

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

## Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 5/11 - Friday 21 May 2010

Ready to race - the Worser Bay School Cross Country!



Along the beach...



Whew - what a great effort!



### Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Last week I mentioned that wonderful acronym "OTJ" Overall Teacher Judgement. The teachers are working towards having consistency across the school when making these judgements, you can imagine the consequences if we don't get it quite right ... from teacher to teacher the information you receive could be all over the show and we can't have that! In the areas of reading, writing and maths we need to work especially hard on our moderation processes... this can be especially tricky in writing. So we will continue to share, annotate, level, discuss and debate student's writing across the school.

We are also looking at moderating writing with other schools, otherwise you can become tunnel visioned, which is dangerous! It's quite a process with plenty of learning along the way. In saying we have a lot of work to do, as good schools always do, I am also confident that we are doing so many things very well - I had three parents contact me just last week to let me know that 5 out of the 7 students who were selected out of the entire population of Evan's Bay Intermediate School (EBIS) for a creative writing workshop with Fleur Beale were from Worser Bay School - how exciting is that!

That strategic goal of ours "Teachers striving for excellence" is not something we take lightly!

Noho ora mai ra.

*Jude*

### ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Home & School** - Next meeting this Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see you!
- **Te Papa Trip** - Please return your Matariki trip permission slip and money by Wednesday 26th May. Please see Suzanne or Kath if you can help with any of our Matariki activities.
- **Matariki Open Afternoon**  
3.00 - 6.00 pm Thursday 24th June
- **Sushi Lunch Orders** - Remember your Sushi Lunch Order needs to be in by 9.00 am Thursday for Friday. Please put your **child's name, teacher's name and correct money** in a sealed envelope and drop in the box in the school office.

**IMPORTANT! SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY 4th JUNE (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)**

**WORD FROM THE BOARD**

*It was great to see so many parents and other relatives turn out for the Cross Country last Friday. It proved to be a great opportunity to watch and cheer on our children's physical efforts, and catch up with other parents and members of our school community. It was also another really good example of taking the school into our wider community and making the best use of the physical assets that we really are blessed with. Thanks also to the teaching team for, once again, making it run like a well-oiled machine.*

*These sorts of events work well on so many levels and are a great example of the different parts of our school working together. They focus on developing the whole child and providing different avenues for our children to excel. They provide an opportunity to engage as a community and to engage as a school with our wider community, and we get to celebrate our place. Our excellent teaching team also make the extra effort time and again to make these events work so very well.*

*There are plenty of opportunities coming up to see all of this in action with the Matariki Open afternoon coming up and work underway gearing up for the Arts celebration in Term 3. We look forward to seeing you there!*

**The Board of Trustees**

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL****Entertainment Books**

A BIG Thank You again to those families who have purchased Entertainment Books, or donated money to the school. Your support is very much appreciated.

There are some books and payments still outstanding. Reminder notices have been sent to families with outstanding books this week. **If you have received a notice, please organise payment, a donation, or return of the book by this Monday 24 May 2010.**

Our bank account details:  
Worsler Bay Home and School Committee  
060513 0304691 00

**Worsler Bay School Fair**

Our 'World Famous' fair is pencilled in for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November and we are keen to get the ball rolling. If you are interested in helping put together this amazing day, have some great ideas, skills to offer, or business contacts, please let me know! You can contact me by email (below) or give me a call on 380 9339.

**Next meeting is this Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in the staffroom. It would be great to see you!**

Come along and help organise some memorable events for our fantastic school.

Chair of the Home and School  
Nicola Lancaster  
[nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

**A note from the Office:** There are two bank accounts that payments for school activities are paid into - one is the Worsler Bay School Account, and the other the Home and School. The school account is for Voluntary Donations and all activities run by the school. The Home and School Account is for activities they organise, such as special lunches (Noodles, Sausage Sizzles, etc), sale of T-shirts and Entertainment Books. Please check carefully. And, please don't combine payments to Worsler Bay School if they include Home and School activities. If in doubt, check with the Carolyns.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- \* Active listening
- \* Explaining your mathematical thinking clearly to others

**Tautoru**

Patrick for actively listening and being engaged.  
Jaida for thinking carefully and sharing her ideas.  
Molly for thinking carefully and sharing her ideas.

**Autahi**

Kate R for active listening.  
Thomas D for explaining your mathematical thinking clearly to others.

**Māhutonga**

Zoe M for active listening.  
Johannes for explaining his mathematical thinking clearly to others.

Next week's foci will be:

- \* Helping each other.
- \* Being forgiving.

**Please note:**

Jude will be away from 8th June.

For the last 4 weeks of term, she will be in the Northern Hemisphere (as long as this ash cloud is kind to her!).  
So from:

8 - 13 June - please see Maria  
14 - 20 June - please see Kath  
21 - 27 June - please see Hamish  
28 June - 2 July - please see Suzanne

if you need to, but always go to the classroom teacher/s in the first instance.



Playing  
'scary music'!  
(see page 4)

**Matariki study**

Can you help? Looking for a smoker and dehydrator. The Science team are on the look out for a dehydrator and a fish smoker that we can use in the next 2-3 weeks. We'd like the students to dry fruit and other items to get the idea of the processes involved in preserving food. Does anyone have a portable fish smoker? Know someone who has? Once again, we'd like to hear from you, especially if you are able to come in and do a short demonstration.

## from AUTAHI

### Poetry and Yoga in Autahi!

Poetry is a great text form for reading with children. Often it contains rich and interesting vocabulary and language features, not to mention portraying a certain mood or feeling. It is also very useful for looking at comprehension when reading, in particular the skill of inferencing (reading between the lines).

Here are some of our poems about night:

*Night is dark and spooky like a black forest.  
Dad is snoring all night and all day.*  
by Billy

*Night is glittering colourful stars with the moonlight  
helping the stars glow really bright.  
Children snuggling in their beds hear the owls tooting a song.  
The moon is awake. Astronauts on the moon with the red  
spaceship are blasting off to earth.*  
by Henry

*As the night sky wanders around my street.  
Slowly about to tumble down the slope as I go to sleep.  
Waiting for another day to come.*  
by Anthony

*Night is pitch black.  
Owls hoot.  
Cats yowl and dogs howl.  
Stars twinkle and the moon gleams.  
Night paints day pitch black.*  
by Louise



Yoga with Shirley



## A note from MĀHUTONGA



The symbols in the yellow show all of my emotions. I chose the colours because they stand out together and they are my favourite colour. Yellow is also around lots of things in my house and so is blue. I did a wave pattern because I like swimming and I do lots of things in the water. I also made a collage of all the people in my family.  
By Emily

### Our Visual Mihi

After a lot of thinking and talking about what is important to us and all the things that we value, we created symbols and then thought about the best ways to put them together. It has been a fantastic way to get to know each other and highlight the things that we treasure. They are looking fabulous decorating our walls and reminding us of all the things that make us special. Please come in and take a peek!

We wrote reflections about our art works, which is an example of how writing happens across the learning areas. As teachers we can use information from all these sources to form our OTJ's (Overall Teacher Judgments).



I chose its background because I really enjoy exploring and it is showing hills with a waterfall and sky. I chose the bird symbol because I really like nature. Some of the photos show what I like doing and others are of my family.  
By Jacob

## News from TAUTORU

This week we are ending our study of the rocky shore and its inhabitants and looking towards the moon once again, realising that it plays a bigger part in affecting the tides than we originally thought. In a couple of weeks the constellation of Matariki will be visible in the night sky and a new moon will announce the beginning of Maori New Year. We questioned our students to find out what they know, and what they'd like to know about this event. We've planned activities and experiences to meet their individual needs and next week we launch into this new learning. Here is some current Tautoru thinking...→

In the photos below, some Tautoru children are getting ready to rehearse a composition they have written.

*"We are from Tautoru and we are learning how to show mood through music."*

*We made up two pieces of music. We are playing them at assembly. The two moods are showing 'ghostly' and 'frightening' moods."*



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Matariki? I think he helps us to celebrate the New Year.

Does Matariki mean the moon and stars?



Is Matariki the seven parts of the star?



### **Sports, Sports, Sports**

**Flippaball:** The Flippaball team won last week against QMC. The last practice of the term is 23rd June, and last game 25th June.

**Miniball:** Wild Bulls lost to Scots College but they had a great game and are improving heaps!

**Netball:** Year 5 & 6 have a bye this Saturday. Year 4s are playing at 1.30 pm - meet at 1 pm on the practice court.

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