am certainly looking forward to getting inspired and I must say I can't wait to eat plenty of delicious food... and I won't shop! So I'm starting to pack for the heat, attempting to learn a bit of Mandarin and will be back at school on Monday 19 September, with tales to tell.... no doubt!

No ora mai ra!

Zhu Ling

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Year 6 EBIS Induction Day** - please return the Reply Slip on page 3 by Monday 15th August.
- **Parent Workshops - Thursday 18 August**
Choose from 3 sessions:
1) 3.30-4.15
2) 4.30-5.15
3) 5.30-6.15
- **Sports Fees are now due** (see page 4).
- **PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER - it's full of all the IMPORTANT STUFF!!**

"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." ~ Clay P. Bedford



Come and check out the progress on our whare.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Developing ideas.

Tautoru-iti and Tautoru

Rory MM and Angelina

Autahi

Pieta and Maya

Māhutonga and Matariki

Harley and Evie

Next week's focus is:

* Listening to feedback on my writing.

TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

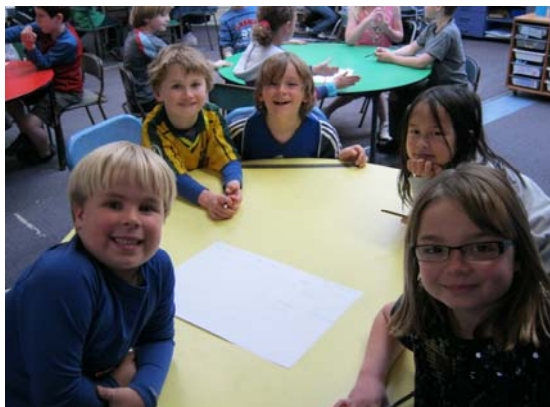
In Autahi we have begun a Mini Inquiry into the games we play and how we use our environment for play. We want to re-mark our playgrounds so that there are a wider range of games and activities available that the children can utilise.

We started the Inquiry by brainstorming the different types of games that we like to play together and then explored the school environment looking at the markings that we have already. Some of the markings had faded and we weren't sure about how to use them. So this led us to thinking about what kinds of games our parents played as kids. Parents, please share with your children the games you enjoyed at primary school and how you used to play them!

In Tautoru and Autahi we have begun to look at the art of Gretchen Albrecht. She is a New Zealand artist who focuses on creating texture, mood and, shape in her pieces. We need corrugated cardboard, crepe paper, bubble wrap, untreated wood, paint brushes and any left over house paint that may be lying around your house.

Just a quick reminder – Spelling Rockets need to be in on a Thursday so that we are all set and organised for Friday testing. Special stickers will be awarded to those groups that manage a 100% return.

See you on Thursday!



Brainstorming and sharing our ideas about games and play.



"We are practising our poses in the courtyard." Frankie



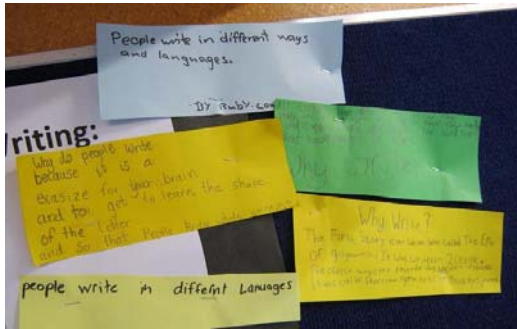
"There are even markings on the tree!"



"These targets on bottom court are hard to see." William

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

What an incredible start to the term in Māhutonga and Matariki. Creativity seems to be bubbling in our veins as it is beginning to live in our thoughts and actions during the first weeks of term. As mentioned before, we are currently focusing on our Mini Inquiry of 'The power of the written word; why we write?' We have been impressed with the number of ideas generated through our collaborative inquiry sessions. Using our ideas from this, we are looking to explore examples of how writing is a form of communication and expresses who we are.



Our Inquiry on character pieces is moving along smoothly as we are exploring various language features to heighten our writing so that our characters come to life on our pages. We are focusing on types of strong verbs, adjectives, similes, metaphors and types of dialogue to illuminate our characters. To dig deeper, we are looking into character development through a drama exploration on Fridays, to discover how bodies move in relation to the environment and other underlying factors. We are hoping that this tool will enable us to write descriptions.

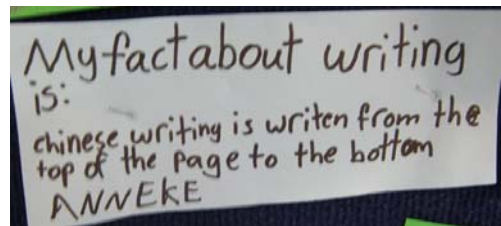


Action shots from the EZ Football tournament.



Learning a foreign language aids us to link in to the global world we live in. We can establish our sense of togetherness with one simple brush stroke. The kids are really getting into the Asian language classes. They are deeply engaged in learning about different symbols and sounds and learning about Chinese and Korean cultures. Next Thursday, we will be introducing Te Reo Maori into the mix.

Less than two weeks in, we have noticed that the kids are applying their knowledge of Asian symbols to their work and asking really thoughtful questions about these two distinct languages. You will notice that your kids are coming home to either greet you in Korean or teaching you numbers in Mandarin.



Homework

Next week's homework task will involve your child interviewing you about a favourite book and author. We are trying to get to the bottom of the question why we write, so are keen to see how books impact on you and affect how we live. We will be generating questions for this early next week, so interviewing will be set to happen on Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

See you Thursday!

EBIS Induction Day

On Thursday 18th August our Year 6 students are off to EBIS for the morning, to have a look around and explore their surroundings for next year.

A bus will be collecting us at 9am and leaving EBIS at 11:45am.

Please fill in the form below and return it to school by **Monday 15th August** to allow your child to participate in the Induction Day.

Thanks,
John, Fleur and Jen

Reply Slip

I give permission for _____

to go to the EBIS Induction Day on Thursday

18th August.

Signed: _____

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

It was great to have such a good turnout at the Welcome morning tea this week. I know many more of you wanted to come but were unable to due to other commitments. There are many other ways you can meet other parents... putting your hand up to help with an event or fundraiser, weekly get together morning tea on Wednesdays at Polo or helping in the classroom. Otherwise come and introduce yourself to me!

Hill St Market

We'd love some help from our generous WBS parents with our next fundraising event - the Hill Street Kids' Market on Saturday 20th August. We particularly need people to make some delicious treats to sell on our stall. Ideas include coconut ice, decorated cookies, flavoured popcorn (I have easy recipes), spiced nuts, cakes, toffee apples, fudge. If you can help, please get in touch (stephanie.calder@ihug.co.nz).

Please leave your donation of food in the staffroom on Friday afternoon. Also, let us know if your child is keen to help sell our goods - we will be organising 30 minute shifts so that our helpers will have plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the market. And finally, come visit our stall! 8.30am - 11.30am at the Cathedral of St Paul car park, Hill Street, Thorndon, Saturday 20th August.

Katherine McMillan, school parent and distributor of DK books via her business SelectBooks, will be selling a selection of lovely cookbooks at the Hill Street Market on 20th August. SelectBooks will donate 15% of cookbook sales to Worsers Bay School. There is an opportunity to view and pre-order these cookbooks prior to the market. Cookbooks will be displayed in the office from Monday 15th August with an order form.

Fair Silent Auction

Due to the success of the Silent Auction at the fair last year, we are having another one this year. We are on the lookout for items that generate interest and, therefore, dollars for the school. So, if you have any contacts or have a business and are looking to further promote it, this could be for you. Items that generated a lot of interest last year were restaurants, shows, accommodation, sports tickets, art works, architect and landscape architect services and appliances. Please let Stephanie Wilson know if you have anything or have contacts that we could approach. Stephanie can be contacted on 388 8285 or asewilson@clear.net.nz - thanks in advance for your support.

Many thanks for the lovely baking too.

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

Wanted:

- **Clean, 4 litre paint cans** with handles, for a fair project. All will be revealed!
- **Clean, plastic milk bottles** for Tautoru-iti. But just the square ones, please.
- **Matchbox cars** for Tautoru-iti.
- **Yummy Stickers** - keep collecting those Yummy apple stickers so the school can get free sports gear. Forms are available at the office.

If you are able to help with any of these items, please bring them to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wellington High Performance Aquatics (WHPA) would love to see some spectator support from Wellington schools at the upcoming Asia Pacific Rim Junior Diving Invitational. Young divers from some of the world's leading diving nations will be in action at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre from the evening of Friday 19 August through to Sunday 21 August.

For more information, go to www.whpa.co.nz.

The Yummy Fruit Company

We have had a bumper crop of Yummy BRAEBURN apples this year, so we are running a special promotion for kids from Worsers Bay School to win a Rugby World Cup All Blacks Kids Jersey. We have managed to get over half of these signed by current All Black players, so you could be one of the lucky ones to get a signed one! All you need to do is buy Yummy BRAEBURN Apples from New World or Pak'n Save, and go into the draw to win one of 27 RWC All Blacks Kids Jerseys. And remember to keep your Yummy BRAEBURN stickers and/or Yummy BRAEBURN Bag cut-outs for your school to get free sports gear. Details are on our website at www.yummyfruit.co.nz. The competition runs from 15 August 2011 to 13 October 2011. GO THE ALL BLACKS !!!

Storylines Festival - Free Family Day

Wellington Town Hall and Capital E

Sunday 21 August 2011, 10am - 3pm

For more information, visit www.storylines.org.nz.

 <p>Clay Penguin Pottery studio</p>	<p>Parties</p>
	<p>Clay sculpture classes</p> <p>School Holiday programmes</p> <p>Workshops</p>
<p>Nicola Dench ph 938-3356, 13 Hector St, Seatoun, theclaypenguin@hotmail.com www.claypenguin.co.nz</p>	

SPORT

Netball

Netball Year 4/5 - The team had a BYE last week, so will be looking forward to playing this Saturday. The game is at 1 pm on Court 1 against Clyde Quay Black Ferns. Be at the Practice Court at 12.30 pm for warm up. Good Luck!

Miniball

The Thunderbirds had two Players of the Day this week. They are Jack R and Lia, for a great first game.

Sports Fees

If your child is participating in one of the following sports, you should have received an email about fees for Term 3. The fees are as follows:

Fun Ferns	\$10	(Ref: FF)
Flippaball	\$20	(Ref: FB)
Miniball	\$25	(Ref: MB)

Please pay by **Wednesday 17th August**. You can pay by cash or cheque at the office or by Internet Banking to the following account using the reference above:

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