

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 1/10 - Friday 23 July 2010



The start of a new term and into our spelling!



We are learning to move our bodies in different ways and into different shapes.

WORSER BAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME

Enrolment at the school is governed by an Enrolment Scheme, details of which are available from the school office. The enrolment of out of zone pupils is governed by the provision of the Education Act 1989.

The Board has the opportunity to approve up to twenty places across the school for out of zone students for the remainder of 2010 and for 2011.

For students seeking enrolment within this period, who are out of zone, applications are due by 3.00 pm on Friday 13 August 2010. An application form can be downloaded from the website or call Carolyn Anderson, the Office Manager, on 939 7281, or email sitemail@worserbay.school.nz.

If the number of out of zone applicants exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Monday 16 August 2010. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three days of the ballot being held.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Oh, the value of feedback!

This week at our professional learning meeting we delved into our writing programmes, focusing on the practicalities of providing regular feedback to the children about their writing goals. As all the research will keep telling us - quality teacher feedback is vital to learning - just as student feedback to teachers can help improve practice. Community feedback is just as important. Your feedback helps to keep us focused, sharpen our messages if they are not well understood and reminds us of what you want for your children.

While I was away I was keeping an eye on what was up at WBS (couldn't help myself!). It was wonderful to be up-to-date with the feedback received from you regarding our written student reports, all along the lines of... "We can understand, we know exactly where they are at and what to do at home." And also the Matariki Open Afternoon, a great success with a focus on the process. Thank you - keep it comin' - we like it and need it!

I'd really like to acknowledge our fabulous highly achieving staff. They kept the machine well oiled. I have already had feedback about the professionalism they all demonstrated while I was away. We are most fortunate, I reckon!

Term 3, here we are, ready and rolling. It's great to be back!

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Swimming Sports - 27th and 29th July**
Payment is now overdue. Reply slips are available at the school office or on the website (in last term's News Note).
- **Tickets for the Worser Bay School Disco - Friday 30th July** - see Home and School section.
- **Tickets are now available for the Worser Bay School Quiz Afternoon/Evening - Saturday 7th August** - see Home and School section.
- **Tell you friends and neighbours** that enrolments are open for out of zone pupils (see adjacent item).
- **Sushi Lunch Orders (a yummy lunch option)**
Remember your Sushi Lunch Order needs to be in by 9.00 am Thursday for Friday. Please put your **child's name, area and correct money** in a sealed envelope and drop it in the box in the school office.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Home and School have an action packed Term 3 so keep an eye on the newsletter!

Next Home and School Meeting, Wednesday 29th July, 7.30pm at Nicola's house (please ring if you need her address).

It's not too late... buy your tickets now...

... for the Worser Bay School Disco – Friday 30th July, 6 - 8pm at The Salvation Army Hall, Miramar

Dust off your dancing shoes, practise your moves to the latest grooves and buy yourself a ticket for the highly anticipated Worser Bay School Disco! Tickets are \$5 per child (adults free!). *Sorry this event is just for Worser Bay School Families.*

... for the Worser Bay School Quiz – Saturday 7th August - 3.30pm to 5.30pm – Quiz, followed by 7.30pm live screening of the All Blacks vs Wallabies at the Strathmore Local Café and Bar

Tickets are \$15 per person or \$150 per team of 10. Be in quick to book by emailing Vanessa Lee on nesspete1998@gmail.com; or for more information see the flyer sent out with the newsletter and on the website.

From “Around the World” we bring you our Fantastic Worser Bay School Fair - Sunday 7th November!

It's official! We are very excited to announce that Jewetts Real Estate have agreed to be our main sponsor again this year. THANK YOU, Jewetts!

Stephanie Wilson and Pauline McCallum are also working hard on sending out and following up sponsorship letters, asking businesses for their support. **Perhaps you have a business contact or own a business that can offer goods or services that we can auction or use as a raffle prize?** Please contact Stephanie at asewilson@clear.net.nz or on 388 8285.

Opportunity Knocks!? Do you love 'op' shopping? Are you a 'Trade Me' fan? How would you like to put those skills and knowledge towards a good cause; we are looking for someone to lead the Bric-a-brac / White Elephant collection and stall. For more information, please phone Nicola on 380 9339 (or email below).

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

Wrap it Up Sushi

Thanks to all of those who bought Sushi from 'Wrap it Up' last term. It's been a great success and we're looking forward to continuing it this term.

Five percent of sushi sales are donated back to the school and last term this equated to \$103.50 for Worser Bay School. This is a great result.

Thanks for your ongoing custom.
Kind regards from the 'Wrap it Up' team.
Jane and Rachel

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- * Remembering routines
- * Enthusiasm and positivity for the new term.

Tautoru

Embla and Tamrah for remembering routines.
Taylor for being positive and offering helpful suggestions.

Jack CC for positivity and enthusiasm plus!

Autahi

Henry for remembering routines.
Ben for being so incredibly positive!

Māhutonga

Eve for being so incredibly positive!
Paige and Sebastien for remembering routines.

Foci for next week will be:

- * Showing focus and determination when completing tasks.
- * Working responsibly and independently.

A warm welcome to: Jack H, Jack M and Anna whose families are already at Worser Bay School, and who started towards the end of Term 2, and to Maya and Brynn whose family is new to the school, and started just this week. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

Reminder re Swimming Sports next week

We would love some more helpers for the Tuesday Swimming Sports (27th July). Please let the office know if you can assist.

On Tuesday we will be starting at 10.00 am with the 50m Freestyle, for each year, then 25m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly for both boys & girls in each year (in the above order). These events will be followed by fun relays and other swimming races.

SCHOOL ARTS' NEWS

This term we are celebrating the Sky, Earth and Sea in an across-school event. We would love to hear from parents who are able to help in any way in making the production a super success. No contribution is too small!

We need:

- * Costume makers
- * Props and set design
- * Painting and cutting
- * Muscle
- * Technical musical knowledge
- * Working with small groups
- * Odd jobs
- * Sourcing resources

Thanks in advance, **THE ARTS TEAM**

from AUTAHI



SPELLING

This term your child will be bringing home a weekly spelling list to learn. This is a personalised list which builds upon the spelling knowledge your child already has and addresses the spelling strategies and skills they need to learn. Words will generally come from Essential Word lists, errors they have made in their own writing and in spelling tests. They may also bring home words with similar spelling patterns or rules. Sometimes there will be some topic words that we are using in class.

We want your child to experience success with spelling and to clearly see the links and patterns within and between. We talk about being a **"pattern detective"**.

Our aim is for long-term learning, so every week your child may relearn some spelling words which are not transferring into their writing. When your child is *automatically* transferring their spelling knowledge into their written language we know they have got it!! Transfer equals success!!

So how will the week look?

Friday

Your child will bring home their personal spelling list. They have added some words of their own and we have checked the list. To ensure that children are in control of their own learning, please do not add any more words to this list.

Friday to the following Wednesday

Each morning or night your child needs to practise their words. Please note that spelling is a written activity and therefore words must be practised by writing them down.

Wednesday

Please bring spelling list books back to school.

Thursday

Formal partner testing day. If a word is not yet mastered, it will go into the next week's list for continued learning.

Action at a glance!

- On Friday - Check your child has brought home their spelling word list.
- Practise these words at home until the following Wednesday.
- On Wednesday make sure they bring their spelling list book back to school.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Rachel, Hamish and Jenny

A note from TAUTORU

Welcome back to Term 3. It has been great to see everyone back looking refreshed and well. We are looking forward to another successful but busy term. We are having our Swimming Sports on Thursday 29th July, 12.15pm - 1.15 pm so please make sure that you have returned your permission slips to the office as soon as possible. You may have done so already.

This week we have been looking at the elements of dance, drama and music so that we are aware of these when creating our scene for the celebration later in the term. During drama we have explored different roles, become new characters and practised different ways of using space. We had fun doing it, too!

Last term we celebrated our learning with you at the SLCs. Over the next couple of weeks you will be able to see the goals displayed around the class in words the children understand. In jargon this is "student speak". We will be referring to and discussing these often. Feel free to pop in and check in on the goals.



I can make the shape of a bird!

I can rock back and forth!

We have been learning about being a character in a story.

A note from MĀHUTONGA

We have had a wonderful first week back, smoothly getting back into routines and letting our creative juices flow in dance and music afternoons. Our artworks from the end of last term are looking fabulous up on the walls. We were exploring contrast and repetition in line and colour. Come and have a look!

This term we are learning about multiplication and division. Some of us were practising skip counting by making bead string necklaces. Take a look...

We are looking forward to a fantastic term!



MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK NEXT WEEK!

Nau mai, haere mai ki te whakanui i te wiki o te reo Maori - 26 July to 1 August! You and your family may be interested in these Maori Language Week events!

Te Mahi Kai - Maori Language Week launch

Celebrate -The Language of Food with Hon. Pita Sharples
Monday 26 July, 12 noon - 2.00pm, Midland Park, Free.

Me Heke ki Poneke - lunchtime concert

Kai tahi tatou - bring your own lunch and join local performers to celebrate te reo Maori.

Wednesday 28 July, 12.30pm - 1.30pm, Civic Square
(Llott Theatre if wet weather, limited seating), Free.

Kai me Koneke - Roller Disco

Haere mai - come down to Kilbirnie Recreation Centre, put your skates on and enjoy a night full of fun activities for 5-12 year olds.

Kai (paramanawa - refreshments) for sale and DJ.
Please bring your own skates or blades if possible - we don't have many for hire. Scooters and trikes are allowed - but no bikes, please.

Parental supervision is required.

Friday 30 July, 6.30pm - 9.30pm, Kilbirnie Recreation Centre,
Cost: gold coin donation.

Kai at the Marae - a show and tell by Anne Thorp

Celebrate Maori Language Week - Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori - with top New Zealand chef and author Anne Thorp.

Saturday 31 July, 2.00pm, Pipitea Marae, Free.
Bookings essential - phone 499 4444 to book (by 28 July).

Hoko Kai - your waterside marketplace

Finish off the week by going to the Harbourside and City Markets on the waterfront for your fresh kai. There will be a variety of music and entertainment in te reo as you shop.

Sunday 1 August, 8.00am - 12 noon, Wellington waterfront.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUNDAY DIVING - Weekly Sessions

Are you aged 7-11, flexible, fearless & up for a challenge?

Sunday Diving is an introduction to an exciting and challenging sport. It's also about keeping fit & having some fun.

Pay as you go \$10 per session, 2pm-3.30pm every Sunday in Term 3 at Poneke Rugby Club Gym and Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie.

If you've watched the divers at Kilbirnie pool & 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, www.whpa.co.nz

Demi Au Pairs Available from September 2010

The Campbell Institute is looking to place several Demi Au Pairs with families over the coming months. A Demi Au Pair studies in the mornings, and then works for a family in the afternoons/evenings, helping with childcare, housework, and/or cooking, in exchange for accommodation and a small stipend. Demi Au Pairs are usually from France or Germany and stay 12 -24 weeks.

Contact 803 3434 or demipair@campbell.ac.nz.

Nanny Available

Hours approximately 9am – 3pm.

Working from home in Seatoun Heights just up the road from the school.

References available.

Phone Dianne on 970 4244.

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