

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!)

Term 2, Week 2, Friday 13 May 2011



Our students exploring maps.



The students enjoyed a special treat last Friday when members of the NZSO paid a visit to the school.



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

We have had so much positive feedback about our partnerships between home and school (both internally and externally)! The introduction of the Rising Fives Club has created a wonderful opportunity for us to get to know the children, their siblings, their parents and, in many cases, extended families, long before they start school. Parents are able to mix with other parents and chat with many of the teaching team and support staff too over this time. Having this regular contact for many weeks and months before officially turning 5 and starting school has meant that children and their families already have that strong sense of belonging and trust before Day 1.

We put ourselves out there as a community school. We say that this is a place where everyone is motivated and inspired to participate so it's important that the actions align with words. Developing a positive school culture is paramount and has been at the heart of our 'journey'. Over the next few months we will be gathering information from the children, staff and yourselves, around communication, and when things are working really well, what it looks and sounds like. As it states in our vision at this school, we can all experience success. Positive, constructive, respectful communication is required and soon we will have more information about the WBS success criteria!

Thanks also for your encouragement and support during our ERO visit last week, kind words and food always work a treat!

No ora mai ra!

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Banking** - Tuesdays at 8.30 am
- **Student Led Conferences**
Weeks 3 & 4, Term 2, 16th - 27th May
- **Tautoru and Autahi - Exploring our Area (morning)**
Tuesday 17th May (If you are able to assist, please let us know, if you haven't already done so.)
- **Māhutonga and Matariki - Trip to the City (full day)**
Thursday 19th May - please return your slip and money by Tuesday 17th May. (See page 3.)
- **School Disco** - Friday 27th May
Book your tickets by sending in the reply slip on page 4!
- **Cross-Country** - Thursday 2nd June

"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".

TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

In reading this term, we will continue delving deeper into texts and exploring language, developing our questioning techniques and building on fluency. Please ask your children about what they are doing in reading and have them identify elements that they are working on in their daily reading sessions. In order to help build stronger reading fluency we would like parents to ask children to read a page or two out loud to you, in their story voice, paying attention to punctuation and reading in a clear, strong voice.

We have changed our spelling and reading rocket testing day to Friday mornings and it has been fantastic to see so many children achieving super results and rocketing to spelling stardom! Parents give yourself a pat on the back for your hard work with encouraging your children in their spelling; we are really beginning to see results in reading and writing because of it. Remember, rocket books must be returned by Thursday, please.

As we explained last week, we are exploring the language of position, and continuing on with addition and subtraction in maths. Children have been exploring maps and mazes. It has been great to have different types of maps brought in from home and hearing that children are sharing their learning at home. We are developing a basic facts bus to help students practise their addition and subtraction facts. Look out for more information about it in the next few weeks.

Student-led conferences start next week on Thursday. We are all looking forward to seeing you and sharing in your child's learning. Please remember that we must keep to a time schedule and so don't be offended when we keep to the time. Any further discussions can be scheduled for another date. We have made a few changes to how students talk about their learning with you. They will be talking about four 'artefacts' which are specific examples of work taken from Reading, Writing, Maths, and one other curriculum area that they have chosen.

And finally a big thank you to all the offers of parent support in the classroom that we have had so far; we really do appreciate

This is a chart because it is a map of the sea. On land it is called a map. It shows us how deep the sea is.



It's the sea, like my Granny and Poppa's pool, how it gets shallow at the sides and then gets deeper.



*A compass shows us North and South and East and West.
Felix L.*

*An artefact is something found, which is special.
Embla*

*A marine reserve is a place where we look after animals and fish to protect them.
James M.*

Trip on Tuesday

Don't forget next Tuesday we are going on our walk around the local area.

We have decided to only walk one way (down to Seatoun Park and along the beach). We need parents to ferry students back to school in cars after the walk. Please let the office know if you can come along and help on the day (either by walking with students or driving back to school in cars).

The timeline for the day is:

9.30 – 10.30 am:

Walk along the beachfront to Seatoun Park with story-telling

10.30 – 11.00 am:

Morning Tea at the park

11.00 am – 12.00 noon:

Walk around the beach towards Breaker Bay with story-telling

12:00 noon – 1:00 pm: Lunch at the park

1:00 – 1:30 pm: Driving back to school

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

There has been nothing lackadaisical about this week of learning. Once again the week seems to have gone by very quickly as we continue to enjoy all the learning opportunities school has to offer.

In mathematics we have been focusing on maps and applying this knowledge to our local area.

The student cartographers have been involved in making maps, marking pathways, using a compass, measuring, finding specific locations using Google Earth, following directions and even mapping a story.

We have also been continuing with our daily basic facts.

Mapping links to our Inquiry on change in and around our local area, with our investigations into the location of Pa sites, site plans of Pa and the introduction of roads and with the arrival of the Europeans.

We look forward to our Te Papa Trip next week.....

Te Papa Trip

When: Thursday 19th May

Depart school: 9:30am

Arrive back at school: 2:45pm (approximately)

Where: Te Aro pa site, Te Papa, Waterfront (bronze Kupe statue to Frank Kitt's Park)

Why: This trip is to strengthen our knowledge for our Inquiry - change in our area. By exploring the different sites the children will gain a stronger understanding of what Wellington was like before European settlers arrived, what the different whare on a pa site looked like, look at how Maori structures have changed to fit into the 21st century, as well as reinforcing their previous learning and provide information on their individual research questions.

Help: We would love some parents to come with us. We need at least 8. Can you help?



The photos on the front page and this page show our Māhutonga students exploring maps as a part of maths. Some of us are mapping the school, and some of us are mapping stories. We are using measurement, scale and compass points.

Homework Research Question Task

As part of our Inquiry, the children are doing a research task on a question, and possible branching/sub-questions. The question they have chosen relates to our Inquiry Topic of change and our local area. These are found in your child's Inquiry or Draft Ideas book.

They will have two weeks to research (find information, select the key information to answer their question and branching questions), draft a report (re-writing the information in their own words in the format of Statement Explanation Example), and present their findings in the form of a published report (S.E.E. format again).

Within class we are looking at the researching skills of key words/phrases (using them to search and finding them in information), using the search engine www.kidrex.org, using and creating a glossary, interviewing, and creating a new word document, copying and pasting information onto it, and saving it in the correct folder. So while we expect the question to be worked on at home for homework we will also be providing time in class for it to be researched.

Due: Thursday 2nd June

Presentation: Statement Explanation Example format to be written or typed. Children can also present their findings in a slide show, short movie, poster, or oral presentation in addition to the written or typed report if they would like to.

Also, if you know of any locals who may be able to help us with their knowledge of the area, please inform us. The more contacts we have for this research the better.



Te Papa Trip Reply Slip

(please return by Tuesday 17th at the latest)

I give permission for my child/children:

to travel to the city by bus and visit the Te Aro pa site, Te Papa and the waterfront on Thursday 19th May from 9.30 am to 2.45 pm approximately.

- I enclose \$2.50 for the bus fare.
- I am able to come along and help.
- I am unable to come along and help.

Parent's Signature

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Planning and Creating

Tautoru -

Danielle, Hazel and Blake

Autahi -

Jack K., Leo W. and Jack R.

Māhutonga -

Kira, Asha, Reuben, Matt, Brynn and Taine

Next week's focus is:

* Lots of ideas...

Worser Bay 'Ukestars Plus'

Worser Bay School 'Ukestars' welcome all parents of children at Worser Bay School to our Musical evenings for adults!

When: Every alternative Tuesday / Wednesday evenings during school term, from 8 - 10pm. (Tues 17 May, Wed 25 May, Tues 31 May, Wed 8th June, Tues 14 June, Wed 22 June, Tue 28 June, Wed 6 July, Tues 12 July)

Where: Worser Bay School Staff Room

Bring: yourself, uke or any other musical instrument or just your voice if you like to sing.

Level: All welcome

Contacts: Kelly Moore 970 1440 or Sue Hope 027 292 2186

We can supply ukuleles if you want to try before you buy!

Lost Property

A brand new, bright red hoodie, size 12, with MSP written in large blue letters on the back, has gone missing from Māhutonga. Please check your child's wardrobes and drawers, in case it has been taken in error. Please ring Chris at 976 1813 if you find it. Thanks.

You may be interested in the following:**Warehouse Stationery Kilbirnie**

Help our school get rewarded with Warehouse Stationery's Support Your School programme. For every \$1 you spend at Warehouse Stationery Kilbirnie, 1 BlueBiz Reward Point will be raised for our school, giving us additional funds to buy much needed school stationery, technology supplies and more.

Just mention Worser Bay School at the checkout!

Dominion Post

For every new SmartSubs subscription where our school is nominated, the Dominion Post will give our school a \$20 cash donation, plus a \$50 advertising credit. Not only does the school benefit, the new subscriber does too, as a SmartSubs subscription to The Dominion Post is 50% off the normal retail price for 26 weeks.

Subscribers simply need to nominate Worser Bay School when signing up. To sign up, simply phone 0800 505090 quoting 'SmartSubs' and Worser Bay School, or visit www.dompost.co.nz/smartsubs for more information.

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From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents that have been supporting the students in their learning and sporting activities. I have noticed how many busy bodies there have been in the school, and how fortunate we are to have so many involved parents.

Our next Home and School meeting is on Friday 20th May, in the School staffroom, at 9:15am or just after Karakia. Everyone welcome, including first-time attenders!

Jewetts

A Worser Bay School family recently sold their house through Jewetts. As a result, Jewetts kindly donated \$500.00 to Worser Bay School – a great result!

If you are selling your home, please consider listing with Jewetts and mentioning Worser Bay School. When your home sells through Jewetts they will donate \$500.00 to Worser Bay School.

We are very grateful for the support Jewetts provides to our School. Our thanks also go to the family for listing and successfully selling with Jewetts.

Worser Bay School Disco, Friday 27th May, 6 - 8pm, at the Salvation Army Hall, Miramar.

Dust off your dancing shoes and buy yourself a ticket to the highly anticipated Worser Bay School Disco! Tickets are \$5 per child (adults free!). Get in quick - it's only two Fridays away!

To purchase tickets, please return the slip below to the school office before 24th May.

Sorry, this event is just for Worser Bay School families.

Eleni Moore

Chair of the Home and School

moore@vodafone.net.nz or 388 8137

Worser Bay School Disco – Friday 27th May

Child's Name _____

Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga (*please circle*)

would like _____ Disco Tickets at \$5 each

I have enclosed \$ _____ Cash / Cheque **Or**

I have paid \$ _____ Direct Transfer to the

Home and School Committee Account

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(*please use 'Disco' and Family Name as reference*)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The **Downtown Community Ministry Bookfair** is again collecting donations for their annual Bookfair fundraiser. The fair will be held on 23rd and 24th July at the TSB Bank Arena. Proceeds from this fair make a significant contribution towards the many projects carried out by the Downtown Community Ministry Bookfair to address homelessness, poverty and indebtedness amongst Wellington's most vulnerable people. If you would like to donate books to this cause, please contact Jennifer, 384 7699.

Festival of India

Lower Hutt Town Hall, Saturday 21st May, morning till night! www.festival-of-india-nz.com