



# Worser Bay School NEWS

Thursday 22 October 2009

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



*The Parent Information Evening last night was a great success. Students, parents and teachers had loads of fun learning together!*



## **Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi**

What an action-packed four days of great "Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)". A wonderful dollop of culture, some physical activity in the mix and, on top of it all, a whole lot of fun!

What our children learn at home and out and about after school and in the weekends is valuable EOTC. There is a tendency to focus on how home learning can back up what's happening at school. I'd like to think more about how school might reinforce the learning they do with you and through their many after school classes and activities.

We'd like to work on developing greater reciprocity!

Have a wonderful long weekend. Let's hope the sun shines down on us. See you Tuesday 27th October... and then it's almost Fair time. Let the circus begin!

Noho ora mai rā.  
Na

*Jude*

## **ACTION AT A GLANCE**

- **Diary:** Friday 23rd and Monday 26th October - School Closed (Labour Weekend)
- **Diary:** **Early Bird Clothing Sale** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 3.15pm to 5pm in the New Entrants' Area
- **AND, OF COURSE, The Greatest School Fair on Earth!** Sunday 1st November, 11 am - 2 pm

**Remember!**  
School closed tomorrow Friday 23 October and Monday 26 October for Labour Weekend.

**WORD FROM THE BOARD****It's Circus Time! Just over one week to go!**

The Fair is our school's biggest fundraising event of the year. The money raised will be used for teacher development and classroom technology. Your time and help will make this year's fair a huge success and you will be helping enrich your child's learning experience.

**Katherine Butterfield**  
**Board Chair**

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

The Principal's Awards this week will be the same as last week's, owing to two short school weeks in a row. They will be awarded for using Maori language, Te Reo, in the classroom and for those students who reflect our values of honesty, integrity and trust and those children who are consistently reliable.

**Health and PE Consultation Snapshot**

Once again, we would like to extend our thanks to those who took part in the Worser Bay School Health and PE Consultation. The ideas and feedback that we gained through the Parent Evening and the online survey help a great deal as we plan for the future.

What did we discover?

As Health and PE is a very personal issue, opinions on topics differed amongst all groups. Within each of the three groups (parents, teachers and students), there were a range of priorities, and even within each sub group there was no real consensus on preferences. In saying this, some aspects did stand out:

- One of the biggest findings was that it was very hard to separate which skills needed to be taught at school and which ones should be taught at home. All three parties saw that a combined approach from both school and home would be the most effective. Concepts, skills and ideas being taught at school and then backed up and practised at home was thought to be important. For this to happen, there needed to be stronger links between home and school so that parents and caregivers knew what was being covered at school.
- Another finding that was interesting was the way parents viewed the concept of competition. Many parents felt strongly that we should be teaching that competition isn't necessarily a bad thing. Children need to know how to deal with competition and the emotions that arise. It was thought that competition shouldn't just be about winning but also about dealing with winning and losing and the feelings of disappointment or happiness that may come with them.
- From the data, it is also possible to see that all groups saw strong personal identity, tolerance and the ability to deal with emotions and difficult or conflicting situations as important. The general idea of students having a positive mental attitude and feeling like they are in a safe environment where they can take risks was a theme that came from all three groups.
- Fire and Civil Emergency was also highlighted as a priority due to where our school is situated and the fact that we are currently a Civil Defence Centre.
- Swimming was highlighted as an area to investigate further and work towards ensuring we are catering for different needs.

What are our next steps?

- ⇒ Continue to provide parents with information about what is being taught within the Health and PE Curriculum so that links can be made between home and school.
- ⇒ Continue to look at the current swimming programme and ways that we can adapt it to suit the identified needs of our students using the resources available to us. Alongside Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre, this may also include working with Worser Bay Boating Club, Worser Bay Surf Club and other local organisations.
- ⇒ Look at ways that we can increasingly tie EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) into regular classroom programmes.
- ⇒ Continue to look at how we can use the Key Competencies and Enterprising Attributes to teach students values, skills and strategies that relate to the Health and PE Curriculum.
- ⇒ Develop a long term plan for the teaching of specific areas/contexts within the Health and PE Curriculum. These will take into consideration the identified needs of our students as well as the priorities highlighted by parents, teachers and students.

## A note from MĀHUTONGA

As we talked about last week, children getting out and about into their environment and experiencing their world is an important part of their learning. We have had a fabulous week visiting the City Art Gallery and Te Papa, providing many opportunities for real life learning and discussions.

The Green writing group wrote a shared personal recount about the experience: *"We were waiting outside impatiently, not knowing what to expect, other than that it would be something covered in polka dots! Finally, we started moving towards the doorway. I noticed a small green dot on the floor, then another yellow spot on the wall and then suddenly I was surrounded by them.*

*'Hey look, you're glowing!' I shouted to Matt. I looked down and saw that I was glowing too. Everything that was once white had turned a bright, glowing purple. Soon everyone looked like glow worms and the rainbow-coloured dots shone brilliantly from every surface. I started feeling a little claustrophobic as the walls seemed to close in on me.*

*My heart started beating faster and faster. I was so relieved when Helen signaled for us to leave the room. Eagerly I headed to the exit, happy to leave the spotted room behind."*

What 3 words would you use to describe Yayoi Kusama's exhibition?  
'Dotty, creative, interesting'; 'Crazy, spotty, dizzy'; 'Fun, imaginative, spots'.



*We created some artworks based on Yayoi Kusama's yellow and black dot rooms. We used contrasting colours with lots of interesting patterns. Don't they look good altogether?*

*Exploring Spaces in Te Papa*



## AUTAHI News

Autahi students have had some wonderful and inspiring learning this week with our trip to Te Papa and the City Gallery. Who would have thought that spots could be so amazing!!! If you are able to visit please do so, it is a wonderful, bizarre and truly amazing experience which we were fortunate to experience!

*"Yayoi Kusama did great artwork. My favourite was the plastic boat covered with fruit and vegetables and silver spray paint." Sinead*

*"We saw fireflies on water that has heaps of Christmas lights and two centimetres deep of water. Yayoi Kusama, the artist, likes dots - she is so now!" Jacob*

*"On Monday Autahi and Māhutonga went to the Yayoi Kusama exhibition. It was great! One of the pieces of art was a big room and you would walk in and you would be surrounded by water and you would be on a platform surrounded by lights and mirrors!" Barney*

## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

**Only 1 week to go!**

The Greatest School Fair On Earth!!  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 11am – 2pm.

Time to think about your costume – Anything 'Circus'! Add to the Fun of the Fair and don your big red nose, a ring master's hat, or, if you're really game, dig out your leotard!

### Worser Bay School Circus Parade

Please encourage your children to join the Circus Parade that will open the Fair. For a gold coin donation, each child can enter the parade and be judged for the best dressed prize of a ride in a Classic Motorcycle Side Car or a Classic Sports Car (towards the end of the Fair). **The Parade meets at 10.45am on the back court (the old swimming pool area).**

### HELP! We Still Need Helpers, please!

We have had amazing support from our school community so far but we do need to fill a few gaps on the day - helping set up, on the stalls, and then a tidy up team at the end.

**Please complete the attached flyer** or ring Catriona on 388 2378 to confirm your support.

### Early Bird Clothing Sale

The school community's opportunity to buy from our Clothes' Boutique before the Fair day: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm to 5pm in the New Entrants' Area. Bring cash or a cheque (EFTPOS available on Fair day only).

**Plastic Bags!** We will need lots of lovely plastic bags for the clothes, books and white elephant stalls. Please collect as many as you can and leave them in the staffroom.

**Last but not Least:** Kirsty has kindly offered to do garlands at the fair again this year, so if you, your neighbors or friends have anything flowering in your gardens, please could you bring some clippings along on the morning of the Fair.

**Thank you all for your support.**

**Your co-chairs of the Home and School**  
**Beth Simpson and Nicola Lancaster**

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Jewett's Real Estate will be our Principal sponsor for the Fair. Steve Farrell has been very supportive both financially and with practical help. If you are thinking about any real estate moves, please do consider choosing Steve and his team in Seatoun in appreciation of their support.

**Any sale linked to the promotion of Jewett's by Worser Bay School, Jewett's will donate \$500 to the School.**

# DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 <b>SCHOOL CLOSED - LABOUR DAY</b>	27	28 Autahi - Swimming  Eastern Zone Miniball	29 Māhutonga - Swimming	30 Tauroru - Swimming  <b>SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER THE FAIR!</b>
2 November	3	4 Autahi - Swimming	5 Māhutonga - Swimming	6 Tauroru - Swimming

## News from TAUTORU

An inspiring and exciting time was had by all on our City Art Gallery trip to see Yayoi Kusama: Mirrored Years exhibition! Many of the children would love to go back and see more. It's a great rainy day activity that's on until February 3rd 2010. Go and explore Infinity. Nico thought the Fireflies installation showed infinity. Go and see what he meant. Ask your children what an installation is.

Take a look at her official website:

<http://www.yayoi-kusama.jp/e/information/index.html>

At Te Papa, we were able to make some links between our Kuaha at school and the learning we are doing around Medieval times and life in a castle. We explored the tikanga around both the traditional whareni and the contemporary meeting house. The students also drew a pattern that they could take away that we will eventually use to decorate a classroom.

**A note about Spelling:** This term our children are being tested in groups, rather than individually to streamline the process. This will get them ready for next year. We will be revisiting words to ensure the children have got the spelling of them under their belt, and haven't just learnt them to be tested in the morning. And, **Wanted!** On a Thursday morning helpers are needed for spelling testing - pop in at school drop off time!

A big welcome to Scott and Sophie who will be joining us from the start of week 3!



*Earlier this week some lambs visited Tauroru - the children really enjoyed feeding them. Next week, we will publish some of the children's work about their visit along with more photos.*

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Flippaball

Our two Flippaball teams had a great start to the term, with both teams winning their games. Worser Bay Blue won 6-1 against the Seatoun Crocodiles and Worser Bay White won 4-2 against St Pats. Well done!

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES



### Capital City Ford Classic Swim Meet Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre, Labour Weekend!

Current world and Commonwealth Games champion Moss Burmester will be joined by Corney Swanepoel and Glenn Synders. Get down to Capital Swim Club's annual meet on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October to see these swimmers in action. The meet session times are 8am and 4pm and public spectators are welcome.

### Plunket on the Peninsula Movie Night Fundraiser

8.30pm Wednesday 28 October  
'Julie & Julia' at the Empire Cinema, Island Bay - \$20 (includes a glass of bubbly or juice). Contact Jenny on 380 8665 or email [jenny@mcDougalls.co.nz](mailto:jenny@mcDougalls.co.nz)

### Salvation Army Miramar

Positive family-friendly alternative to Halloween. Gold Coin Entry  
Friday 30 October - 5pm to 7pm  
Salvation Army Hall, 63 Miramar Ave  
Come in costume - prizes for best dressed. No scary Halloween costumes, please.

### Seatoun Arts & Crafts Art Exhibition and Sale

Friday 30 October, 7 - 9 pm,  
Saturday 31 October, 9 am - 5 pm  
St Christopher's Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun. Free Admission.

### New kids' book to be launched at

**Weta Cave:** The third book in the *Champ the Chopper* series will be launched by Richard Taylor on Sunday 1st November at 2pm. You are invited to come to the launch at the Weta Cave at Camperdown Rd, Miramar, Wellington. There will be readings, signings, fun and prizes. Come along and bring the kids!  
For more information, check out [www.champthechopper.co.nz](http://www.champthechopper.co.nz)

### Miramar Tennis Club Movie Fundraiser

Michael Jackson's 'This Is It' (PG rating) movie fundraiser for the Miramar Tennis Club will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm, at the Empire Theatre, Island Bay. Prices: \$18 adult, \$15 child (includes sweets). Please contact Jo Thornton, [jo.thornton@ontrack.govt.nz](mailto:jo.thornton@ontrack.govt.nz) 021 052 4997 or Anna Kibblewhite 388 9748 for tickets.

### Worser Bay Life Saving Club Open Day

Sunday 8 November at 1pm Worser Bay Beach - new members welcome. Follow the link below to the WCC website e-petition for the repair of Maranui's SLSC building: <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay/e-petitions/>

### Wanted to Rent

House for short or longer term for a family of four (working for Weta), Eastern Suburbs, from October onwards.  
Telephone 977 5757 or 021 1802505.