

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 10/11 - Friday 25 June 2010



Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Thanks to all who came along to see, share and celebrate our wonderful Matariki work during the Matariki Open Afternoon yesterday. It is really great to see the students taking ownership of their learning and being able to celebrate with the wider school community. (Check out the photos of children teaching parents some new skills.)

As well as celebrating our learning in school we have been focused on promoting and celebrating our students' achievement outside of school too, particularly Worser Bay School Sports' teams. It is fantastic to see so many students eager to put their hand up and give it a go. Through playing these sports, students are getting another opportunity to take risks and build on their Key Competencies of Participating and Contributing, Relating to Others and Managing Self. Every Friday we are recognising those students that have achieved well in Miniball, Netball and Flippaball, either in their skills or in their attitude during the game. How wonderful to be able to recognise these 'Players of the Day' for their successes outside of school, and let all students see other opportunities for them to shine.

It has been a fantastic term of learning - thank you to all the students and teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm. We look forward seeing you back here after the holidays, refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting Term 3.

Noho mai ra i roto i nga manaakitanga katoa,

Hamish

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Years 4-6 - Return Flippaball Interest slip** (from last week's newsletter) by 30th June, if your child is keen to play Flippaball in Term 3.
- **Return Disco payment and slip.** (See page 2.)
- **Please pay your Voluntary Donation for 2010** as soon as possible, if you have not yet done so.
- **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.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

At the end of this term we will be sad to say farewell to Maria, who will be taking a well-earned break. Maria has had an enormous impact at the school, particularly in the New Entrants area, welcoming our youngest students into school life. Her contribution has ensured those students are well on the way to achieving excellence.

Thank you for your time with us Maria, and we wish you all the best.

Board of Trustees

SCHOOL ENROLMENT SCHEME WORSER BAY SCHOOL

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.

With a number of families unexpectedly seeking job opportunities outside of Wellington, 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.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

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

Dust off your dancing shoes, practice 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!). Please return the slip in the Newsletter from 18th June or from the school office. *Sorry, this event is just for Worser Bay School families.*

Worser Bay Mothers' Dinner

We are organising occasional casual get-togethers for mothers at local cafes. End of term dinner at Marrakech Cafe, Greta Point, at 7pm on Wednesday 30 June.

All welcome. If you would like to come, please contact Jenny McDougall on 380 8665 or by email jenny@mcdougalls.co.nz.

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

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- * Speaking different languages at school.
- * Including people in your play and in your work.

Tautoru

Hazel and Jack H for including people in play and work.

William for including others in games and in class activities.

Emma for speaking different languages.

Autahi

Bella for using different languages.

Faith for including others in games and in class.

Māhutonga

Albert for being inclusive.

Leony for using different languages.

Foci for next week:

- * Being polite and using our manners.
- * Being positive and enjoying the last week of term.

*Rocky Shore Art Splash
Co-operative Art Works
have been featuring in the
last couple of newsletters
and will be featuring in the
next few issues.*



School Production

Next term we are celebrating the Sky, Earth and Sea in an across-school production. We are in the process of capturing the creativity in our classrooms and would love to have parents involved with making the Production a super success. If you are able to lend a hand, please pass your name and details to your child's teacher.

Thanks in advance,
The Arts Team

Sports, Sports, Sports

Netball: The netball Year 4 Player of the Day for last week was Leony for superb defence under pressure.

Flippaball:

Our team played St Anthony's last week and won 7 - 5.

Awards: Greta and Eve - a wonderful effort in goal;
Madi - relating well to others through great passing;
Josh and Emily - great improvement and building confidence.

Miniball:

For the second week in a row, the Worser Bay Wizards scored a win - this week it was 22-16 against the Lyall Bay Pistons – particularly tough opposition. Player of the Day went to Caleb for some keen shooting.

The Wild Bulls had another great game even though we lost 18-8. Outstanding games from Henry, Nicolas and Thomas. Three Players of the Day: Louise for her great pass (fantastic!), Nicolas for his all-round game and Henry for scoring 3 goals.

from AUTAHI

Pathway Maths in Autahi

Rachel gave us a challenge in Maths this week – to create a garden path so her feet wouldn't get muddy during all this rain. In geometry we are learning about symmetry. We are also learning to use rotation and tessellation of shapes to create a pattern.



"We stuck our work up on the wall – it will either match with the shapes or the colours."

"I matched them using the same shapes."



"We are looking at shapes that have the same colour and the path made a pattern. "

A note from TAUTORU

Reading responses from these Tautoru students were based on a reading about Matariki. "We are learning about Maori legends through art. We had to retell parts of a Matariki legend through drawing."



As we finish up our focus on Matariki this week we have briefly returned to the rocky shore and our recent learning about sea creatures and how they have adapted to live in their particular rock pool habitats. The children used their observational drawings to express new knowledge through art. Dozens of glitzy sea creatures such as the ones above, will be on display at Art Splash next term.

A note from MĀHUTONGA

Over the last two terms we have been developing our cultural intelligence - understanding and increasing our knowledge of other countries and their cultures. Most recently we have been strengthening our knowledge of issues and events closer to home - through our Matariki focus as well as our word-work activity of matching newspaper headlines with their photograph and inferring what the article is about in a few written sentences.

Google Maps has been a fantastic resource to not only locate other countries in the world, but also to strengthen our geographic knowledge of New Zealand and what cities are where. (You might like to try this over the holidays.)

As Fleur is off to Manila for three weeks during the school holidays, we will also be able to strengthen our knowledge of Asian cultures when she returns.

"We have to match the title with the picture. I normally connect the words to the picture, like I'll do the sport ones first and find words that go with sports."



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Just what the kids have been waiting for ...

See **Toy Story 3** in the comfort of the Empire cinema in Island Bay these holidays (not in 3D). Sunday July 4, 2pm. Plunket charity fundraiser - \$15 per ticket (child or adult) with proceeds going to Strathmore Seatoun and Bays Plunket. Phone Jenny on 380 8665 or email ssbplunket@gmail.com.

\$10 lipstick!

Grab a bargain and support Plunket! Nutrimerics quality lipsticks - normally sell for \$33.50 but are on special now for \$10! What's more, with every lipstick sold, \$2 goes to Plunket on the Peninsula. For more information, call Kelly on 021 156 4526 or email miramarplunket@gmail.com.

ZEALANDIA (formerly Karori Sanctuary) is running a number of special educational activities for children and their families over the July school holidays. For the first time ever, they are running nightly Kids' Night Walk with hot chocolate, stories and a visit to the glowworm grotto. Booking is essential. Call 920 9200 or book online at www.visitzealandia.com. Also, on Saturday 10 July, there is a Kiwi Fun Day with displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities from 10am-2pm. ZEALANDIA is on Waiapu Road, first left after the Karori Tunnel.

Katherine Mansfield Birthplace - Children's Exhibition

Toys - Dolls - Games at Katherine Mansfield Birthplace, 25 Tinakori Road, Thorndon, Wellington.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm.

Special event - Dame Kate Harcourt reading from *The Dolls' House* and other doll stories.

Saturday 10 July at 2pm.



2010 Diving New Zealand Open & Junior Championships

Wellington Diving is the top club in the country and has a strong group of up-and-coming divers at all levels from schools in and around Wellington competing in these championships. The competition provides an opportunity to watch a sport that's seldom seen other than on TV.

This year's competition begins with the Opening Ceremony at 9am and competition from around 9.30 - 4.00pm on Saturday 3rd and 10.00am - 4.00pm on Sunday 4th July at Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie. Entry \$1.00.

Bright Pre-schooler? Small Poppies is NZ's longest running extension and enrichment programme for bright and gifted pre-schoolers aged 3 - 6 years, run by the Gifted Education Centre. Founder and Lead Teacher, Sue Breen, will be in Johnsonville, Wellington, on 7 and 8 July 2010, to hold parent and teacher workshops and to see children who wish to be considered for the programme. For further information, please contact the Coordinator: Shirley Lawn on 04 232 3523, email: shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz, website: www.smallpoppies.co.nz.

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