

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 6/9 - Friday 12 March 2010



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

With this glorious weather we have been packing in as many education outside the classroom (EOTC) opportunities as possible. With the upcoming focus on our shoreline, we are thrilled to find out from the experts, that the "stretch between Worser Bay and Peter Jackson's has the widest variety of sea life in the area". It's right on our doorstep!

I don't know about you, but whenever I hear the words "Rocky Shore" I can vividly recall the book by the same title, pulled out what seemed like year after year, as we classified the sea life which we had captured, the unique smell heating up over a period of days or maybe weeks in the classroom, and then never really knowing what happened to them after that! Well, that won't be happening now!

Tennis for our Year 3-6s has also kicked off again this week.

We are so lucky to be surrounded by many learning opportunities. Many of you have also sought out the rich array of fun events happening as part of the various festivals in town right now. Many of these are free, which is even better! Learning happens everywhere at any time, we certainly don't wish to box it within 4 walls. Seize some opportunities to discover something new this weekend, there's a lot going on out there!

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for: Sharing and listening to ideas and using these ideas or feedback to make improvements.

Tautoru

Gretel, Louis and George; Eloise and Jack CC for responding to feedback in story writing.

Autahi

Jack R - sharing and listening to others.
Nico - responding to feedback.

Māhutonga

Martha and Lina for finding the confidence to speak up and share her ideas.

Using these ideas or feedback to make improvements:
Tylah for improvements made to her writing.
Thomas for making improvements in his P.E.

Next week's focus will be:

Thinking about, and acting on improving physical skills like throwing and catching. Taking time and demonstrating skill in the arts.

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Tennis Money - Yrs 3 - 6** - now overdue - \$5 per child.
- **Camp Money - Yrs 4 - 6** - now overdue.
- **Entertainment Book Flyers** - order and pre-pay now.
- **Ukuleles for Sale** - details page 4. And, don't forget **Ukestars!** - Tuesdays from 7.30 pm.
- **Chinese New Year Celebration and Noodle Lunch** - Friday 19th March from 12.30 pm - details page 2.
- **Family Fun Sports Evening** - Tuesday 30 March, 5 - 7 pm - details page 2.
- **Enrolments are open for 2010** - tell your friends and neighbours.
- **Voluntary Donation** - Please pay as soon as possible. \$50 discount if paid by the end of Term One (1 April).

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Over the last few weeks the school has been celebrating our place, and our community's diversity, learning about Chinese New Year. The school measures its achievements in several ways, including the National Education Goals, or "NEGs". NEG3 says that one of our goals is to develop in our students the knowledge, understanding and skills needed by New Zealanders to compete successfully in the modern, ever-changing world. We have made a commitment to developing our 'Asia Awareness' to meet this goal.

Home and School have been actively supporting the learning that is happening in the classroom, and next Friday are putting on a noodle lunch for the students. Yummo!

Sian Nian Gong Hee Fat Choi!

The Board of Trustees



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Have you received your Yellow Volunteer Form?

Please check your child's school bag, alternatively pick one up from the office or print one from the website. Your support is vital, so please let us know which events you are interested in helping us with by returning the yellow "Volunteer Diary 2010" sheet to the school office as soon as possible.

Home and School AGM

Tuesday 16th March 2010 7pm in Autahi

Come along and find out the "who, how, what and when" of Worser Bay School's Home and School Committee. As a parent/caregiver at the school you are actually a member of our association, it would be great to see you come along and support the team who keep home and school lives connected, fundraise and have a few laughs along the way!

Get your order in (by Wednesday) for the.....

School Noodle Lunch – Friday 19th March from 12.30 pm

It will be a day of celebration with the Children's Lion Dancing and review of their Asian focus, so what better lunch than noodles?

There will be a plain noodle soup with a choice of toppings; such as vegetable, egg or chicken.

Each bowl of noodles will cost just \$4. Please pre-order for your child so they don't miss out and parents are very welcome to order one too so they can come along and join in the fun.

Don't forget to mark your calendars:

Family Fun Sports Evening

Tuesday 30th March 5pm to 7pm
Miramar Tennis Club and Miramar Park

Mark it on your calendar, dust off your sports shoes, challenge the children to find a game that they can beat you at and come along for an evening of fun, fitness and food.

Chair of the Home and School

Nicola Lancaster

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Noodle Lunch Order for Friday 19th March (please return by Wednesday 17th March)

Child's Name

Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga (please circle one)

Child's Name

Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga

Total lunches:@ \$4 =

I have paid by: (please circle one)
Cash or Cheque (enclosed) / Internet Banking

For Internet banking please use your child's surname and 'Lunch' as a reference. The Worser Bay Home and School account is 060513 0304691 00.

Worser Bay School Enrolment Scheme

Get out there and let your friends, families and neighbours know that enrolments for the remainder of 2010 are open and applications close on **Friday 26 March 2010 at 3.00 pm.**

For further information, please contact our Office Manager, Carolyn Anderson, on 939 7281 or email canderson@worserbay.school.nz.

A note from the Office:

If your child is going to be away from school for some reason, please email us at the office: sitemail@worserbay.school.nz - we will then note it in our records and pass it on to the classroom teacher concerned.

News from TAUTORU

The lovely weather continues, perfect for the launch of our new Topic focus. EOTC - education outside the classroom gives us prime opportunities to explore, learn and interact with our coastal environments and rock pool habitats.

Did you know? On Monday, high tide was 26 metres away from the grass bank at Worser Bay Beach.

Our quick pre-assessment reveals the following thinking: If there is no wind the tide doesn't move.

- If it is a windy day it is a high tide.
- As the earth moves, the water gets poured from side to side.
- When the Ferry goes past it pushes the tide in.

These ideas are a great insight into children's current understandings. We will be building on these and other ideas. We will be learning about how the moon affects the tides and how the tide affects our rock pool and beach habitats.

In Tautoru, we have also been learning to add describing words to our writing. Here are some examples:

The Fruity Hedgehog Story

We made hedgehogs and we put orange and apple and marshmallows on sticks. We put on grapes too. The apples and marshmallows felt hard and slippery. I put heaps of stuff on them and they tasted yummy.
by Mackenzie

Leaves

*Today we searched for leaves.
I found a wrinkly one.
I threw it up in the air.
It twisted around and landed on the ground.*
by James



"We popped some bubbles. The bubbles looked like pretty butterflies in the sky. It was fun. We did this all on Monday. We used a bubble mixture and I got to have a turn at doing the bubbles. The bubbles went high in the sky."
by Tamrah



"On Monday morning we blew bubbles and they were colourful. We could see circles that floated to the sky. They were very colourful and really slippery. The bubbles looked like balloons." by Jaida

from AUTAHI

After a trip to the beach to explore similes, it was interesting to listen to the class observations when thinking about what they would find at Worser Bay Beach; how and why they thought the tides came and went, and what they wondered about. Our focus for the coming few weeks and into next term is The Moon, The Rocky Shore and their interdependence. The knowledge the students already have and their wonderings will mould our investigation.

Here are a few of our thoughts and ideas: Why does the moon shrink and get bigger? How do sea creatures breathe underwater? Why is the moon made of cheese? I wonder if crabs really want to hurt you when they nip you? How does the world spin? I wonder how the moon makes the wind? What do baby whales and dolphins do at night?

Tides are created by boats... big blue whales pushing the water up the beach... the earth and moon's orbit... the wind from the moon... footprints disappear because the rising water picks them up and transports them to another beach.

We have been down to the Miramar Tennis Club having lessons this week. Ian said *"I thought it was going to be boring but it was such fun!"*

Ask us about some of the skills we practised and games we played.

The Wonderful Beach

*Dry seaweed lying on the ground like skeletons.
Sand sitting like broken-down pieces of castle.
Stones like daggers sitting and looking like they haven't been used for 100 years.
The water's channel is like a lion moving very slowly towards its prey.*
by Thomas

From the City

*All sorts of things come from the city.
Smoke like fog floating around.
Cars roaring like Tigers.
Squeaky wheels like mice scuttling.
Babies crying like birds cheeping sweetly.
Trucks like bears grumbling hungrily.
Trees whooshing like raindrops splashing quickly.*
by Jack R

A note from MĀHUTONGA

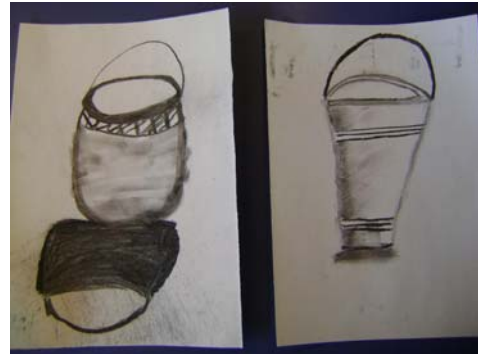
In preparation for designing and creating our Visual Mihi we have been developing our knowledge and skills by exploring 'Line' across the areas of Writing, Music, and Visual Art itself.

"We have been learning about shading. You need to make dark and thick lines where the shadow is. You weren't allowed to use rubbers or rulers but instead 'just let your hand do the work'. One group drew buckets and the other drew shells."
by Samantha and Matt

"Some of us have been sketching shells. We all wanted to get our outlines perfect to start with, so to help us relax and enjoy exploring lines when we were sketching buckets or shells, Marylyn got us to turn them into cartoon characters, before trying again and sketching more than just the outline of our objects."
by Millie

"We've been learning to represent feelings and moods through different lines. We listen to music that was a bit scary and went up and down in volume, and another piece that was a bit floaty and high pitched. We had to draw lines that represented what the music was doing. When it was low and loud we drew fat dark lines and as the music went up in pitch we drew swirly lines."
by Eve

For writing we have been creating word banks of adjectives and verbs to describe various lines. Here is an example of what we've come up with:



I am a sloppy line slowing slipping down the pavement.

I am a slippery line running rapidly off the page.

I am a curly line curling around branches.

I am a sharp line poking peoples' hearts, killing them in an instant.

by Seb

SPORT

Flippaball

Our team played well last week, but unfortunately lost the game. There will be two games this evening - 3.45 pm and 4.10 pm.

Ukuleles for Sale!!

We will have 20 gorgeous Mahala Ukuleles for sale. First in - first choice of colour!!

Mahala Ukulele	Retail \$55	WBS \$60
Tuner	Retail \$27	WBS \$30

Please buy from us - not only is it convenient and you don't need to pay for petrol and parking - you will be making a small donation towards our music programme!!

Please note: Here is the link to our **Google Calendar**:

<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/wb-newsletter-and-calendar.html> (copy and paste to your browser).

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Desperately seeking..... Can you spare an hour or two Friday 19th March anytime between 8am - 6pm? Wellington MS are collecting for their annual street appeal. Its the biggest fundraiser of the year and all funds go to supporting people with MS in our community. If you can help collect in Kilbirnie please contact Carrie (Adam's mum) 388 4727 or carrie.phill@xtra.co.nz.

Scots College's Holiday programmes April 6-9 April

Registrations close 26 March. These are filling up very fast. Please note that these are for both BOYS and GIRLS, not just Scots boys!

On offer: Sailing, Tennis, Football and Cricket (all depending on numbers)

Each programme costs \$100 and runs from 6 - 9 April.

Morning sessions available 9am - 12pm and in the afternoons for the older, more experienced athletes 1- 4pm. There will be programmes on offer in the Term 2 holidays as well, if you miss out on these ones!

Contact: Grant Yarrall for more information or a registration form. DDI: 04 803 0595; Mob: 021 85 87 82 www.scotscollege.school.nz

Other holiday programme information in folder in WBS School Office.