

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



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

**Week 1/11 - Friday 23 April 2010**



*How many does it take to ring the bell??*

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

What a fabulous first week back! We are working hard to establish a flow from one term to the next, to get away from that stop/start notion of learning. We are feeling positive about the moves we have made here! (Just as well, as positivity is also one of our foci this week - if that's what we expect from our children, then that's what we need to model!)

We will see many more of you at the conferences next week. You will see further information in this newsletter. The power cut set the alarm blaring at 3.20 pm yesterday... it added some interest to the SLCs that were underway! Thanks for reading the instructions and booking online, it's so easy! We would also love you to pop into the 'new' library when you are up conferencing. Marylyn will be there most evenings ready to show you around and talk you through the library page on the website. Here, you will also find further information about the National Standards and have a chance to contribute to the school's vision. Even if it's time to get tired and hungry adults and children home, we would really appreciate you spending those few extra minutes at school to pop in for a read and a think. If it's a time that a teacher isn't present and you have burning questions about National Standards... please check in with your child's teacher at a later date.

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

## **ACTION AT A GLANCE**

- **Island Bay Marine Education Centre Trip** - Please return permission slip and \$8 per child, if you haven't yet done so. See Page 2 to refresh your memory!
- **Banking** commences Tuesday 27th April, 8.30am in the library.
- **Home and School meeting** - Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- **Voluntary Donations** - Please pay as soon as possible.

**IMPORTANT!**  
**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY BEFORE  
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND,  
FRIDAY 4 JUNE**

**Please note:** If you are planning on visiting the Library when you are at school for your child's SLC on Wednesday, 28th April, the library will not be open until after 5.00 pm. The display on National Standards and the school vision can be found in the office foyer.



## **Tautoru categorise the Creatures of the Rocky Shore**

*"We sorted out the animals into groups. We put all the animals with arms together." Leila*

**WORD FROM THE BOARD****Welcome back to Term 2**

*We hope you had a safe and enjoyable Easter and good holiday break. It was certainly great to have a spell of decent weather over the holidays – long may it last!*

*We can all look forward to a busy term, and the Student Led Conferences (SLC's) being held next week are a great way to kick things off. The ease of the online booking system has made it pretty straightforward to make arrangements that meet families' needs. Like many families, we're looking forward to the opportunity of having our children take us through what they have achieved, what their learning objectives are for the coming months, and how they are performing against the key competencies. Those of you who haven't had the opportunity to experience the SLC's yet will find they're a vast improvement on our own student experiences as we nervously awaited Mum and Dad's return from parent teacher interviews. The SLCs would not, of course, be possible without the commitment of the teachers who are working with our children to prepare for the conferences, and who will be spending a lot of additional time at school over the next week meeting with children and their families. So a big thanks to the teachers for your efforts – they are much appreciated! Thanks also to you in anticipation to our parents for respecting the arrangements that have been made so that all families can make full use of their allocated time.*

**The Board of Trustees****From the Office****Voluntary Donations**

Thank you to the very large proportion of parents who took advantage of our early payment discount and have already paid their Voluntary Donation. We would appreciate payment as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Receipts will be sent home shortly.

**Medical Update**

Please could parents of children who have severe medical conditions and require medication to be kept in the School Medical Room call in to update the office staff on their child's current condition and check the 'use-by' date of their child's medications.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for positivity and knowing their goals.

**Tautoru**

Being positive: Arthur, Fern and Khailin

**Autahi**

Being positive: Kate M

Knowing their goals: Kate R

**Māhutonga**

Being positive: Freya and Hemi

Knowing their goals: Zoe M and Ben G

Next week's foci will be:

Being proactive - when you see a job or something that needs doing, just DO IT!

Speaking up and sharing your ideas confidently.

Taking a risk.

**Trip to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre**

As you know, to complement our learning over the last term and to gear up for Term 2, we are planning to visit the Island Bay Marine Education Centre on **Friday 30th April**. We are going to experience their hands on approach to learning about the Rocky Shore.

Your child will have the chance to explore the rock pools and the Education Centre. This is fantastic as we are hoping to make some comparisons between the biodiversity at Worsley Bay and the differences and similarities at Island Bay.

**Years 1-3** will be leaving school at 9.30 am and returning at approx. 12.10pm

**Years 4-6** will be leaving school at 12.00 noon and returning at approx. 2.40 pm.

As this will be an outdoor activity, please ensure your child brings appropriate clothing.

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm in the Staffroom is our next H&S Meeting. Come along and join in the fun!**

**Especially for you, Mum!!**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm onwards at Soi Café and Bar, Greta Point Wharf, Evans Bay.

Last year we celebrated Fathers' Day, this year it's Mum's turn. If the lure of sipping cocktails and eating great food isn't enough.....we want to celebrate all the wonderful support our very special Mums contribute to our community so come along for a great night out with some very special prizes to be won too! (Please check your child's bag for your personal invitation!)

**Entertainment Books**

This week the eldest child in each family has been sent home with an Entertainment Book to sell. If your family took advantage of the pre-pay method last term, your child will not receive a book, but you are able to order more, if necessary.

Please take time to look through the book and see the great discounts on restaurants, cafes, entertainment, accommodation, rental cars and magazine subscriptions on offer. If purchasing, please put your payment in the envelope and return to the school office. If returning the book, please ensure that it is returned in the envelope, so we know what families have paid and returned. Remember, each book sold generates \$12.00 for the school. If you are not interested in purchasing a book, you may wish to consider a \$12.00 donation to the school. If additional books are required, please contact Stephanie Wilson on 388 8285 or [asewillson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:asewillson@xtra.co.nz). For new families to the school, books will be issued to you next week. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraising venture.

**Yellow Volunteer Forms – It's never too late! Need another copy?... You can download one from the website.**

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

## News from TAUTORU

Welcome back to Term 2. We are all looking forward to another rewarding term full of learning and investigation. This week we have continued with our 'Rocky Shore' topic from last term and have been making links with maths and what we have learnt so far. We spent an enjoyable afternoon categorising creatures of the rocky shore into groups that we have encountered in our learning.

Next week we are heading to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre as part of our topic studies. If you are able to assist with supervision of a group, it would be much appreciated. If you can help out, please let Scott, Suzanne or Maria know.



### **Tautoru categorise the Creatures of the Rocky Shore**

*"I put all the fish into one group because they have fins." Jude*

## A note from MĀHUTONGA

SLCs are taking place over the next two weeks. If you haven't already booked in a time with your child's home group teacher then please do - the children are all keen to share their learning and successes with you and the teachers have assessment information to share.

Part of our focus this year is to increase and extend our vocabulary, and transfer this knowledge into our writing to add interest and paint a clearer picture for the reader. Have a read of some of our camp recounts and have a look at how we are going at using strong adjectives and verbs, similes and metaphors, and hooking the reader in.

### **Bush Cooking**

The rain was pelting on the thin roof as I calmly walked down the stairs. I peered through the door as I saw my group quietly waiting for me. We felt so annoyed that we were doing it in the rain. While I warmed up, with my leather jacket on, the lady told us instructions. 'Whew' I thought in my head. 'We're cooking inside.' When we got outside, we started to collect sticks. When we came in with PILES of sticks I was too wet that I did NOT want to do that again!!!!

*By Taine*



*Happy Campers!!*

### **Team Building**

You can do it. NO I CAN'T!!

I stepped forward, grabbed the rope and slowly stepped again. All I could hear was "Lets go, Paige, lets go!" I reached forwards and grabbed the third rope. I was thinking to myself I'm going to make it...it's too far away. I swung around and landed on the bar. Whoops, I slipped. Splash! I landed in the water. "It's cold", "You can do it next time" Paris said.

*By Paige*

### **Archery**

"I can, I can", I say to myself as I clip the arrow under the gold daisy. I pull the string past my left ear. My hand felt a little sore.

Ping, but no pop. I missed the blue balloon by about ten centimetres. Ping...ping...ping – all misses. I feel as if I want to burst into tears. I stride across the room to get my six arrows. I put one hand on the wall and the other hand on the arrow, then drop them. I do this another five times. I pick up the arrows, tuck them under my armpit and step back across the room.

*By Jacob*

### **Horse Riding**

Click Clack Click Clack! The horse's hooves scrape the wet gravel. Boing, boing, boing I bounce as Cody moves slowly towards the rocky hill, I lean back.

My hands dripping with sweat as fear rushes through my veins. As we pass the river of doom I have thoughts of being thrown off Cody and plunging into the freezing manure-infested water.

Click Clack Click Clack! The horse's hooves scrape the wet gravel.

*By Emma*

## from AUTAHI

We hope the holidays went well. It has been interesting to hear about the different adventures the children got up to. As part of our Rocky Shore topic, we will be visiting the Island Bay Marine Laboratory next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April. We need your help. If you are available, please let us know. A reminder that if you have not booked a Student Led Conference, please come and see us.



Circle Time in Autahi

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Sunday Diving

Are you aged 7-11, flexible, fearless and up for a challenge? This weekly session will show you the basics of diving in a professional but fun environment. It includes gym work, using trampolines & gym mats & time in the pool learning how to dive.

Sunday Diving is an introduction to an exciting and challenging sport. It's also about keeping fit and having some fun. Pay as you go - \$10 per session, 2pm-3.30pm starting Sunday 25 April at Poneke Rugby Club Gym & Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie. (And for Mum and Dad, this could be the perfect time to go for a walk, a bike ride or just enjoy a flat white in peace and quiet.)

If you've watched the divers at Kilbirnie pool and thought you'd like to give it a try...now's your chance! For more information, contact: Wellington High Performance Aquatics (WHPA) Ph: 021 443-984, [whpa@clear.net.nz](mailto:whpa@clear.net.nz), [www.whpa.co.nz](http://www.whpa.co.nz)

### Harbour City Gym Sports

Term 2 Gymnastic classes at **Harbour City GymSports** commence Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April. For enrolment and registration information, please contact our office on 386 4443 or email: [office@hcg.org.nz](mailto:office@hcg.org.nz) or visit our website [www.hcg.org.nz](http://www.hcg.org.nz).

### Meridian Kids' Bike Jams

Reminder that entries in the Wellington Region Meridian Kids' Bike Jams, Mount Victoria, Sunday 2 May close on Tuesday 27th April - [info@kidsbikejams.co.nz](mailto:info@kidsbikejams.co.nz).

### Eastern Bays' Scout Group

The Eastern Bays' Scout Group (based in Worsler Bay) currently run a cub pack and a scout troop which are open to children aged 8 years upwards. We would like to start a Kea Club. (Keas are for boys and girls from six to eight years old.) To open a Kea Club we need people prepared to become leaders. We need at least two people over the age of eighteen (there is no upper age limit) who would enjoy working with this age group – perhaps a parent, grandparent, big brother/sister - or anyone in the community able to volunteer an hour or so a week to run the group. Kea Clubs meet for one hour, either after school, or more usually around 6 pm, depending on the leaders preference, training and support for the new leaders would be provided. If you would like to know more, please give Morris van Voornveld (Group Leader) a call on 934 9386 or send him an e-mail on [vanvoorn@paradise.net.nz](mailto:vanvoorn@paradise.net.nz).

### Onslow Kindergarten Kitchen Tour

Onslow Kindergarten is again organising a Tour of 10 Khandallah Kitchens, after the success of their 2008 Kitchen Tour. Ten new Khandallah Kitchens (not previously seen on the 2008 Kitchen Tour) will be open to the paying public on Sunday 2 May from 11am-3pm.

**Tickets** \$25.00 available from: Mischief shoes, Lambton Quay; Rosa Café, Khandallah; Boxhill Fashions, Ngaio; Trends, Johnsonville Mall; Inky Pinky, Marsden Village Karori and via the sponsor, Kitchen Elements, Porirua. More information available at: <http://www.kitchenelements.co.nz>.

### Miramar Tennis Club

Midweek casual club days are up and running in Term 2, and non-members are welcome. This is great opportunity for parents to try out the club and see if you want to join come spring (and keep up with your tennis-savvy children, of course!) There was a fantastic turnout for our first Monday this week in balmy autumn weather.

**When?** Mondays 9.30 - 11.00

**Where?** MTC courts, Miramar Park

**What about my preschoolers?** Our new carer Yolanda keeps them amused for \$5 per session.

**What if I haven't played much?** All abilities welcome, with Suzanne offering coaching.

**More questions?** email Fiona: [ajkibblewhite@paradise.net.nz](mailto:ajkibblewhite@paradise.net.nz).

Save, Heal, Equip, Deploy

Girls Night Out presents ...  
**"What Not to Wear"**  
 with Lisa O'Neill

Join us for a bit of a laugh and fun night out with Lisa O'Neill – a well known stylist and guest speaker. Lisa educates and inspires women to love the way they look and how to look the way they want! Fun, informative and informal, Lisa covers body shapes, colour, clothing styles, common wardrobe dramas, make-up, grooming and accessory wearing.

**Date:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Where:** Main Hall @ The Shed - The Salvation Army Miramar, 63 Miramar Ave, Miramar (behind The Family Store)  
**Cost:** \$20 - if ticket purchased between 12<sup>th</sup> Apr - 7<sup>th</sup> May '10  
 \$25 - if ticket purchased between 8<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> May '10  
**NB:** Tickets are strictly limited, so be in quick to avoid disappointment  
**Contact:** Trish @ The Shed (The Salvation Army Miramar) 63 Miramar Avenue, Ph: 388 8284

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