



Worser Bay School

NEWS

Friday 12 February 2010

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

We love our ukeleles!

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

What a fun time we are having up here! It was wonderful to see so many of you taking up the opportunity to chat with the teachers and learn more about the mathematics curriculum. By listening to conversations over the years, parents generally find the reading relatively straight forward, you manage the writing pretty well too... it's the maths that seems the most difficult to comprehend. I mean what is this strategy stuff? We didn't need to learn about that when we were at school and we did alright, didn't we?! Seriously, we hope that this opportunity was beneficial but please remember everyday is a new opportunity for you to make an appointment to talk with the teacher about something you don't quite get, are worried about or would like to find out more about. We cannot urge you enough to come and talk, please do not wait for the planned opportunities.



With our emphasis on 'developing the whole child', we have a strong focus on finding effective ways to track evidence and progress. Our attention swings to the student portfolios and how we can optimise the use of these and provide the students with the skills to manage their own portfolios as a way of tracking their learning journey. We know that our standardised assessments in reading, writing and mathematics provide us with accurate information of how the child did on that particular day but this is a small piece of the pie. In making OTJs (oh yes, a new acronym for you - that's overall teacher judgements) it's the tests + observations + conversations + anecdotal information + +++ what happens every day - basically it all comes down to how well the teacher knows your child. Therefore, you can imagine how important it is that you talk with us about what you observe at home too.



The timing of our Student Led Conferences (SLCs) alters this year to the beginning of Term 2 and into Term 4. By making this change we can provide a wider range of information, in "plain, language!" at these two formal written reporting points in the year.

Let's not only think in terms of the 3R's either. That would be too narrow! In line with our new curriculum and getting our students ready for the future, we need to also think carefully about how we track progress in the key competencies and all other learning areas. Think about the wonderful opportunities our students currently have to learn music, for example. We are extremely fortunate to have Nicole solely focussed on developing musical talent - what wonderful spin offs into other areas of the curriculum this will have too.



Just like us all, more than anything, our kids need to be happy and know that they belong, to be able to learn. At this school, development of the 'whole child' is paramount. For some lively comments and viewpoints on today's schooling environment you might want to read the discussion following a recent blog from Russell Brown on Public Address.

<http://publicaddress.net/system/topic,2313,hard-news-standards-matter.sm?p=152241#post152241>

Hope to see you at Summerfest - rain or shine!

Jude

If you want to keep pace with the kids, the opportunity is nigh - turn to page 4!!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Summerfest 2010** - this Sunday
- **Home & School** - Tuesday 16th February 7.30 pm
- **Ukestars** - Tuesday 23rd February 7.30 pm

A warm welcome to Jude, Jack, Khalin and Louie who joined us at Worser Bay School this year, and whose families are new to the school. A warm welcome too, to Gretel, George and Seb, who have family here already. And we must mention Hunter, Emma and Sean who started with us at the very end of 2009. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Welcome back to another exciting year at Worsler Bay School. You'll notice there have been a few changes around the place, both inside and out. We strive to create an environment which enhances the learning experience for all our staff and children.

As a Board we look forward to another busy year.

See you at Summerfest!

Kirsty Chamberlain, **Board Member**

AUTAHI News

Routines, routines, routines. Many of you have commented that being back to school has been a time of getting back into routines. Up, dressed, lunches to make, and later nights having to be pegged back. It is the same in Autahi! We have been re-establishing old routines and introducing new ones. Your child may have been telling you about some of these. There will be some new words coming home over the next few weeks like Vivid Vocab, Rubrics, Autex and S.R.A. Please continue to ask us if you need to clarify anything.

We have gathered the children's stationery together to be distributed as needed. This is to ensure that the expensive items such as sharpies, glue sticks, etc, do not dry up due to lids being left off or are continually missing when needed. We are promoting self-management with our belongings but there are items that do need looking after so they last the year.

During the first weeks of Term 1, we are exploring how the cultures of people in NZ are expressed in their daily lives, through festivals and celebrations. Our focus is on the Chinese Lantern Festival. Can you discuss with your child the celebrations and festivals that are important to your family?

Rachel and Hamish

A note from MĀHUTONGA

Welcome back to the new year! It's great to see everyone so enthusiastic and ready to get back into the swing of things. We're settling in well, our routines are beginning to run smoothly and we're ready to rock! Thank you to all of you that have brought in your stationery, great to see so many of you self-managing. We do have spares for those still working on these skill but it would be great to have everything in so we can have it at the ready.

Everyone is enjoying working in both classrooms. At the moment, we're working on fast transitions as we need to be flexible and adaptable about where we learn and what we need to be ready.

Fleur, Kath and Matt

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for students who are managing themselves and relating well to others:

Tautoru

Gretel & Nargis - Self-management
Hunter & Jude - Relating well to others

Autahi

Henry - Self-management
Ben - Relating well to others

Māhutonga

Madi - for both self-management and relating well with others
Joshua - self-management
Polly - relating well to others

Next week's foci will be for students taking pride in everything they do, and students doing something nice for someone that makes them smile.



↑ *Participating and relating to others as we learn and practice some Maths games.*

↓ *Māhutonga with their class treaty*



News from TAUTORU

It's been business as usual for Tautoru students this week. We've been making links to last term's topic about community as we move into sharing our similarities and differences. As part of getting to know each other, we have been exploring and sharing our whakapapa. Our whakapapa is about exploring our unique backgrounds and sharing what we think is important. We have talked lots about landmarks we identify with or places we love to go to. It has been great to see students bringing their 'family treasures' from home to share their importance.

Please keep sending in those photos so that we can complete our artworks and continue talking with your child about their goals.

Summerfest this weekend!

Sunday 14th February

1.00 - 4.00 pm

Worser Bay Boating Club

**Adults \$15, Kids free –
bring cash for food and drinks**



Beer tasting, great food, live music, beverages and food for all, beach activities for the kids.

You can walk there and take the Summerfest sober bus home.

Come and celebrate summer (the long range forecast is good) with the greater Worser Bay Community.

Also, after the event we'd like your feedback, so please e-mail comments to homeandschool@worserbay.school.nz with subject Summerfest.

See you there!

And, so you can be prepared, here is a list of what's on offer at our Summerfest Silent Auction:

- Lot 1** - Vivo Restaurant and Bar, voucher for \$120.00
- Lot 2** - Ambeli Restaurant voucher for \$100.00
- Lot 3** - The Larder voucher for \$100.00
- Lot 4** - Circa Theatre tickets for either *Mary Stuart* or *Dead Man's Cell Phone*, and two bottles of wine from the Bolton Hotel
- Lot 5** - Art Work, by local Seatoun Artist, Jessica Hallett
- Lot 6** - MJ Motors Voucher for \$270.00
- Lot 7** - Two nights at LayzDayz Holiday Home, Waikanae Beach. Reserve \$150
- Lot 8** - Art Work, by local Seatoun Artist, Sue Malthus

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the organisations and individuals mentioned above who have kindly donated items for the silent auction. The generosity shown has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to some competitive bidding on the day.

Parents and children enjoy yesterday's Open Afternoon/Evening...



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Welcome and Welcome Back!

If you are new to our fantastic school, you may wonder who the Home and School are and you may be surprised to find out that you are actually a member!

Our Home and School Association (what some schools call the PTA) organises a variety of fundraising events for the children, their families and the wider school community. It offers pastoral support to the school and its families, as well as having a lot of fun along the way. All our families are asked to give a little or as much support as they can throughout the school year and as a member of our community you are actually now a member of this parent association.

I was honoured to be able to present the cheque to the Board at our "Wrap '09" evening for the astounding total of \$32,000. This represents the outstanding support we receive from our community but mainly from our hard-working parents – so THANK YOU - an amazing team effort! (And check out those new computers!)

Come along and join in the fun! We will be having the first Home and School meeting of the year on Tuesday 16th February at 7pm in the staffroom. We will be planning our fundraising calendar for this year, so come along with your ideas and meet some of the neat parents that make it happen!

Also, come and join us for a coffee at Polo every Wednesday morning after school drop off at 9am.

Don't forget to support

SUMMERFEST - This Sunday, 1.00 to 4.00 pm at the Worser Bay Boating Club

Nicola Lancaster, Chair
nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz

DIARY

Rāhina (Monday)	Rātū (Tuesday)	Rāapa (Wednesday)	Rāpere (Thursday)	Rāmere (Friday)
15 BOT 6.00 pm	16 H & S 7.30 pm	17 Flippaball Practices start 7am	18	19 Assembly 9.10 am Flippaball
22	23 Ukestars 7.30pm	24 Flippaball Practice 7am	25	26 Flippaball

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

Flippaball starts tonight at 4.35pm. Please arrive approx. 10 minutes early. Remember practices at the pool at 7.00—7.45 am on Wednesday mornings.

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 let the school office know by Monday 15 February.

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

WORSER BAY UKESTARS!

Unleash your inner ukulele deviant and come join in our jam session on Tuesday nights.

Aimed at beginners, this workshop / jam session is a fun occasion for parents and friends to get together and perhaps get a head start on the kids who will be learning ukulele this year.



The school has purchased 10 Ukuleles which will be available to those who wish to try before they buy.

Song lists and chord charts will be provided and taught. Bring your own if you have them as well.

Tuesday nights starting Tuesday 23rd February 7.30pm in the Staff Space.

For more information, call Ty on 027 590 0009 anytime or 388 4086 at home.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Wellington Music Centre

Saturday Morning Music Classes

2010 Enrolment Day - Saturday 13th February 9.30 - 11.30 am at Evans Bay Intermediate School Hall.
Cash/Cheque only please.
Any queries, please ring Kathy on 027 4897979.

Wellington Olympic AFC Junior Soccer

Enrolments 2010 - Olympic is now enrolling for the 2010 season - new players are welcome.

Enrolment for grades: PDP (4.5 - 6 year olds) and Junior Grades (7-13 year olds).
Please note: Olympic is only enrolling children up to 13 years of age.

Fee: \$50 per child

For further information contact:

John Serepisos

Olympic Junior Football Coordinator

Email: johns@tbd.co.nz

Ph: wk 04-802-3800 or mob 021-999-252

Poneke Junior Rugby Registration

Thursday 25th Feb, 5pm-7pm

Friday 26th Feb, 3.30pm-6pm

Saturday 27th Feb, 12-2pm

Friday 12th March, 3.30pm-6pm

Saturday 13th March, 12-2pm

Saturday 20th March, 12-2pm

Come along and meet the Hurricanes on Thursday 25th, 5-7pm

Fees \$30 or \$50 for whanau.

Upstairs at Poneke Clubrooms.

For more information contact:

Sue Sparkes on 027 312 3261.

Breathing Space Workshops

Being Present With Your Children:

1pm-4pm, Sunday 28th February.

You will come away from this workshop with clear examples of how you can make the most of your time with your children and how parenting can be even more enjoyable.

Understanding Your Anger:

7pm-10pm, Wednesday 10th March.

You will come away from this workshop more aware of what your 'triggers' for anger are. You will develop strategies on how to become calmer within yourself and with your child/children.

Please check our website for further information:

www.breathingspacenz.com

WANTED - Cleaner / Cook—?

2 - 4 hours per week - flexi.

\$15 - \$20/hr depending on experience.

Please ring Andrea on 977 5757.