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WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Worser Bay School Strategic Plan 2011-2014

Vision

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Values

We value respect for ourselves, each other and the environment

Strategic Goals

1. Excellence in achievement

- Sound knowledge and in-depth understanding of the New Zealand Curriculum Framework
- Student achievement continues to be improved across all learning areas and key competencies

2. An engaged community

- Students are at the centre
- Provide opportunities for the community to engage in multiple ways
- Build positive partnerships with parents and local community
- All school activities link to school vision and values

3. Highly effective teachers who strive for excellence

- Individual accountabilities are linked to school direction
- Collaborative work culture across the school
- Professional learning and development is multi-dimensional, targeted to student needs and linked to individual goals and school priorities

4. Celebrating our place

- Taking the long view in preparing students as members of a wider/global community
- Shared vision and values for all in the school community

We know we are there when we can:

See

- the variety of ways the school and community interact
- dynamic teaching and learning programmes
- key competencies in action

Hear

- excitement in the classroom
- parents understanding their child's learning and achievement and how to support at home

Experience

- seamless transition through the school
- a vibrant and welcoming environment

We continually need to keep trimming those trees so the way ahead remains clear! Our vision, strategic direction, what the 2011 plan looks like, the focus for teacher professional learning, the resourcing, the teaching and learning programme, what happens on a weekly, daily, hourly, moment by moment basis needs to all line up or we, the school community, stagnate, cruise, blob out and don't move forward.

This week, as I spend time in the classrooms, the playground, out on road patrol and having fun at Camp Kaitoke, I am constantly reminded by what I observe and hear, how important it is to keep the path swept - the map has been created, the GPS is switched on and it's important for all of us in this community to come to grips with what we are trying to achieve.....together. So please take time this week to read the newsletter, reflect on the goals and have a think about the see, hear and experience part. Give us some feedback.

No ora mai ra!

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Diary** the following dates:
Tautoru and Autahi Maths and Writing Workshops
Writing Tues 22nd March 3.00 - 3.30 pm
Maths Tues 29th March 3.00 - 3.30 pm
- Please fill in and return your **yellow Volunteer Form** which was sent home last week if you would like to help the **Home and School** in any way.
- **Next assembly** 9.15 am Friday 25th March.
- **ICAS entries due by Friday 8th April.**
- **Voluntary Contributions are due.**
Remember the discount period finishes on 15th April!



An exciting day at Camp 2011!
Lots of great photos on page 2.

"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".

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

Rain, hail or shine! We boarded our bus for Kaitoke Camp with so much energy and enthusiasm it could be felt for miles!! For some, camp has been an experience that they have been waiting for and looking forward to since the end of 2010! You will be hearing a lot more about it, for certain, but for a little taster, check out some of our camp photos below.



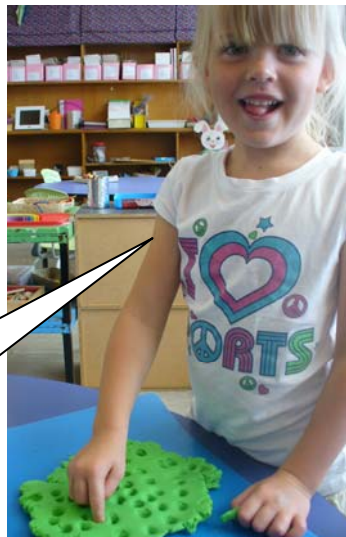
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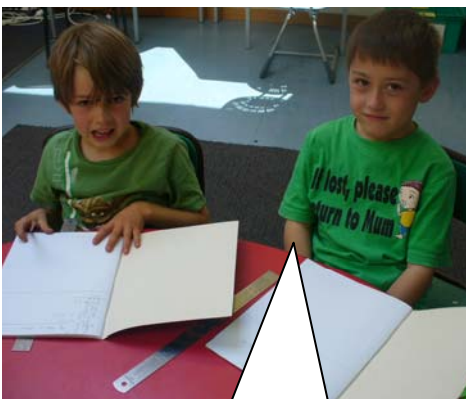
Above - using magnetic letters, Below - maths activities



"I'm using my fingers to help me answer my basic facts."



"I'm making something for the eggs to go in."



"We are learning about how to set our books up for maths."

"We copy equations off the board and make sure our numbers are in the boxes."

Many of you will have seen the Reading or Spelling Rockets which came home this week. These Rockets are designed to support the home learning of spelling words and reading high frequency words. Each Rocket consists of 'Essential Word Lists' - words that students need to learn. On the back of each list is a 'How to' method to learn your words. At home you can be creative as to how you make this happen. As seen in the photograph, magnetic letters can be used. Rainbow writing the spelling words is a popular activity. This is where a child repeatedly writes the word in different colours. Putting words into a word-find at the end of the week is fun for many students. There are many of these available on the internet.

We practise our Rocket words at school too and are introducing activities the students can share with you at home.

A lot of effort was required to set up the booklets. We are encouraging the students to take care of these. It may be useful to cover them with some clear contact to better withstand handling.

The Rockets need to be brought back to school each Monday so they are ready for testing on Tuesday. The new lists will then be sent home.

We would appreciate help from those who can commit time on a Tuesday morning to test the Rocket lists. It would be great to have a team that could work together to do this.

If you have any questions or can offer help with testing, please contact us.

Don't forget the Literacy Workshop, next Tuesday 3.00 - 3.30 pm. Please let one of the teachers know if you are planning to come.

Scott, Sophie, Kath, Rachel, Hamish, Marylyn

And, some of us have been learning to use describing words to create a super sentence.



I like to play with my soft cuddly friend Bob.
Emma C



I like to play with my ultimate ferno with a slashing sword.

Khailin

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

BRING IN YOUR YELLOW VOLUNTEER FORM!

Hi Everyone,

It has been notably quieter in our house this week, thanks to one boy away at camp. However it has given me a chance to catch up on some of that paper work!

Yes, a friendly reminder to please return your Yellow Volunteer forms!

Bring in Yellow Form NOW!

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NOW!

Also, our first Home and School Meeting is fast approaching, so keep a look out for the finalised details, everyone is welcome.

Have a great weekend, and happy washing!

Eleni Moore

Chair of the Home and School.

moore@vodafone.net.nz or 388 8137

Entertainment Books! We will be sending an Entertainment Book home with your oldest Worsler Bay School child on Monday, 4th April, for you to look over, but you can still order one early. Pre-orders are accepted until next Friday, March 25th. If you need an extra form just contact Margaret on 934 9301.

Orders, or unwanted books, can be returned to the office in one of the boxes on the counter. The Entertainment Book is a great way to support the school while grabbing excellent deals for yourself and the family!

A few Housekeeping Matters!**Lost**

Red 'MSP' hooded sweatshirt, size 12. Has someone taken this home by mistake? Please let the office know if you have found it.

Wanted by Tautoru-iti!

Small individual Pringle crisp containers.

Head Lice

Please check your child's/children's hair for nits/lice and treat them. They are doing the rounds again...

Eastern Zones Miniball

On Wednesday a group of Year 3 and 4 students competed in the Eastern Zones Miniball Tournament. A big thanks to our parent supporters and our transport team. It was an exciting competition. The team competed valiantly against Year 4 and 5 teams surprising some with their tenacity. Personally, I was very proud of the positive feedback they gave each other and sportsmanship our team displayed. This is a credit to them and all those parents who have coached them in Miniball.

Rachel

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Being curious, asking questions and finding answers.

Tautoru - Zamyah, Charlie P.**Autahi** - Will W., Jude, Jack C.C.**Māhutonga** - Finnegan, Alexandra

The focus for next week will be:

* Being curious, speaking up.

SPORTS AWARDS

No sports award this week.

Reminder re: I.C.A.S. 2011

The ICAS – International Competitions - are for students in years 4-6 and will be held in Terms 2 and 3. The information is not used as assessment information as it doesn't reflect the New Zealand Curriculum.

Some of our children like a challenge and these competitions are just that. So we are very willing to organise these competitions if your child wishes to enter. Have a chat with your child and see how they feel about this opportunity.

The competitions will be held on the following days:

Computer Skills

Tuesday 24 May \$7.50

Science

Wednesday 8 June \$7.50

Spelling

Tuesday 21 June \$9.50

Writing

Tuesday 21 June \$17.50

English

Tuesday 2 August \$7.50

Mathematics

Tuesday 16 August \$7.50

We require payment for the **total number of entries** by **Friday 8 April** at the very latest.

(Please list subjects required together with total paid.)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Wanted to Rent

Garage/storage wanted short term.
Please ring Tracey, 971 2732.

Ethnic Food Fair and Gala, including a Silent Auction, rapid raffles and games, to be held at Miramar Central School, 38 Park Road, Miramar from 5 -7-30pm, Friday 18 March. Pick up dinner on the way home!

Harbour City Hockey Club want you!

If you are looking to play a winter sport and would like to give hockey a try or have played before, then Harbour City Hockey is for you.

Registration date is on the 19th March between 2 – 3.30pm at the National Hockey Stadium in Newtown. Alternatively children can be registered through accessing the registration forms on the website:
www.harbourcityhockey.org.nz

If you have any queries feel free to contact Fiona on 3836947 or email fiona.morgan@paradise.net.nz

Tuatara Kids at 95 Park Road, Miramar are holding a Garage Sale – Family Day on the 19th March 2011.

(Proceeds are to go to children in Christchurch.)

We plan the day to start as a typical, but BIG, garage sale and then get into games, music, raffles, sausage sizzle etc.

Should you have any items for the garage sale, please contact jo@tuatarakids.co.nz to arrange drop off or pick up.

Big Dig at Worser Bay Beach Sunday 20th March

Come along and support this fun event to raise money for First Aid Equipment for Worser Bay Life Saving Club and for Christchurch. Be part of a **World Record Attempt** for the most number of people applying sunscreen at the same time (sunscreen supplied by Le Tan), join in the **Big Dig** and watch a sea rescue display.

- Free registration for the World Record Attempt opens at 10am.
- Rescue displays from 11am.
- The Big Dig commences at 12 noon and costs \$5 per digger. Heaps of prizes.

For more information, go to www.worserbaylsc.org.nz

Wellington High Performance Aquatics have 2 upcoming events to introduce students to the sport of springboard/platform diving this term and upcoming holidays.

- Big Splash Day – Introduction to springboard/platform diving - 2 to.30 pm, Sunday 20 March, Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre
- Springboard and Platform Diving - 3 day school holiday camp 19 – 21 April

www.whpa.co.nz

Cashmere Avenue School (Khandallah)

Fair and Jumble, Sunday 27th March from 11 am to 3pm, rain or shine. Fun and games for the whole family, quality jumble, kids clothes, toys and lots of delicious food!

St Francis de Sales School Fair

Mersey St, Island Bay, Sunday 27 March 11am - 2pm
Come along and enjoy the flavours, fun and fantastic bargains "Around The World in One Day" at St Francis de Sales School Fair. Delicious international food including Italian, Polish, Malaysian, Philippine, Ethiopian, Chinese, Greek, Samoan and Devonshire Teas. Stalls include beautiful handmade Crafts and Jewellery, Books, Clothing, Toys, Linen, White Elephant, Pickles & Preserves, Cakes & Sweets, Quick Fire Raffle, Silent Auction, Petting Zoo, lots of fun and rides for the children and entertainment for everyone!

On **Sunday, 27 March, 1 pm at Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa**, the World of Wearable Art along with Wellington City Council and Te Papa are giving Wellington's kids the opportunity to help collect donations toward the appeal. Many kids around the country want to help out and this is a small way towards that.

A selection of garments will be modelled by children, these pieces will be donated by previous Wellington designers. Along side this, kids from World of Wearable Art will perform, and some exciting guest artists will also be contributing to the event.

The show will include modelling, dance, comedy, clown and live music. Plus an opportunity to purchase a small book or booklet of stories from Christchurch kids.

Hi there!

Summer is almost gone, and the footballs are about to start bouncing as are the tennis balls here at Scots!

If your son or daughter would like to have some **extra tuition and fun over the 2nd week of the April holidays**, then I may be able to help.

We have Matt Calcott – from Miramar Rangers and Reilly Smith from Smith Tennis back for another entertaining tennis and football holiday programme.

Registrations are now live online at:

www.scotscollege.school.nz/academies/holiday-programmes

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