



# Worser Bay School

# NEWS

Friday 19 February 2010

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

## A note from MĀHUTONGA

In Māhutonga this week we have been celebrating our cultures, and using this knowledge to create individual visual mihi.

We have been learning about the Chinese New Year through Literacy, Topic, Art, Dance and Drama, and have been using a holistic approach to create more effective learning opportunities.

We are going to be looking at the Rocky Shore in week five (1 - 5 March), so if we have any parents who could contribute in this area, Matt, Kath and Fleur would love to hear from you!

Please remember to bring some photos or treasures that we can add to our visual mihi.

*Fleur, Matt and Kath*



*Chinese Lanterns*

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Ukestars** - Tuesday 23rd February 7.30 pm
- **Māhutonga Camp Payment** - by Friday 26 February please (see page 2)
- **Tell Friends and Neighbours** that enrolments are open (see page3)
- **Voluntary Donation** - Letter coming home next week - please pay as soon

Remember - you may have to click on Jude's website links and cut and paste into the browser.

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Welcome to the Year of the Tiger!

If you were born in either 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, you, too, are a Tiger, which signifies bravery, courage and power!

There may well have been a great many tigers behind the Summerfest held last Sunday. What outstanding organisation, fabulous food and beverage matches, great relaxed atmosphere... it really was the place to be! Thanks to all of you who spent so many hours planning the event and to all of the parents (and neighbours!) who helped out on the day. It's a winning combination and, yes, with a bit of courage, we are not afraid to try something new! After all, that's what we are constantly talking with our children about, go on... try something new... give it a go. I've already heard a lot of murmurings about next year... bring it on!!!

As you will remember from last year, we have made a commitment to developing our 'Asia Awareness'. With the big theme of 'celebrations' for the Year of the Tiger, we are thoroughly enjoying learning more about Chinese New Year and a Happy New Year it is proving to be too.

If you are at a loose end this Sunday, pop along to a free event to celebrate Chinese New Year at Te Papa. Please see more at: <http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/WhatsOn/allevents/Pages/ChineseNewYearatTePapa21feb.aspx>

Asia and New Zealand are getting closer and closer. Our children need the knowledge now.

If you want to do a bit of Chinese New Year cooking, check out Connie Clarkson's guide at:

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Connie-Clarksons-guide-to-Chinese-New-Year-food/tabid/1166/articleID/141222/Default.aspx>

*Jude*

Jude

### WORD FROM THE BOARD

What a wonderful welcome back to the new year we enjoyed at Summerfest last Sunday! It was a great opportunity to enjoy a celebration with the wider Worsler Bay community and to make some \$\$\$ for the school at the same time.

Speaking of which, you will be receiving letters regarding Voluntary Contributions in the next week or two. We rely heavily on Voluntary Contributions to meet our budget needs, so please look out for the letter as there's more information in there.

The year is now back into full swing and it's pleasing to see that it's business as usual at Worsler Bay School!

Kirsty Chamberlain  
Board Member

### MĀHUTONGA CAMP - AT A GLANCE

- Dates:** Year 5&6: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Year 4: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 – 6.00 pm
- Venue:** Camp Kaitoke in Upper Hutt
- Staff attending:** Kath, Matt and Fleur
- Cost:** Year 5&6 : \$165 - full 3 day camp, including activities, instructors, food and transport  
Year 4: \$30 - full day at camp including activities with instructors and transport
- Camp Forms:** Please return by next Friday 26th February
- Camp Parent:** There is a space available for 2 camp parents. We are looking to have a good balance of different strengths and interests. Please fill in the provided expression of interest
- What now?** Hand in camp forms by Friday  
Arrange payment at the office  
Talk to Kath if your child has any specific food or medical requirements
- We are looking forward to a GREAT camp!*

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for students who are taking pride in everything they do, and students doing something nice for someone that makes them smile:

#### Tautoru

For taking pride in achieving next learning steps - Jack  
For making others feel happy - George and Seb  
Embla and Fern for taking pride in their work.

#### Autahi

Andre for making us smile and always having a smile on his face.  
Ruby and Thomas for taking pride in their work.

#### Māhutonga

Lene, Barney, Martha and Katie

Next week's foci will be:  
Using our manners and being patient.  
Using our active listening skills.

### Summerfest!

What a great day and thank you to everyone who helped make it happen.



We'd love your feedback, so please talk to one of us, drop a note into the office or an email to Home and School... subject Summerfest!

And, watch this space for Summerfest 2011!!

### MĀHUTONGA CAMP PARENT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please fill in below and return to the office by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Strengths in:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

As a camp parent you will be responsible for a group of students over the 3 days and 2 nights. Instructors will run activities while you offer support and encouragement. Some activities are run and organised by teachers and camp parents.

### MĀHUTONGA CAMP - CAMP FEES

The cost for camp is \$165 for year 5 & 6, and \$30 for year 4. This includes activities, instructors, food and transport for 3 full days. We greatly appreciate prompt payment as we have to pay the camp when we are there in March. Please return slip below with payment either by cash/cheque or internet banking. Our bank account is held at Westpac Kilbirnie, Account Number 03 0521 0138582 000. Please ensure Name & Year of Child and reason for payment are entered, and if paying for more than one item, itemise separately.

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ paid by cash/cheque/internet (please tick)

## News from TAUTORU

Sian Nian Gong Hee Fat Choi! (Happy Chinese New Year!)

Our learning this week has taken us to China via the arts. We were lucky enough to meet Mary Lum who shared her Chinese New Year experiences with us. We had fun looking at her lanterns and lucky red envelopes and learned about the animals of the Chinese zodiac. We have made lanterns and printed Chinese characters with messages of good fortune, luck, and happiness. Here is a small sample of stories that have been inspired from the week's celebrations:



Mary is reading a story about celebrating the year of the tiger.  
*Jack CC and Adam*

The story was awesome. My best part was the dragon. It looked lovely.  
*Arthur*

One day at school a Chinese lady called Mary came and showed us some lamps and I got to hold one. It was red and it had little shapes on it.

*Declan*

When Mary came I loved it. It was fun. I had a turn at holding the red folders that used to have the coins in them.

*Natalie*



The Chinese calendar had animals on it. There was a dragon and a lion and a tiger.  
*Wilbur*

Before we move on, we will be making connections to our visual whakapapa and developing a sense of our place.

## from AUTAHI

We have had a great week this week. Our reading groups have started and students have independent reading boxes to select journals from to take home. They are really enjoying their basic facts and it is fantastic to see their progress as they get faster and gain knowledge. Keep up that practise at home!

We will be starting our visual whakapapa, artworks that explore who we are and what are important to us. Students are encouraged to please start bringing in pictures of themselves and their family, pets and special places that they can use for their artworks.

We are also looking forward to starting our exploration of the Rocky Shore in week 5 (1 - 5 March). If you have any ideas or knowledge we would love to hear from you!

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL Congratulations Team Summerfest!

What a great afternoon; fantastic food, a variety of beers, an interesting expert, swinging sounds, an exciting auction and even a Tango to boot! This inaugural event certainly set the standard high but the feedback so far indicates that this could be THE future event to attend in the Eastern Suburbs! If you have helpful feedback (for this or for any of our events) please email it through - we do appreciate it - [homeand-school@worsebay.school.nz](mailto:homeand-school@worsebay.school.nz)

Thank you to the people who made it to our first H&S meeting of the year. There was an important discussion on what Home and School will look like this year, and how we can judge the success of our events. Although fundraising is a large part of what we do, it certainly came through very strongly that collaboration with our teaching staff and the curriculum, plus providing support to our children and their families, are also a priority in the events that we choose to hold.

Our Calendar of Events will be finalised in the next couple of weeks and then we will be asking for your support to help make them happen. If you still have ideas that you would like the Home and School to explore, please pass them on.

**Nicola Lancaster, Chair**  
[nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

## Worse Bay School Enrolment Scheme

With families seeking job opportunities both out of Wellington and out of NZ (good for them, sad for us) combined with extra space, we have a fabulous opportunity to welcome up to 20 new children across the school from out of our home zone in 2010.

Many of you have been asking, so the time is nigh! Get out there and let your friends, families and neighbours know that enrolments for the remainder of 2010 are open and applications close on Friday 28 March 2010 at 3.00 pm.

For further information please contact

# DIARY

Rāhina (Monday)	Rātū (Tuesday)	Rāapa (Wednesday)	Rāpere (Thursday)	Rāmere (Friday)
22	23 Ukestars 7.30pm	24 Eastern Zones Cricket  Flippaball Practice 7am	25	26 Flippaball
1 March	2	3 Flippaball Practice 7am	4	5 Assembly 9.10am  Flippaball
8	9	10 Flippaball Practice 7am	11	12 Flippaball

## SPORT

### Flippaball

Our team got off to a great start for 2010 - winning one game and losing the other. Flippaball starts at 4.10 pm this Friday. Please arrive approximately 10 minutes early.

Remember practices at the pool at 7.00 - 7.45 am on Wednesday mornings.

### Netball

If there are any year 4,5 and 6 children who would like to play outdoor Netball for Worser Bay School during terms 2 and 3, please contact Sue Haberfield on 380 8250 for further information. Teams need to be registered shortly, so if your child is interested, please let Sue know as soon as possible.

## WORSER BAY UKESTARS!

Unleash your inner ukulele deviant and come join in our jam session on Tuesday nights.

Aimed at beginners, this workshop / jam session is a fun occasion for parents and friends to get together and perhaps get a head start on the kids who will be learning ukulele this year.

The school has purchased 10 Ukuleles which will be available to those who wish to try before they buy.

Song lists and chord charts will be provided and taught. Bring your own if you have them as well.

Tuesday nights starting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30pm in the Staff Space.

For more information, call Ty on 027 590 0009 anytime or 388 4086 at home.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Miramar Rangers AFC - 2010 Junior Registrations

Online registrations available from the 6<sup>th</sup> February at [www.miramarfc.org.nz](http://www.miramarfc.org.nz)

Junior Registration Forms for new members and all enquires. Contact Janine Paul on 388-4405 or email [mrfcjuniors@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mrfcjuniors@xtra.co.nz)

### Harbour City Hockey Club want you!

Harbour City hockey is an established club which last year had 13 junior teams in the local competitions. Team sizes range from 4 to 11 depending on player age and capability. The junior club caters for all children between the ages of 5 and 13.

Games are on Saturdays in Terms 2 and 3 and are very rarely cancelled. Practices are once a week after school.

Registration date is on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February at 11.30am at the National Hockey Stadium in Newtown. Alternatively, children can be registered through accessing the forms on the website: [www.harbourcityhockey.org.nz](http://www.harbourcityhockey.org.nz)

If you have any queries, feel free to contact Fiona on 3836947 or email [fiona.morgan@paradise.net.nz](mailto:fiona.morgan@paradise.net.nz)

### Photography Promotion

Bella Photography have teamed up with Plunket to launch a calendar for 2011. We need you to be a part of it to help raise funds for Plunket. We are offering a 'special' for bookings made before the 31st of March which includes a photo shoot for only \$20 in a setting of your choice (normally \$80) and a complimentary 5x7 print. The calendar will be available for sale at the end of this year with all proceeds from the sales of these going to Plunket. You can also purchase high quality prints to keep as long lasting memories. So call Leanne on 383 9896 to find out more.

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