

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



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Term 2, Week 3, Friday 20 May 2011



Above: The Fun Ferns enjoy learning netball skills.

Centre: Our Eastern Zone Netball Team had a great day on Wednesday

Below: The hard-working bark chip movers take a well-earned break.



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Thanks so much for completing the questionnaires about your child/ren. We are thrilled with the return rate. In fact, we had some visitors recently who noticed the pile on Carolyn's desk and were also very impressed with the stack!

In our quest to increase 'parent voice', the fun doesn't end with the questionnaire however. The next thing we will be asking you to do for the first time is write to your child/ren after their SLC. We will provide a form with a few sentence starters:

I really enjoyed.....

I would like to find out more about.....

I'd love you to try.....

Or you might like to use one of your own!!

When you have completed the form we will give you at the SLC (you may want a few days to discuss and reflect a bit more) we would love them back so that we can keep it with the artefacts. Just like the questionnaire, it's also very useful information for us, good feedback too and we certainly value your thoughts.

Please remember, keep the mood celebratory, turn up on time and we wish you all a great SLC!

No ora mai ra!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jude".

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

• Student Led Conferences

Weeks 3 & 4, Term 2, 16th - 27th May

• Tautoru Walk - Monday 23rd May (11.40 am - 3 pm)

Email Kath if you are able to help. (see Page 2)

• School Disco - Friday 27th May

This Disco has a **ROYAL** theme. Put on your crown, practice your wave and purchase a ticket to the highly anticipated Worser Bay School Disco! Book your tickets now! Reply slip on page 4.



• Cross-Country - Thursday 2nd June

• Twitter - now part of Worser Bay School's emergency plan (see Page 5)

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Reminders:

• Miniball draw is available at the school office.

• School is closed on Friday 3 June and Tuesday 7 June for an extended Queen's Birthday holiday.

• Please ensure all internet bank payments are made to the correct account - all school curriculum activities to the school account and all Home and School activities to the Worser Bay Home and School account.

"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".

TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

Our first Student Led Conferences were a fantastic success last night. It was great to hear students getting excited about their learning, sharing what they are proud of and identifying their next steps.

The partnership between home and school is so important. Thank you for returning the student questionnaires, it has provided us with yet another perspective on your child. We have invited all parents to write to their child after their conference, letting them know what you enjoyed and what you would like them to try. These will be collected and put in with their artifacts.

The students have selected two pieces of writing as artefacts for their conference. Their artefacts also include the process that got the children to their final piece of published work. This involves aspects of the modelling, brainstorming and shared writing; a draft and published piece. It shows how students are slowing down in their learning and taking the time to develop their ideas more clearly.

On Monday we are hoping to go on our planned walk. If you are able to come along, please email Kath at kdelport@worserbay.school.nz.

Please, please could we have your old newspapers and white icecream containers with lids. Thank you!

Trip on Monday

We are going on our walk around the local area on Monday, postponement Tuesday. We have decided to only walk one way (down to Seatoun Park and along the beach). We need parents to ferry students back to school in cars after the walk. Please let the office know if you can come along and help on the day (either in walking with students or driving back to school in cars).

The timeline for the day is:

11.40 – 12.50: walk along the beachfront to Seatoun Park with storytelling

12.50 – 1.30: Lunch at the park

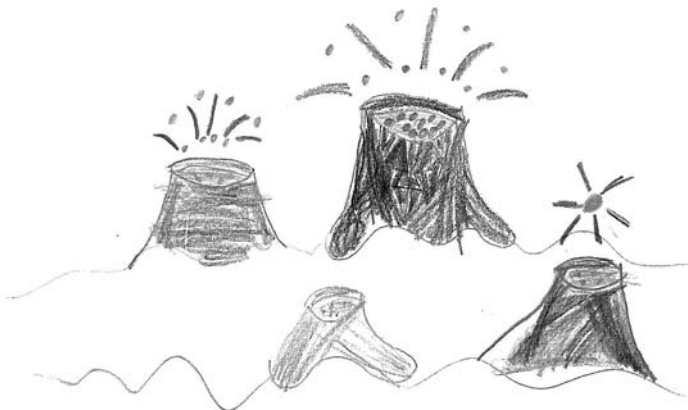
1.30 – 2.30: Walk around the beach towards Breaker Bay with storytelling

2.30 – 3.00: Driving back to school

If I were a Volcano

If I were a volcano I would shake the world and flood it with my boiling hot lava and throw a huge boulder on houses.
I would explode like a firework.
I sprout like a flower.
People will shrink in my lava and die when it is up to your toenails and melt like icecream in the sun.

By Leila



Wetas creep around the night like glow worms sneaking around the caves. Wetas have deep gold and dark black stripes. Sometimes the astonishing gold makes a faint light in the sun. They have super strong nipping jaws. The girl wetas lay their eggs in tree roots.

By Nicolas



A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

You can't beat Wellington on a good day! We have just returned from another fantastic day of learning adventures at Te Papa, the Te Aro Pa site and the waterfront where we viewed the iconic sculpture of Kupe, Hine ...his wife and Pekehourangi the tohunga, (priest and scholar.) The sun was belting down, not bad for May at all and the wind was mild!

Students were charged with the task of being information detectives, seeking clues and answers that might solve some of our questions. Many students made particularly good connections between the Whare Puni (sleeping house) and the work we have been doing in recent days during Inquiry; plaiting, making rope, lashing and constructing a basic tent structure.

Many of the students found information relevant to their research question, which was great. Seeing the artefacts alongside information lends weight to the learning. It is really interesting to hear our students involved in thinking about the past, visualising and imaging what navigating the Pacific on an ocean going Waka would have been like, for example, or living in a simple whare.

In Inquiry we have been working in three groups, each with a different focus. Jane has been looking at architecture and drawing 3D shapes, John has continued to develop flax techniques and Fleur has been honing our research skills.

Most students have made a good start collecting information for their homework task. We will be giving all our attention to this next week, supporting them in the collation and synthesis of the information and helping them to use the S.E.E. structure. Some of the questions are still being fine-tuned; some are too narrow and some too wide. Most of them are really good, offering the chance to discuss ideas from a few different points of view and exploring different opinions. History is by no means cut and dried!

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week at the Student Led Conferences.



See page 4 for more Te Papa photos and writing and photos about building a basic tent structure.

More from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI...



*In Māhutonga, we have been creating tepees. We had two tepees, one with height, one with strength. Unfortunately, they got demolished by unknown species!
Taine*

*We put sticks in the shape of a tepee and tied a knot to keep the sticks in shape then we put sticks like in the photograph.
Polly*



*I was helping to build a fort out of sticks and rope. We lashed them together. I wouldn't really like to live in it.
Anneke*

*We used the biggest bamboo for the middle and used smaller ones for the outside.
Brynn.*

*I helped make a tepee out of sticks and rope. We lashed the sticks together with rope. Around the outside of the tepee we put sticks to make it more stable.
Kirstie*

BOARD SHORTS

It's great to see the term in full swing, with so much energy and enthusiasm around the school.

The Board is back in the swing of things too. This week we discussed ERO's visit, the upcoming review of school culture and values, and the literacy programme.

I've been impressed to see the positive Worser Bay culture in action out on the miniball courts this term. It's wonderful to see our players having fun and working together in such an encouraging environment. Thanks to Hamish and all the parents who are running practices and organising teams.

In terms of literacy, it's exciting to hear about opportunities for teachers' professional development and new teaching tools being used in the classroom. One example is the new spelling rockets. Spelling can be fun - what happens when the stars reach the top of the rocket?

Sarah Gunn
On behalf of the Board

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Lots of ideas...

Tautoru - Angelina, Betty Jo, Milly, Fletch, Jack H

Autahi - Liam , Natalie

Māhutonga - Ella, Corisande, Sebastien

Next week's focus is:

* Lots of ideas when they are sharing their learning at their SLCs.

Using Twitter to get Emergency Information from Worser Bay School

We have now set up 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>

You may be interested in the following:

As well as the **Warehouse Stationery Kilbirnie** and **Dominion Post** promotions which we mentioned last week, we are now participating in a Cash for Schools promotion run by Pak 'n Save from now until 7th August 2011.

Pak 'n Save

All parents and supporters have to do is purchase fuel from the Pak 'n Save fuel station **without** a discount voucher, return their receipt that is issued from the pump to the school office and **they will rebate the school 0.03c for every litre of fuel purchased.** Plus, you don't even have to shop in store at Pak 'n Save Kilbirnie to qualify!

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Even though we have fundraising events set out through the year, we would love to hear from you if you have fundraising ideas especially if you are keen to see them through, or questions about the Home and School. Please come and talk to me, phone or email. I have Thomas in Māhutonga and Patrick in Autahi, so am usually around these areas, or on the side lines.

Entertainment Books

Thank you for your support and prompt payment of the Entertainment Books. Once again you have made this a successful outcome for the students' learning.

Cook Book

Can't get enough - yes, we still want so many more recipes! It is important that they are original recipes – this could include recipes that you have used from a cookbook but have tweaked in some way, or recipes that have been passed onto you by family or friends. If you need further information about this project or better still have a recipe or two that you would like to contribute, please email Steph – stephanie.calder@jhug.co.nz.

Worser Bay School Disco – Friday 27th May, 6-8pm, at the Salvation Army Hall, Miramar.

This Disco has a **ROYAL** theme. So put on your crown, practise your wave and purchase a ticket to the highly anticipated Worser Bay School Disco! Tickets are \$5 per child (adults free!). Get in quick - it's only one Friday away!

To purchase tickets, please return the slip below to the school office before 24th May. Slips are also available at the office.

Sorry, this event is just for Worser Bay School families.

Let's be careful out there!

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

**Worser Bay School Disco – Friday 27th May**

Child's Name _____

Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga (**please circle**)

would like _____ Disco Tickets at \$5 each

I have enclosed \$ _____ Cash / Cheque **Or**

I have paid \$ _____ Direct Transfer to the

Home and School Committee Account
060513 0304691 00
(*please use 'Disco' and Family Name as reference*)

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