

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 7/9 - Friday 19 March 2010



*Māhutonga
have fun with
their beach
writing.
See page 4.*



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:
Thinking about, and acting on, improving physical skills like throwing and catching. Taking time and demonstrating skill in the arts.

Tautoru

Arthur - for taking time and demonstrating skill in the arts.
Nargis - for excellence in artwork.
Liam - for actively thinking about how to improve throwing and catching skills.

Autahi

Thomas D - for excellence in the arts
Faith - for excellence in working hard to improve her tennis skills

Māhutonga

PE for thinking about their tennis and making an effort to work on their technique: Ella N and Jacob
ART for thinking about their art technique and taking their time: Seb and Aimée

Next week's foci will be:

Looking after our environment inside and outside the classroom, and managing self: making a plan, setting the goal, rising to the challenge.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of Term 1. Under two weeks of the first term to go and so much to do! It's never a dull moment as we launch into our study on the rocky shore... you may have noticed some of the 'wonderings' on the 'wonder walls' around the school. Stop and take a look - they make interesting reading! (You may be surprised by the amount of tadpoles we apparently have in the rock pools at Worser Bay Beach.) This is a great way to collect some baseline data and gives a steer as to what to teach... and, yes, there is quite a lot!

Student Led Conference (SLC) time is coming up fast. During the first two weeks of Term 2 (19 - 30 April) you are invited to celebrate your child's learning and progress with both them and their teacher. The focus of the conference will continue to be on developing key competencies but the format will differ slightly from 2009. We are increasing time slots to 15 minutes, with a 5 minute changeover period. Your child will begin by sharing their learning, prompted by both parents and teacher. Then you will have greater opportunity to talk with the teacher with your child present, than you have had in previous years. After all, it's all about them! The aim of the SLC is that you can leave with enough specific information and ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Bookings for the SLC can be made online from 9am on Monday. Go to the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code AJ9MW. Bookings will close on Wednesday 31 March. At WBS, we are very fortunate to have 100% parent support at the SLCs. A big thanks for this.

I'm sounding like a broken record, but we can't stress enough if there is something you want to know now, or something you want to share without your child present, please, please, don't wait for another 5 - 6 weeks. Make a time to see your child's teacher now!

We wish our happy campers - children, teachers and parents the very best. You will have a ball!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **SLC Bookings Open Monday 22 March 9.00 am** – for SLCs First Two Weeks of Term 2 (see above).
- **Tennis Payments** - some still outstanding!
- **Family Fun Sports Evening** - Tuesday 30 March, 5 - 7 pm - details page 2.
- **Reminder - We still have ukuleles & tuners for sale!** See Carolyn A in the office.
- **Enrolments are open for 2010** - tell your friends and neighbours.
- **Voluntary Donation** - Please pay as soon as possible. \$50 discount if paid by the end of Term One (1 April).

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Teachers work with the children discussing progress and next steps every day.

Understanding where your child is at and how to support them at home is an important aspect of our school goals and culture.

Student Led Conferences support the four Strategic Goals of:

- Excellence in Achievement
- An Engaged Community
- Celebrating our Place
- Highly effective teachers who strive for excellence.

The Board of Trustees

A **warm welcome** to Freya and her family who have recently joined Worser Bay School. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning!



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Yellow Volunteer Forms – It's never too late!

Thank you to those families who have already managed to return the yellow "Volunteer Diary 2010" sheet to the school office - it's never too late, so please return your form ASAP. These are an efficient way for event co-ordinators to contact people who **may** be available to help, so even if you are in doubt whether you may be available, you can still fill it out and we will contact you nearer the time.

Home and School AGM

Thank you to all the people who made it along on Tuesday night. The three 'officers' of the committee were re-elected into the following positions:

Chair: Nicola Lancaster
Treasurer: Julia Rowling
Secretary: Louise Massey

We still require general committee members to come along, so please mark your diaries for the next meeting on Tuesday 27th April.

Family Fun Sports Evening

Tuesday 30th March 5 - 7pm at
Miramar Tennis Club and Miramar Park
Mark it on your calendar, dust off your sports shoes,

challenge the children to find a game that they can beat you at, and come along for an evening of fun, fitness and food.

Entertainment Books

Thank you to those families who have pre-paid their entertainment book, in particular special thanks to one family who managed to sell 10 books, generating \$120.00 for the school, which is a fantastic effort. Pre-sales are available until **Wednesday 24 March 2010**. So if you want to take advantage of this great offer, get bonus vouchers and be able to use your book from 26 March 2010, please ensure that your money and form is returned to the office by Wednesday 24 March 2010. Pre-sold books will be available and ready to use from Friday 26 March 2010. For those who don't take up the pre-sale offer, books will be sent home with the eldest child in each family in the first week of term 2. So spread the word and let your friends, family and work colleagues know about the entertainment books and encourage them to purchase from Worser Bay School (spare flyers are available at the office). Thanks for your support of this fundraising venture and we look forward to more orders rolling in.

Chair of the Home and School
Nicola Lancaster - nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz

Greenfingers?

We would love a small group of parents to coach a small group of keen children on how to weed the garden for a couple of hours... Digging in a bit if compost here and there as you go...

Please let Carolyn A know by Friday next week. We plan to get this completed by the end of term. Won't take long. Could be fun!!

A reminder re I.C.A.S. 2010

We require payment for the **total number of entries** by **Tuesday 20 April** at the very latest. See our website for further details or follow the link below:
<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/files/ICAS%20DETAILS.pdf>.

Please note: Here is the link to our **Google Calendar**:
<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/wb-newsletter-and-calendar.html> (copy and paste to your browser).

Worser Bay School Enrolment Scheme

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 26 March 2010 at 3.00 pm**.

For further information, please contact our Office Manager, Carolyn Anderson, on 939 7281 or email canderson@worserbay.school.nz.

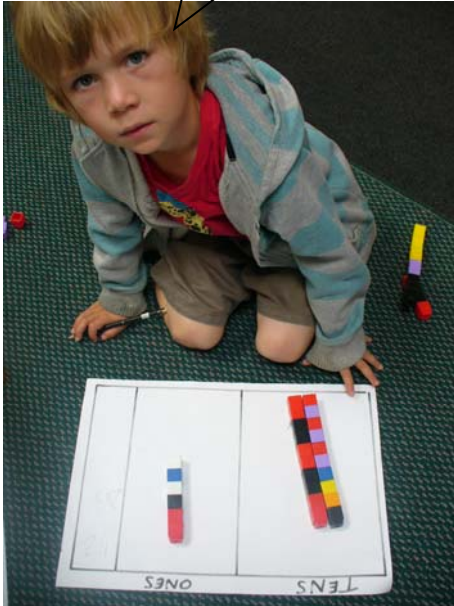
A note from the Office:

Please ensure internet banking payments are paid into the correct account. We have had some confusion lately with so many payments for different things due. Payment for school activities need to be paid into the school account and Home and School activities need to be paid into their account. We will endeavour, too, with each payment to make it clear - as it can be quite difficult to know which is which!

News from TAUTORU

This week we welcomed new members to Tautoru. Molly and Emma visited us today and on Monday Tom is starting in the New Entrant class. Our new students have found us learning about place value in maths and exploring the rocky shore, identifying its inhabitants and comparing similarities and differences between sea creatures. Take a look at some of our students in action.

26 is two tens
and six ones...



At the edge of the
high tide mark the
sand is darker and
you can see the
seaweed.

How do you know
this is the high tide
line?



from AUTAHI

As you may be aware, Excellence in Achievement is one of the Worsler Bay School strategic goals. So what does this mean for us in terms of key competencies?

In Autahi, we are focusing on the key competency of 'Managing Self'. We have been talking with the children and they have identified areas in which they can demonstrate this key competency. Some of their ideas were:

"Put your handwriting book out in the morning." *John*
"Instead of your Mum or Dad." *Andre*

"Check that you have all the things that you need for the day in your tote tray." *Billy*

"Make sure your pencil's sharp so you don't have to do it during lessons" *Ella*

"In the morning when you come to school put your own bag away." *Sadie*

"Put the chairs away." *Joe*

It's really great seeing parents in the classrooms in the mornings taking an interest in what we're doing. Please give your child the opportunity to develop these important self-managing skills and help them recognize the importance of this life skill and be recognised for them.

Look what the
tide brought in!



A note from MĀHUTONGA

Our big question for the term has been around finding out what makes an effective co-operative group. Most students have developed a good understanding of the benefits of learning to work in a team. These include getting to know each other, finding out strengths and weaknesses, learning about what motivates each team member, and learning to trust and rely on each other.

We have also completed a number of fun, challenge events that encourage competition within the co-operative group context. These include straw tower building, dart making and throwing, and game creation. We have noted that competition is a great way to motivate students and is an important part of our programme. Learning how to be competitive, while maintaining good relationships, is an important skill. Talking to your child about how this applies to their life outside of school will really help cement this term's focus.

SPORT

Flippaball:

Our team played 2 games last week and lost both, however they lost one game by only one point.

Flippaball fees are now due. **Please pay \$12 by 24th March.**

Tennis Reminder: We have had a successful and enjoyable Grasshoppers Tennis programme over the last two weeks at the Miramar Tennis Club. It has been great to see students progress from last year to this year and we look forward to seeing these in full swing at the end of term sports evening.

There are still outstanding payments. Please can all parents ensure they have made payment of \$5 for the Grasshoppers Tennis Programme as soon as possible, as we need to pay the provider. Thank you.

Miniball

It's that time again - time to dust off your sneakers, pull out the Worser Bay T-shirts and sign up for miniball. The Kilbirnie Recreation Centre is running the same structure as previous years, holding two leagues:

Years 5 & 6: Mondays: 26th April – 28th June (3.20 - 5.50pm). Please note there will be no game on Queen's Birthday, Monday 7th June.

Years 3 & 4: Wednesdays: 28th April – 30th June (3.20 – 5.50pm). Please note there will be no game on the Wednesday of Queen's Birthday week.

The price for entering a team is \$190 and spaces are allocated on a 'first in first serve' basis so we need to get our Worser Bay teams in soon. We are unable to provide a cost per student until we know the definite number of players we will have per team.

Please complete the application form on the right and indicate if you are willing to coach or manage a team. Please have applications in by Tuesday 23rd March. As year 4-6 students are away on camp next week Hamish will meet with these applicants on Thursday 25th March (at camp) to confirm their commitment.

Please note that the teams will be expected to wear a Worser Bay T-shirt .

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"We went down to the beach for literacy and did some 5 senses writing. We looked, listened, smelt, felt but didn't taste! In the sand we wrote about the sea, sand, grasses, and other creatures or objects we found on the beach, eg. seaweed and rocks."

Barney, Matt and Paris

"We wrote down adjectives and verbs about what we saw, felt, heard, and smelt. Some of us even turned them into poems or sentences, eg. The seaweed felt soggy and mushy; The wind blew the soft sand that skimmed across the bumpy sandy beach."

Emily, Kirstie and Taine

Worser Bay Family Sports Night

Can you be the best in your zone? Do you have the fastest serve? Are you a winner? Can you handle competition?

On Tuesday the 30th of March we are holding the inaugural Worser Bay family sports evening. During the evening you will have a chance to interact with other families, to play sports like tennis, 5 ball football, rob the nest and scatterball, and generally have a great time. We will also be running a bit of a zone competition where we will divide the school zone into North and South for a little bit of fun competition for those who feel up to it.

On the tennis courts one of the tennis equipment suppliers (Thump Sports) has a ball machine that will be with us for the evening as well as a tool that measures serve speed. He will also bring his whole show which includes a demo shop so that people can try racquets on the day (and buy if wanted).

See the upcoming newsletters for more information and ask your children to keep you posted.

Reply Slip for Miniball

Child's Name:

Year:

I would be able/unable to help as a Coach or Manager.
 (Please circle.)

Parent's Signature:

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Come along to Miramar Tennis Club's latest fundraising movie preview of the new film "BOY" directed by Taika Waititi.

Wednesday 24th March, 8pm
 The Empire Theatre, Island Bay
 \$20 incl a glass of bubbly or juice.

To purchase tickets please email:
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