

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

Term 3, Week 3, Friday 19 August 2011

Snow! Snow! Snow!



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Twitter** - Sign up to Twitter. It's now part of our Emergency Plan (see page 3)
- **Sports Fees are now due** (see page 4)
- **PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER** - it's full of all the **IMPORTANT STUFF!!**

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Only a week until I jet to warmer climates!

With this uncertainty about school closures it has been so useful to be able to use Twitter - thanks for your feedback and for signing up! Another timely reminder to do so to save heaps of time and hassle and keep anxiety levels on the low side! Obviously, our website is updated and group email is also used, so as long as the internet is working... that's the other place to check in and keep up with the latest.

As well as keeping warm, and out of mischief, we have been working on some non-negotiables for the school. Using a wide body of educational research we have identified the following factors that sit at the core of what WBS is all about:

- Learning is dynamic and fun
- The environment is energetic and vibrant
- A caring and respectful culture is nurtured with opportunities for social and emotional growth for all
- Creative and critical thinking is a focus
- Pace of learning is deliberate and adjusted to hook students in and engage more deeply
- A challenging programme with high expectations is provided for all students
- The Inquiry Process is promoted within the framework of the NZ curriculum
- Teachers and students are reflective learners
- A wide range of teaching and learning strategies are utilised
- Oral language, participation and experimentation are at the heart of what happens in the classroom
- Creating self belief as learners through a student driven programme, leading to active, relevant learning
- Being part of and contributing to a motivated and inspired learning community.

Some of these features are already well embedded, others are emerging and all will become a touchstone for us to check in and ensure we are keeping true to the unique and special school we are creating here at WBS.

No ora mai ra!

Jude

"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." ~ Clay P. Bedford



Thanks for making it to the Parent Workshops!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Listening to feedback on my writing

Tautoru-iti and Tautoru

Khailin and Sylvie

Autahi

Anthony and Natalie

Māhutonga and Matariki

Matahi and Ellie

Next week's focus is:

* Being open to new maths learning

TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

What a week! We grabbed the opportunities that the cold polar blast brought to inspire writing and some art. We also applaud those that braved the cold winds and icy rain to come along to our Parent Workshops yesterday. For those of you who couldn't attend, we have included the key messages below:

Reading:

- Students will not always have a new reader every night
- Reading to them and reading picture books is a great way to vary and encourage enjoyment for reading
- Discuss high frequency words and what the story is about when reading together
- Some areas have spaces to put book bags and students are being encouraged to manage themselves by having these ready each day

Writing:

- We are learning about character writing this term, so talking and discussing how authors describe characters will help your child
- We will also be introducing report writing as we read and use information texts
- Students have been organised into smaller writing groups. Some of these groups have a group writing bag. This involves one member of the group taking home the bag, doing some writing at home and sharing it the next day. Supporting your child with this would be appreciated.

Rockets:

- Spelling and reading rocket testing happens every Friday morning.
- Rockets will be collected in on Thursdays
- We have regrouped students after looking at their results over the last term. Most students will going back over their last 10 lists.
- We are also putting a focus on seeing these words used correctly in their writing. Helping students see where their words fit into a sentence will help them with this.

Maths:

- Focus is on multiplication this term
- For some students it involves learning and practising skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. For others it involves learning that multiplication means 'groups of', as in 2×5 means '2 groups of 5'.
- We continue to develop number knowledge, place value and addition and subtraction strategies.

Inquiry:

- Our main Inquiry this term is looking at homes - what these are for and how they are built
- We are also doing a PE Inquiry into our playground spaces and how we use them
- We are using these Inquiries to develop our understanding of questions and what good questions are. We are also learning new thinking tools. Watch the newsletter space over the next few weeks as we share these with you.

Support in the Classroom:

- We would love to have your support in the classroom
- This could be with:
 - ⇒ Reading with a small group or individuals
 - ⇒ Helping at a literacy activity such as with spelling rockets, playing literacy games
 - ⇒ Helping with maths games and activities
 - ⇒ Making resources
 - ⇒ Helping out with Passion Fridays activities: Soccer, Puppet Making, Sewing, Survival Skills
- Scott is the parent liaison person for this. Please see him if you are interested

A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

It was great to see those of you who could make it to the Parent Workshops yesterday. If you were unable to make it, look for the slideshow on the website, we hope to have it up in the next few weeks.

We are well into Term 3, having had three weeks at school, and it is wonderful to see routines being remembered. Just as a reminder, please have a look at the table below:

Days	Actions
Monday	John's literacy group to the library Basic facts sheets go home
Tuesday	Fleur's literacy group to the library Spelling Rocket with new words go home
Wednesday	Jen's literacy group to the library
Thursday	
Friday	Spelling Rocket testing Basic Facts testing Please read newsletter to see homework and to keep in the loop.

We have Silent Reading daily, so we expect our children to use their library time to choose a book for this, if they choose not to bring one from home.

Our homework is mentioned in the newsletter under a homework heading (see below).

EBIS Induction Day

On Thursday some Year 6s went to EBIS to find out more for next year. It was a thrilling experience.

"It was nice to see all the old Worser Bay students again. They were excited to see us. The Art Room was interesting and the Food Technology Room smelt delicious as they had just made pinwheels! We're looking forward to starting there next year."

by Coco, Barney, Eve, Emily, Matt, Oliver, Samantha, Taine and Paris

Homework

Thank you for sharing your feedback on your children's interview skills, and your favourite author/book.

Be warned, our children have been asked to observe eating styles at home. Please don't be intimidated by the extra attention, and just eat normally. We are using this in our descriptive character writing.



Chinese Numbers



"All sorts of things come down from the sky like thunder and lightning! Lightning looks like electric things shooting down. But snowflakes flutter and fly."
by Billy



"On the weekend it snowed. The snow was cold. It was white and it hailed."
by Emma R



"My house has snow on it and is still there and it is awesome and we had a snow fight and it was fun and I want to go to see the tramp because it might be covered with snow." by Blake

"I saw the cold snow. It was spread all over my back yard."
by Milly

Using Twitter to get Emergency Information from Worser Bay School

We are now using Twitter as a tool to enable parents to access information if there is ever a **dire** emergency at Worser Bay School. Follow this link to tell you all about it and how to sign up: <http://goo.gl/QYJ1L>

[@WorserBaySchool](https://twitter.com/WorserBaySchool) will only be used in times of school emergencies and thus we expect it to be a very quiet/inactive account. Unfortunately, Twitter has seen it wise to remove your follow requests yet not add you to the list. **Please follow @WorserBaySchool one more time** - this time you won't have to wait for any request confirmations.

Please pass on this info to other parents and relevant people.

Another key emergency account is [@WemoNZ](https://twitter.com/WemoNZ) (Wellington Emergency Management Office).

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Lots of exciting news has come home this week about what has been happening at school, mostly centred around whether it was snow - or was it sleet - or was it hail?!

Hill St Market

Thank you for all the support and donations for the market. Make sure you let all your family and friends know about the market and to come visit our stall on Saturday 20th August from 8.30am to 11.30am at the Cathedral of St Paul car park, Hill Street, Thorndon.

Fair Silent Auction

Due to the success of the silent auction at the fair last year, we are having another one this year. We are on the lookout for items that generate interest and, therefore, dollars for the school. So, if you have any contacts or have a business and are looking to further promote it, this could be for you. Items that generated a lot of interest last year were restaurants, shows, accommodation, sports tickets, art works, architect and landscape architect services and appliances.

Please let Stephanie Wilson know if you have anything or have contacts that we could approach. Stephanie can be contacted on 388 8285 or asewilson@clear.net.nz – thanks in advance for your support.

Reminder! Fair Meeting

Tuesday 23rd August, 7:30pm in the staffroom.

Eleni Moore,
Chair of Home and School
moore@vodafone.net.nz or 388 8137

SPORT

Netball

The Year 4/5 Netball team had a fantastic game on Saturday. It was a very exciting game against Clyde Quay, with a final score of 1 all. Player of the Day was awarded to Matahi, for great play against a challenging player. This Saturday's game is against Kilbirnie at 1pm on Court 3. Please be at the Practice Court at 12.30pm for a warm up.

The Year 5/6 Netball team had a great game last Saturday against Lyall Bay School. The sun was shining and the girls all played well. Martha got Player of the Day for finding good space, competing for the ball and landing an awesome goal! The final score was 6-14 to Lyall Bay.

Sports Fees

If your child is participating in one of the following sports, fees for Term 3 are now due. Fees are as follows:

Fun Ferns	\$10	(Ref: FF)
Flippaball	\$20	(Ref: FB)
Miniball	\$25	(Ref: MB)

You can pay by cash or cheque at the office or by Internet Banking to **Worsler Bay School, 03 0521 0138582 000**. Please use the reference above.

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Operation Hero: Challenge Day!

Saturday 20th August, 1pm-3pm at Te Papa

To celebrate the launch of the new local action adventure series 'Operation Hero' on TV2, the makers of the show challenge YOU to be part of the action. Hosted by Dayna Vawdrey and featuring players from the Operation Hero TV show, you could:

- Abseil through the middle of Te Papa!
- Compete in a scavenger hunt, solve puzzles and send a coded message!
- Check out the monster 6-wheel drive Pinzgauer trucks!

There are prizes to be won and sneak peeks of the TV show. The challenges are ideal for those aged between 9 and 13 years old, but the event will suit the entire family.

Storylines Festival - Free Family Day

Wellington Town Hall and Capital E
Sunday 21 August 2011, 10am - 3pm
For more information, visit www.storylines.org.nz.

Storylines Heritage Hotel Seminar

St Andrews on the Terrace
Tuesday 23 August at 6pm
Australian author Chris Morpew, author of Zac Powers and The Phoenix Files, will be joining us in conversation with acclaimed NZ author Fleur Beale. Tickets can be purchased online at www.storylines.org.nz and from the Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie.

Free Open Day

Wellington's Indoor Community Sports Centre

Saturday 27 August, 10am-3pm, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie
Watch, join in and take a tour. There will be netball, volleyball, basketball, korfbal, futsal (indoor football), athletics, celebrity sports match, face painting, inflatables and more. For more information and free bus details, go to www.wellington.govt.nz

All About Kids Expo

Wellington Town Hall, Sunday 28 August, 9am-4pm
Created for the parents of children from 0-10 years, the Expo focuses on Entertainment, Education and Expo Only Specials. \$5 entry, under 12 free.

SPCA Cupcake Day - Monday 29th August

This is one of Wellington SPCA's largest fundraising events for the year. Register online at www.spcacupcakeday.co.nz and download everything you need. You can register as an individual or team, and once you've baked some tasty cupcakes, you are ready to go!

Wanted:

- **Clean, 4 litre paint cans** with handles, for a fair project. All will be revealed!
- **Clean, plastic 2L milk bottles** for Tautoru-iti. But just the square ones, please.
- **Matchbox cars** for Tautoru-iti.
- **Yummy Stickers** - keep collecting those Yummy apple stickers so the school can get free sports gear. Forms are available at the office.

If you are able to help with any of these items, please bring them to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!