



Worser Bay School

NEWS

Friday 16 October 2009

Greetings Kia ora nāmanāte Sawadee Zdravstvuyte Chao
Kia orana Talofa Zdravo Willkommen Hej Ni Hao Fáilte



It was the first day back and Tauru kids were straight back into it, right on task and ever so focussed!

It's amazing what two weeks of bad weather can do!

Welcome back!



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

“Why didn't we pack the snow chains and thermal blankets?!” Here we were in the middle of a snow storm on the Desert Road, not knowing when the road was going to close. As it turned out, we had five minutes to spare, but even so, unexpected situations like this happen to us, as adults, all the time. We are constantly surprised by how we rely on our inner resources and attributes as we go about living our lives.

Our children are growing up in a very different world to the one we did. The key competencies support our children to be successful now and in the future.

It's certainly not a case of schools “doing away” with the ‘3Rs’. It's a matter of deliberately building opportunities for children to develop these vital attributes within all curriculum areas.

Come along to the Parent Evening, mix with other parents and teachers, develop a greater understanding of how we go about developing key competencies/attributes from the teachers and students, and go away with a couple of practical ideas as to how you may support at home.

It won't be a talk and chalk fest - you will be an active participant!

Remember, if you would like to do some of your own exploring, there is some excellent information at: <http://keycompetencies.tki.org.nz/>

Noho ora mai rā.
Na

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- A **Parent Information Handout** link will be sent home today with our Newsletter email together with Fair information.
- **Spring Working Bee:** Sunday 18 October at 10.00 am - See “Word from the Board” on page 2. Please come - we need your help!
- **Term 4 Parent Information Evening:** Wednesday 21st October at 6.30 pm. See page 2.
- **Diary:** Friday 23rd October - School Closed (Labour Weekend)

WORD FROM THE BOARD

It's Term 4! That means it's Spring, and Fair time! Time to give the school grounds a quick once-over, too.

This Sunday we are holding a Working Bee so we're looking good for the Fair. Bring some food to share, and pack a lunch. It's a great social event and a fun way of supporting your community.

It will all be outside work, so bring along buckets, ladders, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows and gloves. There's also a little painting to do, so bring a few brushes and ice-cream containers, too.

If the weather is too bad to work outside, the Bee will not go ahead. If you're not sure if we're on or not, give me a call or text on my mobile (027 7676 030).

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Katherine Butterfield
Board Chair

AUTAHI News

Welcome to Term 4!

We have some exciting learning planned for this term that builds on our learning around key competencies and other learning areas from previous terms. We will continue to explore co-operative learning with the children working with others from different areas and with different abilities.

We will be exploring Medieval times. Children will be in groups of four. Each child will take on a different role in their group. On Fridays, they will go to their designated class to meet with their group. They will be having a number of different dice rolls to determine such things as the weather, creatures they may discover, direction and distance travelled. Each group will get 1 of 23 scenarios. They will have to navigate through a map designed by their team, exploring lots of different things that they may have encountered during Medieval times.

Each team will have to update their map, and keep a daily log from each of their different perspectives. They will be required to keep their map to scale, draw labelled diagrams that show what they have discovered along the way and problem solve through different scenarios.

There are so many different reading, writing, visual language and mathematical opportunities that it is going to be a very exciting journey!!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week will be awarded for: "In kids' speak", focus on "Creating a Tidy Environment" (pick it up even if it's not yours) and "Being Proactive" (getting right back into school after the holidays).

Tautoru

Tidy Kiwis: Danielle, Henry A, Aidan and Embla
Enthusiastic Learners: Tamrah, Wil, Helen and Sadie

Autahi

Tidy Kiwi: Oliver
Enthusiastic Learner: Paige

Māhutonga

Tidy Kiwis: Rory and Sarah
Enthusiastic Learners: Louise and Daniel

The Principal's Awards for next week are for using Maori language, Te Reo, in the classroom and those students who reflect our values of honesty, integrity and trust and those children who are consistently reliable.

WELCOME to Liam who joined us this week at Worsler Bay School. Liam has a sister here already. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

Maria is having a ball in Delhi!

The temperatures are high and, of course, India is such a vibrant place to be. The school Maria is in is very, very different to WBS and she is enjoying observing teaching practice and providing feedback to the teachers. She hasn't mentioned the whole school yoga yet, but the last time I heard from Maria she was studying up on dairy farming in NZ as she was about to give a presentation to a group of students! I hope it went well!

Parent Information Evening

*Can you **manage yourself**?*

*Are you a competent **thinker** and problem solver?*

*Do you use **language, symbols and texts** effectively?*

*Can you **relate well to others**?*

*Do you **participate and contribute** to your community?*

Now is your chance to come along and put these Key Competencies into action. Our Parent Information Evening will be held next **Wednesday, 21st October at 6.30pm**.

The focus will be on Enterprise for Education and how we incorporate it into our everyday teaching and learning. Come along and hear from students and teachers what these competencies are all about and take away some great ideas that you might want to try at home!

A note from MĀHUTONGA

Our key foci for the start of the term have been energetic, organised learners who are ready to get back into their school learning, and students who are looking after and caring for our school environment. Both of these relate to the key competencies of Managing Self and Participating and Contributing. As we start a new term, we are continuing to learn about and learn through the key competencies.

As the New Zealand Curriculum states, *“the development of the competencies is both an end in itself and the means by which other ends are achieved. Successful learners make use of the competencies in combination with all the other resources available to them”*.

Students are becoming more aware of the competencies that they are using at any one time and they are able to articulate these more clearly to others. It is great for students to be able to see how these fit into their everyday life and learning. Talk to your child at home about the competencies. Helping students to become aware of the competencies they are using in their football game or at a ballet lesson is a great way for students to see that it is more than just having your pencil ready at school.

For more information visit:

<http://www.teamup.co.nz/AllAges/Curriculum/SchoolCurriculum.aspx>
or <http://keycompetencies.tki.org.nz/>

News from TAUTORU

Welcome back to Term Four. We have been hearing the stories of holiday fun. It's great to see the children remembering the class routines. For those new to Fleur and Rachel's area, we start our day by hanging up our own bags and placing our book bags in our book bag box. This is also a great time to change your book from the day before.

We then put out our handwriting book and pencil ready to start our learning, then off outside for some fresh air.

City Gallery Trip

For our Art Gallery trips on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week, please ensure your child has the following:

- A big lunch and drink. They will be carrying these in their school bags.
- A named raincoat and suitable footwear as we will be walking between the City Art Gallery and Te Papa rain or shine.

Please have your child at school by 8.55am as the buses won't wait.

Jewett's 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.

Any sale linked to the promotion of Jewett's by Worser Bay School, Jewett's will donate \$500 to the School.

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From the HOME AND SCHOOL Only 2 weeks to go!

Have you seen us on Facebook and Twitter?

Mark your Calendars:

Worser Bay School Fair
Sunday 1st November 11am – 2pm

Helpers, please!

We have had amazing support from our school community so far, but we do need to fill a few gaps on the day - helping set up, on the stalls, and then a tidy up team at the end.

Please complete the attached flyer.

A paper copy will also come home with your child on Friday – check their school bag!

White Elephant Day

THIS Saturday 17th October
9.30am to 11.30am

Be ruthless! Empty the top cupboards and let the school have your treasures...

Please bring in all your homeware, clothing, books and treasures for the fair.

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

Deli and Craft Items

It's that time when our lovely stall holders get a little nervous about whether they will have much to sell! Please read the Deli flyer attachment and give Stephanie Calder a ring if you are making anything for the Deli stall. Alternatively, if you are more of a craft producer, and have some items to donate to the craft stall, please ring Emma Heath and let her know.

Plastic Bags!

We will need lots of plastic bags for the clothes, books and white elephant stalls – please collect as many as you can and leave them in the staffroom.

Your Co-chairs of the Home and School
Beth Simpson and Nicola Lancaster

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DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday 17 October: Collection for School Fair items 9.30 - 11.30am Sunday 18 October: Working Bee 10am				
19 Art Gallery Trip Years 4,5 & 6	20 Art Gallery - Years 2 & 3	21 Autahi - Swimming Parent Information Evening 7.30 pm	22 Māhutonga - Swimming Art Gallery - Years 0 & 1	23 SCHOOL CLOSED
26 SCHOOL CLOSED - LABOUR DAY	27	28 Autahi - Swimming Eastern Zone Miniball	29 Māhutonga - Swimming	30 Tautoru - Swimming



More of our enthusiastic students - they look happy to be back at school this week!



For all those who have been asking about the Dental Clinic: Community Dental Service Update

Miramar Two School Dental Clinic reopened on Monday 12th October 2009.

The clinic will be open Mondays to Wednesdays from 8.00 am to 4.30 pm, staffed by Bridget Rattray, Dental Therapist and Billie-Michelle Adams, Dental Assistant.

They can be contacted at 380 9421.

Note from your friendly office staff: Please bring in the signed permission slips whenever required, even if paying by internet banking.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Seatoun Arts & Crafts - Art Exhibition and Sale

Friday 30 October, 7 - 9 pm,
Saturday 31 October, 9 am - 5 pm
St Christopher's Hall, Forres Street,
Seatoun. Free Admission.

New kids' book to be launched at

Weta Cave: The third book in the *Champ the Chopper* series will be launched by Richard Taylor on Sunday November 1 at 2pm. You are invited to come to the launch at the Weta Cave at Camperdown Rd, Miramar, Wellington. There will be readings, signings, fun and prizes. Come along and bring the kids!

For more information check out
www.champthechopper.co.nz

Worser Bay Life Saving Club Open Day

Sunday 8 November at 1pm Worser Bay Beach - new members welcome.

Miramar Tennis Club Movie Fundraiser

Michael Jackson's 'This Is It' (PG rating) movie fundraiser for the Miramar Tennis Club will be held on Wednesday 4th Nov at 6pm, at the Empire Theatre, Island Bay.

Prices: \$18 adult, \$15 child (includes sweets).

Please contact Jo Thornton,
jo.thornton@ontrack.govt.nz 021 052 4997
or Anna Kibblewhite 388 9748 for tickets.

Holy Cross School Gala

On Sunday, 8th November, Holy Cross School is having its Rainbow Gala from 11am - 2pm. Jack and Jill Photos will be at the Gala. For \$10 you can have a family, child/ren sitting. You can choose black and white or colour. To book a time, please call Kerry Wyatt on 380-8064 and leave your name with contact details and she will call you back.

The Wellington Hockey Association

summer programme is a tremendous opportunity for all ages and abilities, led by the Association's Development Manager, Sean Dancer. There truly is something here for everyone and the programme is being fully supported by the region's Black Sticks and Junior Black Sticks players. There will be a maximum of 10 players working with each coach.

Please get in touch with Niniwa Roberts or Sean Dancer with any questions you may have on 04 389 3337.

Wanted to Rent

House for short or longer term for a family of four (working for Weta), Eastern Suburbs, from October onwards.
Telephone 977 5757 or 021 1802505.