

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

Term 3, Week 8, Friday 23 September 2011



Photos from Jude's  
China experience.

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Matariki and Māhutonga Only** - Please bring along a \$5 koha for our performers, if you haven't already done so.
- **Swimming Lessons - Term 4** - Please return your Reply Slip and payment by **Wednesday 5 October**, see last week's newsletter for details and reply slip. (We also have slips in the school office.)
- **Athletics Day - Tuesday 4 October at 9.30 am**
- **School Photos - Wednesday 5 October from 9.00 am**  
Envelopes for orders coming home today. Orders to be in by **Tuesday 4 October**. Family photo and sports photo order envelopes available from the school office.
- **Parent/Teacher Catch Up - Thursday 6 October, 3.15 - 6.00pm**

### Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Ni men hao

It's great to be back and see all of these gorgeous smiling faces!

The Delegation to China was a fantastic opportunity to get underneath the surface a little, have some time to reflect on what we are doing to increase global awareness, and why we are doing it.

A highlight for me was the visit to a Confucius School in Jinan, Shandong Province. It was the first day of the school year and we NZ Principals were very honoured to be part of the starting school ceremony. This included placing a red dot on each child's forehead to symbolise the opening of their minds to new learning. Parents also played an important role in this ceremony. The power of community is very strong and something that we place a lot of emphasis on, too. In fact, there were far more parallels than I was anticipating.

From boys practising the haka to delightful songs being sung to us as we went from room to room, you could see the huge importance education plays in China. It is viewed as the key. The number of applicants for jobs is just incredible. In one of the schools, they recently had 1800 applicants for one teaching job. This was quite normal. (I thought 50 was plenty!)

In a country that has been changing so rapidly there is a very real concern about the pace of change. This, too, is something we also check in regularly on. A Sociology Professor at Fudan University discussed the recent high speed train crash as a metaphor for things moving too fast. Slowing things down, sustainability and becoming more 'Green' are increasingly viewed as the focus for a better future for China. Once again, it all sounds very familiar doesn't it?

So, plenty of interesting things to think about and share. I'll let you know when the web piece with photos and bits and pieces is completed and up on the website.

I certainly enjoyed the newsletters and updates over this time away and, of course, had 100% trust that the school would be in great hands, and I wasn't wrong!

Xiexie - thank you!

Jude

**"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." ~ Clay P. Bedford**

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Contributing ideas in paired discussions

#### Tautoru-iti and Tautoru

Zoe and Karrin

#### Autahi

Embla and Leo G.

#### Māhutonga and Matariki

Ella N., Helen, Thomas, Samantha, Nero, Danielle and Kate M.

Next week's focus is:

\* Perseverance and determination in training for athletics.

### Board Shorts

As we approach the end of the third term and the Rugby World Cup 2011 is in full swing, we remember Health and Physical Education. We know that our children will achieve so much more when they have a greater understanding of these two important areas and aim to live healthy and active lives beyond the gates of our school.

With that in mind, we invite you to send us your thoughts on where we should focus our attention within the broad area of health. Please log onto [http://www.worserbay.school.nz/files/Health\\_Consultation\\_Final%20Summary.pdf](http://www.worserbay.school.nz/files/Health_Consultation_Final%20Summary.pdf) for the document. It will also be on the Sport page on our website.

This time next week we'll be collating the responses and commence making changes which incorporate as many of the ideas that are a good fit with our children's needs and the curriculum objectives.

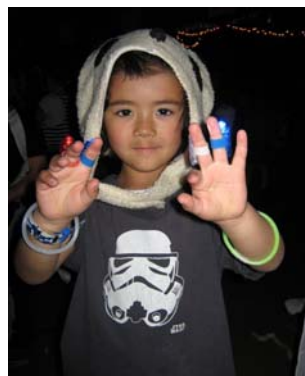
We look forward to your ideas and best wishes for your favourite team doing well in the RWC.

**Tai Paul, On behalf of the Board**

## TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

The end of week eight and just two more to go! It has been great to feel the warmth and the sun pushing through over the last week or so and now could be the time to think about sun hats and having them on hand for those sunny days. Pop a named sunhat in your child's bag and they can keep it there for safekeeping.

We have been busy developing our ideas over the last two weeks for our Gretchen Albrecht inspired art work and all of the children have been enjoying thinking about the mood, colour and texture they would like to create. We will begin to add layers of colour and texture in the coming weeks. Please talk to your child about what they would like to add to their art work and bring it along in a named plastic bag.



Disco fever at Worser Bay!



## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

The posters are fantastic, well done everybody! It will be hard to choose a winner. We are anticipating that the scrutiny of visual language skills will be evident in work produced in the future. Come and peruse these at your leisure, as well as during our Open Afternoon in two weeks time.

Our walls are starting to reflect the progress of our new Inquiry. There has been a lot of hands on experimentation, predicting and observing, and we will continue to explore these concepts in more depth as we create our own science of sound experiments. These will be generated from students' own questions and wonderings. They will be encouraged to work in groups to put together their own sound experiment and record and present their findings.

It is good to hear discussion and debate about people's favourite songs and what makes them the best ever written going on at homework. Above all homework ideally should encourage families to be involved with the learning going on in the classroom.

Our fraction knowledge is continuing to grow as we explore mixed and improper fractions, as well as exploring fractions of a set and adding fractions with the same denominator. We are looking forward to our fraction Friday party to be held on the last day of term. Keep an eye out for further information.

We are starting poetry writing about friends and family. Here are some of our first pieces.

### HOMEWORK

Next week's homework will involve finding definitions for musical terms. There may be some Italian involved. Your children will come home with a list on Monday. Please keep an eye out for this as it will be due back on Friday.



## JOsef

Sweat beads.  
Slither down.  
Bullrush.  
The group scatters.  
Rearing up.  
Glancing down.  
He's in the lead.  
Thrashing.  
Crashing.  
Leading.  
Cheating.  
Cruising.  
Losing.  
Rolling....  
"Hallelujah!"

by Taine

by Coco

## Taine

His back, always turned away from me  
Facing the T.V

Taine.....silence.  
Muddy blond hair everywhere

Kind blue eyes staring  
Suddenly darkness blanketed me  
Fear, a power cut

A warm breeze hit my face, his breath  
Then a squeeze.

Him, my twin.

## Freya

Her long brown hair flows.

She flinged the doors.

With bony hands.

Her legs tramping on the ground.

She gets to my desk.

Me, her.

in deep stare.

she walks I walk.

She whispers.

I creep up she follows.

We stare at the clock.

Tick tick tick tick.

Tap tap tap tap

We slide to john.

LUNCH TIME !!!

by Ella G.

**Parent/Teacher Catch Up****Thursday 6 October 3.15 - 6.00pm**

Student Led Conferences are nearly here again. In next week's newsletter we will give booking details and, as usual, you will need to use the online booking system - it's simple and efficient!

As the SLCs are quite specific and very learning and achievement focussed with the goal of the student doing the majority of the sharing, we thought it would be a good idea to schedule a time before the holidays where you can feel free to pop in any time between 3.15 and 6.00 pm... chat with the teachers, have a look around the room at the recent learning, ask any questions... either with or without your child... up to you. Many of you are really proactive at making appointments which is great, but we know that sometimes you think 'oh I shouldn't bother them, they look busy'. Well, the whole world's 'busy', and we aim to provide you with a range of opportunities to engage! It would be great to see you.

If your child is new to the school and you are unsure what a SLC is - don't worry the teachers will contact you and fill you in beforehand.

**Athletics Day, Tuesday 4th October at 9.30 am**

Just a heads up that our whole School Athletics is coming up on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October (the last week of school), weather permitting. Postponement date is the first Wednesday of next term. We will confirm the venue in the next newsletter so watch this space! (Please note, this date differs from the one in the Sports Directory.)

**SPORT****Netball Year 4/5**

The team played a great last game of Netball on Saturday. Congratulations to Alexandra for being Player of the Day, for great defending in the goal circle. Well done to the whole team for a great season of netball, they all played very well and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to the parents for their support during the season. Looking forward to a great netball season next year!

**Netball Year 5/6**

Last week was the final game of the season. The Year 5/6 team had a tough last game, but the final score was a respectable 9 - 5 to Houghton Valley. Congratulations to Paris for winning our final 'Player of the Day' trophy. And thank you to everyone for all their support this year - especially Sue Haberfield for all her coaching expertise and assistance.

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL**

Congratulations to the Wright family for winning this week's Fruit/Vege Raffle!



What an illuminating night at the Disco last Friday! Thank you to Angela and her merry band of helpers for creating such a grand event again. Thank you to all of you who supported the Disco, we were able to raise around \$1100.

**2012 Calendars** - Place your orders please by Friday 7th October - \$10 each. A perfect present for the grandparents and family - a limited edition! This year's calendar will feature the fantastic artwork that your child produced for Artsplash. Please put your money, child's full name and number of calendars required in an envelope to the school office by the end of term.

(Internet payment can be made into the Home and School account: 06 0513 0304691 00 Ref: CALENDARS)

**Republic of Miramar Fair  
Sunday, 6th November 2011**

Reminder that there is a collection this **Sunday 25th September** from 10am - 12 noon. All items that could be sold at the Fair welcome - books, toys, clothing, baby gear, bags, white elephant items.

We need donations of **plastic bags** - any and all supermarket bags needed! Please drop into boxes at school or at collection days.

For any business of a Worser Bay family that donate or sponsor this year's Fair, we will place an advertisement of your business in next year's School Directory **free!** For further information on how to sponsor or donate, please contact Nicola Lancaster on 380 9339.

We need a special **SWAT** team for Fair finish. A crack team is needed to get all classrooms back to their teaching order after the Fair. Could this be you? If you can help with this role, please contact Nicola. The sooner the rooms are back to normal, the sooner the teaching begins!

**Watch out!** - Please keep an eye out for the Fair notice board (with the collection baskets outside the staffroom or inside if wet). We will be posting various sign-up sheets for help and items of equipment we will need to borrow on the day. Please sign up where you can - many hands make light work.

**A little job....** I have the gloves, the lollies and the ribbon.....would you like the job of making the lolly hands for the Cake Stall? If you can help, please ring Nicola on 380 9339.

**Crafty craft materials!** - Old beads, broken necklaces etc. Come join us Friday 30th after school at Marie's house to help re-make new funky, fun bracelets and necklaces for the Craft Stall. Call Toni 3808062

Eleni Moore, Chair of Home and School  
[moore@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:moore@vodafone.net.nz) or 388 8137

**2012 Term Dates:**

**Term 1:** Wednesday 1 February to Friday 6 April

**Term 2:** Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June

**Term 3:** Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September

**Term 4:** Monday 15 October to Tuesday 18 September.

Friday 1st and Tuesday 4th June, and Friday 24th August will be additional school holidays.

**Wanted:**

- **Clean, 4 litre paint cans** with handles, for a fair project. All will be revealed!
- **Clean, plastic 2L milk bottles** for Tautoru-iti. But just the square ones, please.
- **Matchbox cars** for Tautoru-iti.
- **Yummy Stickers** due in by **Monday 3rd October** at the very latest.

**Lost Property!!**

Yet again our Lost Property box is simply overflowing. Please come and check if your child's missing clothes are there. They will be given to the Home & School for the Fair if they are still unclaimed by then!

**Artwork Competition****Worser Bay Homework Book Competition**

With the theme 'Worser Bay' you are invited to enter your very own design to be put on the cover of our Homework books. Think about 'Worser Bay' and what it means to you. Think about using symbols that represent our community. Make sure you:

- Use a piece of A4 paper
- Make it bold, clear and eye catching.

Entries are due to the office by **Wed 28 Sept**

*Come on kids - come up with something wonderful!*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****RWC Excitement for the Whole Family**

The **All Blacks** are playing **Canada** on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Wellington and everyone can enjoy a little family fun at Wellington Town Hall from 11am to 1pm before cheering on their favourite team on their awesome big screen "live" from 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free entry for all.

So, no matter which team you are cheering for, bring the whole family to **Canada's Fun Zone** - even if you're wearing "black" you can have a little maple leaf fun with some quizzes, games, lots of great prizes and giveaways, face painting, temporary tattoos... and much more!!

Canadian documentaries, music and other exhibitions are showing at **Te Papa** throughout the day as well.

*For more information contact Rhonda Gault at 04-234-7266.*

Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Well, head down to Te Papa, Thursday and Friday 13 and 14 October, to be part of our **Diwali Indian Festival of Lights** celebrations - including puppeteers and dancers from India.

Go to: <http://www.asianz.org.nz/our-work/arts-and-community/festivals/diwali-festival-lights> for more info about the performers and Diwali festivities.

**El Rancho Camp in Waikanae** is running residential kids' camps during both weeks of the Spring holidays. These action-packed camps are for kids 7 - 12 years old and run from Monday at 6:30pm to Friday at 4:00pm. The cost is \$185 per camper and includes all meals, care and activities for the entire week. Payment plans are available on request. For more information and online registration, visit [www.elrancho.co.nz](http://www.elrancho.co.nz)

**Seatoun Arts & Crafts 40th Annual Exhibition & Sale**

Opening night with refreshments, Fri 28 October 7 - 9pm; Sat 29 October 9am - 6pm & Sun 30 October 11am - 4pm. Come and see a wide variety of art made by local artists. There will also be craft stalls and a special 40th Anniversary gallery wall.

Free Entry, St. Christopher's Hall, Forres Street, Seatoun  
Contact Beverley Alexander, 388 2725

**Spring Gala, St George's Church, Ferry Street, Seatoun**

Saturday 8 October 11 am - 2 pm  
Miramar-Seatoun-Strathmore Anglican Parish  
Contact Beverley 388 2725

**Student Exchange:** In January 2012, students aged 14-19 years from Japan, Europe, the USA and Latin America will be arriving in New Zealand to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. To learn more about this opportunity, call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 0800 440 079 or visit <http://studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student>.

**Do you need to escape to a peaceful haven every few weeks?** How about a beach house in Paekakariki with shared ownership and shared expenses? Spacious, tidy, comfortably furnished with 3-4 bedrooms, open plan living area. On beach front with superb sea views and fantastic sunsets.

If you would like to find out more about this opportunity, see Carolyn A in the school office.

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