



Worser Bay School

NEWS

Friday 18 September 2009

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



Sheep Shearing

Last Friday my Uncle Willy came all way down from Woodville to shear some sheep for the school. He brought his pet sheep called Lucy and her lambs as well as a wild sheep. My uncle is a shearer and a pig hunter. Every holiday I go up there to see him and have a chance to go for a hunt. I've been going to visit him since I was four and I love it. My uncle goes into lots of different farms to do his job so I get to meet lots of different farmers and their dogs. I really like going up to stay with him.



At the beginning of this year my uncle started teaching me how to shear sheep. It was fun. On Friday I sheared Lucy and she is the biggest sheep I have done so far. My Aunty Tracy also brought her wool spinner and spun some wool straight from the wool that had been shorn off the sheep. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

by Thomas



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o Whetukairangi

A feature in the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC - Page 8) is for students to be confident, connected, actively involved and lifelong learners. I've been thinking about connectedness a lot lately. This includes such things as:

- Being able to relate well to others
- Effective users of communication tools
- Connected to the land and environment
- Members of communities
- International citizens

Connectedness is something we are so much more focussed on than "in my day" as the world is just so much closer and immediate and we don't know what the world of tomorrow will look like.

When Maria leaves at the end of next week on her Asia NZ Scholarship to Delhi, India, she will be sharing pieces of our WBS world and coming back connected with the Amity International School community. If you would like to have a peek at this school where Maria will be based for 3 weeks, please visit: <http://www.amity.edu/ais/aised/>.

I am intrigued by their whole school focus on yoga for staff and students (we will be expecting a great demonstration in assembly upon Maria's return!)

This is an excellent example of connectedness. We all wish Maria a successful and enjoyable learning experience which is a huge personal achievement and a wonderful opportunity for WBS. We also know that Maria is only a Skype away and I'm sure her class will love to try and hook up with her over this time.

Have a lovely, relaxed weekend all.

Noho mai rā.

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- Return reply slips together with money for ART GALLERY TRIP and SWIMMING TERM 4 by Friday 25th September.
- Check Lost Property - check the lost property boxes for any missing items now as they will be gone by next Thursday!
- Diary: Sunday 18 October - Spring Working Bee
- Diary: Wednesday 21st October - Term 4 Parent Information Evening

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Research shows that meaningful feedback has one of the biggest impacts on student performance and achievement. We have seen part of this process in action with the SLCs earlier this term and are hopefully enjoying ongoing feedback with our children about their daily life at school. We look forward to the written reviews coming home soon.

As a board, we are involved in decision-making determining the direction of our school in a variety of ways. We must regularly ask ourselves: "Are we doing what we should be doing to achieve our strategic goals?" and "Should we be doing things differently?"

Early next term we will be joining with the staff to develop the Annual Plan for 2010. I think this will be a valuable experience for all involved, getting together, bringing our different perspectives to address the same issue of planning to achieve our school's strategic goals, culminating in excellence in student achievement in all aspects of life. It will also give both groups some clear feedback on how we are going and where to from here.

Kirsty Chamberlain
Board Member

THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR TERM 4 IS HOTTING UP!

Thanks so much to the 86 of you who responded online, and to those of you who attended the circle time consultation at the Parent Evening. We will be analysing the information and providing feedback to you over the next few weeks.

This data will be invaluable as we plan carefully towards 2010 and beyond and determine what our priorities are. This means asking the right questions and making considered judgements, not rushing in and changing the world in a way that is unmanageable, expensive and unsustainable! We also have to remember that any changes we make to our programme will benefit all students.

It's certainly a sports focused term with Athletics and Miniball Eastern Zones Tournaments for Years 4-6, and school-wide swimming and tennis programmes beginning.

We are currently liaising with swimming personnel at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre to discuss any possible improvements in the programme for Term 4. We are especially keen to have greater flexibility of groupings to allow for acceleration for our high achievers.

The idea being that groups are increasingly focused on ability grouping, rather than age. This will be at the discretion of swim coaches and teachers. If your child is affected, we will give you a call to discuss. The one problem we do have is the depth of the water!

We are also aiming to have more structured assistance from any willing parents and purposeful water activities running when the children are not in their instructional group. Somewhat like what happens at school

Details on tennis and Eastern Zones sports will be in newsletter early in Term 4.

Thanks for your support and feedback.

Remember - Change is a process and learning is change!

Information regarding the Swimming Schedule, Costs, Parent Volunteers, together with a reply slip, is being sent out in conjunction with this newsletter.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards this week focus on working with others in a team and physical prowess in sport.

Tautoru

Working with others in a team - Will N, Ashton, Wilbur, James M.
Physical Prowess in Sport - Thomas

Autahi

Working with others in a team - Matt, Sebastian
Physical Prowess in Sport - Johannes

Māhutonga

Physical Prowess in Sport - Lina, Fraser
Working in a team - Ben M, Madi

The Principal's Awards for next week will be awarded for following instructions and being pro-active and using initiative for the end of term tidy up.

Extra teaching support in Tautoru

We are thrilled that Scott McGregor and Sophie Hamilton will be working with Fleur, Rachel and their students, on a part-time basis next term. Many of you will know Scott already. He will be teaching every Monday (as well as his usual Friday). The rest of the week Scott teaches at St Benedict's in Khandallah. Sophie, whom many of you will also know as a WBS parent (and actually a teacher at WBS quite some time ago!), will teach on Tuesdays, Wednesday morning and Thursdays, once she completes the initial two weeks of the term with the New Entrants, while Maria is in India. We are excited about the added value Scott and Sophie will bring to the mix.
Nau mai, Haere mai.

AUTAHI News

Your child will be bringing home their new goals to share with you in the next week. Sometimes their goals can be quite 'big' so lots of small steps are needed to achieve the main goal.

We sometimes use fancy words like "learning intentions" and "success criteria". These help the children to know what they need to do in order to achieve. They can self check against the criteria as well as the teacher providing feedback against the criteria.

As the children work with the teacher to set the criteria, it makes the learning clearer for them.

A note from MĀHUTONGA

Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Thomas and Katie Dickson's Aunt and Uncle. They travelled a long way to visit us and let us experience a little bit of life in the country. It was a great opportunity for students to make connections. There were some lovely observations and learning made, such as when Tracy was spinning wool straight from the sheep and a Tauru student asked how the wool went from white to blue for his jumper.

It was a fantastic opportunity for us to make links with our community. These real life situations create strong learning opportunities for all students. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience; a big thank you to the Dickson Family!

See Thomas' story on our front page.

News from TAUTORU

SLC summaries are coming home next week. It will be an empowering time for your child as he or she has an opportunity to once again reflect with you about how well they have met their recent achievements. A good time for you both to talk together about next steps and what support he or she might need to reach the next learning goals. Your expectations and aspirations for their achievement will help them feel well supported in their commitment.

Please talk with your child about their specific learning intentions or 'WALTs'. These key words are their cue to think about the what and why of the learning task, and will prompt them to share and celebrate with you when they have achieved the success criteria or specific goal. Let us know if things are still unclear after you've read the SLC summary. How can we help to strengthen the learning partnership between us?

Home learning provides an opportunity to consolidate and enrich classroom related learning. Ten minutes homework is sufficient for the junior school but check out these websites for ideas on how to make learning hours of fun and a rewarding task!

<http://new.nzmaths.co.nz/node/453>

<http://www.ictgames.com>

<http://www.teamup.co.nz/AllAges/FunActivities.aspx>

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/wick_ed/index.php

ART GALLERY TRIP - Yayoi Kusama: Mirrored Years

We are all off to the City Gallery in the second week of next term to have "an exciting other-worldly sensory experience!" The focus of this exhibition ties in beautifully with the main themes we have been exploring this year and provides a completely different experience to Monet. You can have a peek at:

<http://www.citygallery.org.nz/mainsite/home.html>. It's great to have the City Gallery open again, too!

Most group's trip into town will also include some exploration out and about.

Information regarding the Buses, Costs, Parent Volunteers, together with a reply slip, is being sent out in conjunction with this newsletter.

Jewetts 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 Jewetts by Worsler Bay School, Jewetts will donate \$500 to the School.**

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From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Only 6 weeks to go! Yes, 6 Weeks!

Mark your calendars: **School Fair Sunday 1st November, 11am – 2pm**

Stall Holder Vacancies

We have a couple of slots that still need filling:

- The Toy stall / Baby and Tots needs a leader to co-ordinate the sorting, pricing and then sale on fair day.
- Singapore Noodles - this is a new stall we would like to try. We can supply the equipment and the ingredients, we just need a willing volunteer to cook on the day!
- Beef Satay - this has been a very popular food item in the past. Again, we can provide the satay and the BBQ, we just need someone to cook them and make the peanut sauce (recipe provided).

Food Stalls are our key money making stalls and we would like to increase the number we offer, so if you can help with the above, or have a food idea, please get in touch with Nicola on 380 9339 (or e-mail address below).

Check your cupboards for Lucky Dip Items; any small toys, pens, pencils, erasers, balloons, left over party bag items, etc. These can be dropped in to the staffroom in a labelled bag.

Roll in and Go! THIS Saturday morning!

For drop off of your Fair Treasures, whether it be household items, jam jars for the deli, toys, baby gear, clothes or books – you can drop them at school:

This **Saturday 19th September 9.30am to 11.30am**

or after the school holidays on:

Saturday 17th October 9.30am to 11.30am

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS AT SCHOOL AFTER 11.30AM ON THESE DAYS AS THIS COULD BE A POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD.

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

Your Co-chairs of the Home and School
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DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 BOT Meeting 7pm	22	23 School Photograph Day - 9.00 am	24	25 Assembly - 9.10am Last day of Term 3 - School finishes at usual time, 3.00 pm.
School Holidays from 26th September to 11th October inclusive.				
12 October Term 4 starts	13	14 Autahi - Swimming	15 Māhutonga - Swimming	16 Tautoru - Swimming

SPORTS RESULTS - Miniball

This week our senior teams played each other. Celtics won 14 - 9. It was a very hard-fought game, with lots of bodies flying over the court!

Players of the day for Celtics were Matt and Caitlin. Player of the day for Spurs was William.

Both teams did really well this year and improved a lot!

Lakers beat St Marks Sonic 18 - 10. James was player of the day for his tenacious defence.

Trailblazers lost to Seatoun.



The Celtics



The Spurs

Netball

Netball prize-giving this Saturday 19th, 10am - 11am at EBIS school hall.

There are spot prizes as well as grade prizes.

It would be good to see the whole team there to celebrate our great season.

WELLINGTON CITY LIBRARIES

Use mygateway.info to find quality information online with Wellington City Libraries and you can be in to win a Hewlett Packard 2140 Mini note!

Check out how you can use the databases at mygateway.info to find information from journals, magazines, newspapers and reference books such as encyclopaedias online by entering our competition. This is a great place to get information for your assignments and projects and much of it can't be found easily through the internet.

Find out more by going to <http://www.wcl.govt.nz> and clicking on the mygateway.info competition link to answer two easy questions. The competition closes on 29th September and you will need a current Wellington City Libraries card to enter.

Wellington City Libraries are running free **school holiday activities** at libraries around town to celebrate New Zealand Book Month. Design a book cover, learn how to illustrate like a pro, make dog collars for Hairy Maclary, have fun with food and more! No bookings required at these fun family events. Visit www.wcl.govt.nz/kids/whatson.html for session times and locations or call 499 4444.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Phoenix Game this weekend

This weekend promises to be a highlight of the season with the arrival of North Queensland Fury and their star striker, ex-Liverpool player Robbie Fowler. This game promises to be a mouth-watering clash football fans should not miss, with the chance to see one of the world's greatest players of all time right here in Wellington. The fourth-greatest scorer in the history of the English Premier League, the 34-year-old Fowler clearly hasn't lost the goal scoring knack since signing on with the Fury, having already hit some superb strikes.

Who: Robbie Fowler and the North Queensland Fury

When: 3pm, Sunday, September 20.

Allergy NZ Seminar

Wednesday 14 October, 2009, 7.30 – 9.30pm at Island Bay School, 1 Thames Street, Island Bay

Topics include:

- Allergy & anaphylaxis
- Guidelines for parents/caregivers in working with schools and early childhood services
- Discussion on tips and strategies
- Resources & links

Light refreshments provided.

Gold coin donation would be appreciated.

RSVP to mail@allergy.org.nz or telephone Nicola on 04 970 9642.

These Seminars have been made possible with a grant from Pub Charity.

The New Zealand Synchronised Swimming National Championships and the NZ Secondary Schools Synchro Swimming Champs are coming to Wellington.

The best synchronised swimmers from around New Zealand will be at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie from 26 to 29 September for these events (just in time for the start of the school holidays!) Cost is pool spectator entry. Opening Ceremony at 12noon Saturday 26th of September, events start at 12:30pm. Further details are available at www.feelinggreat.co.nz, search keyword "synchro".

SportZone Summer Football

Little Dribblers Football Club
Twilight Summer Football for players aged from 7 and over.

Junior Sunday Football League for kids aged 7 -14.

Register online at www.SportZone.org.nz or phone 586 6006.

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