

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 4, Week 5, Friday 25 November 2011



The Sports Prizegiving yesterday was a great success!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **'Thank You for your fabulous support' morning tea** - Friday 2nd December 2011 straight after Assembly. RSVP by Wednesday 30th November.
- **Year 5 Sailing** - Monday 5 December - Afternoon
- **Year 6 Sailing** - Friday 9 December - Morning
- **Come and raise a glass to Marylyn!**
Any time between 3.30 - 6.00 pm on Friday 9th December
- **Christmas Wrap** (Whole School)
Wednesday 14 December 4.30 pm onwards
(see Jude's message in this issue)
- **Year 6 Leavers' Dinner and Parent Drinkies!**
Thursday 15 December - 5.30 - 7.00 pm
- **Rising Fives, Term 4** - finishes Friday 9 December.
- **School Ends for 2011** - Friday 16 December 1.00 pm
and **Begins for 2012** - Wednesday 1 February 8.55 am
- See Pages 4 & 7 for our revised **Community Engagement** and **Fundraising** approach

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

The mission of 2011 is still not quite completed but we are very proud of our achievements and are looking forward to 2012 - a year where we will embed many of our practices and continue 'movin' on up' as in the words of the Primal Scream number in the 1990s!

We are delighted that Danny Johanson will be joining our team in 2012. Danny is currently a Senior Teacher at Island Bay School, and I know that he will add a new dimension to our multi talented bunch.

On the evening of The Wrap, the teachers would love to meet with you in their teams and discuss a few key aspects of the programme for the following year. So although previously 'advertised' for a 5.30 pm start, we would now like you to arrive earlier as follows:

The junior team (Years 0-3) in Tautoru-Iiti, Tautoru and Autahi - Kath (Team Leader) Suzanne, Scott. Hamish and Fleur will be there from 4.30 and will chat at 4.45 - 5.00 pm.

The senior team (Years 4-6) in Matariki and Māhutonga - John (Team Leader), Jen, Danny and Fleur will be there from 4.45 and will chat at 5.05 - 5.20 pm.....so you can then grab a seat and a sausage!

Fleur will be supporting both the senior and junior programme, Sophie will be supporting across the school part time and Marylyn will be ethereally floating in and around on a day to day relieving basis.

The Carolyns, Jenny, Christine and Nicole continue in their critical role of keeping things ticking and supporting our programmes.

We have a strong focus on transitions..... into and across the school. Teachers have been discussing data, learning behaviours, social, emotional and physical strengths and needs for some time now..... so there is plenty of time to think and plan for a targeted programme - exciting!

Students will be learning in their new (and not so new) groups and spaces for a number of sessions in the last couple of weeks of term.

So, make sure you have that gap in the calendar, and come earlier to The Wrap of 2011!

No ora mai ra!

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

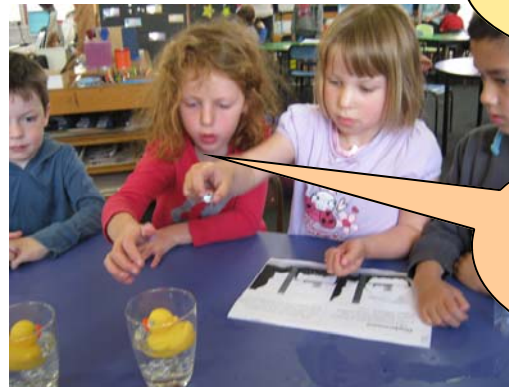
TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News



We have been learning some new vocabulary through reading and writing to describe and explain our floating and sinking observations.



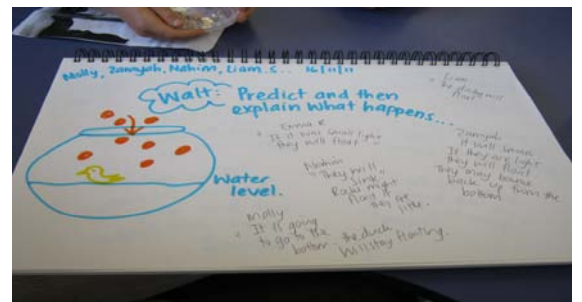
This is us learning about Displacement. Floaters and sinkers both make the water rise to a higher level.



I saw the water rise in the glass. The rubber duck rose too.

I saw the water rise up because the marbles pushed it up and the duck floated because it was light.

Displacement



Experimenting with Eggs

Will our boats float ?

We have been testing different materials to see what would be the best to design and build our boats out of.

Our boats need to:

- Last more than 10 minutes
- Carry at least 2-3 objects. We used bits of wax the same size.
- Most importantly they need to stay above the surface.



"We shared our hypothesis with a partner. My hypothesis was— The egg in the salt water would float and the egg in the normal water would sink ." *Embla*



"At the beginning Hamish poured a little bit of hot water into the glass cups. He added 4 teaspoons in to one cup and he stirred until it was all mixed up. The eggs were raw and they had to be the same size." *Arthur*



"I saw that the egg in the salt water went down to the bottom and then came back up. Only a small part of the egg was on top of the water." *Mackenzie*



Spelling Rockets

It would be great if you could start saving recycled containers and bringing them to school so that we can make our boats.

This is the last week for Spelling Rockets. The final 2011 rocket will arrive home this Monday. Over the next week please review all spelling words as we are going to be testing for 2012.



A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

Wowee! The weeks are flying by and our children are so inspired! They are creating poems and songs and arranging them both at school and home, some even in bed! We have been exploring a variety of poems as teaching models, which our children then use to help support their own writing.

The songs performed in assembly last week, written and arranged by our children, have become part of our daily singing repertoire. We are looking forward to adding more of these as they get closer to completion.

This is a taster of some of the great work.

I'm So Happy

Happiness cascades
Through the cracks in my skin
He, He, He
I'm overflowing with Joy, Joy Joy
I'm so happy I could do a little dance
Happy, happy, happy
I'm so happy I could tap dance
Tap, tap, tap
I'M SOOO HAPPY!

by Barney

Im so Scared!

I'm so scared
That the house could crumble
That my skin could be crawling
That my hair could be falling out

I'm so scared
That my sockets are sagging
That I am crumbling like a cliff
That I can sprint like a stag

by Taine

MIST

SWEPT AWAY BY THE WIND
DOWN THE RAINY TRAILS
THROUGH THE GAP IN THE ANCIENT STONE WALL

UP THE STEPS TO THE MOUNTAIN BLUFF
DOWN THE CANOPY TO THE WAVIE RIVER
AND OFF ITS TEN FOOT WATER-FALL
SUNK AND CHUSHED BY SEA BEARDS HAMMER

THREE YEARS LATER IT'S NOTHING BUT A
CAST-AWAY ON A SALTY BEACH
SURROUNDED BY GHOSTLY FOG

BY OLIVER NEWMAN

Inter Zone Athletics

Well done to Leony and Thomas W who represented Worsler Bay on Tuesday at Inter Zone Athletics.

"At first I felt very nervous, but after my 2nd jump which was 3.61m I was feeling much better. That jump got me through to regionals!! I came second by 3cm!" Thomas W

"I made it into Interzone for short sprints and high jump. I was glad to have some practice at Seatoun School before hand. I felt very nervous but I gave it my best. I can't remember my highest jump from Interzone, but I remember at Seatoun I jumped 1.07m!" Leony



Out and About

As our bands build their repertoire they are on the hunt for audiences and places to perform gigs. We are off to Clyde Quay School and other areas of town on Thursday 8th December. Please let us know if you are able to help as we have 13 groups to supervise to make busking and performing to the public possible. Band managers are currently arranging gig locations. Keep an eye out for the permission slip next week.

Homework

Basic fact and spelling words come home on Monday.

Design your band's look and outfit. Show us what you specifically would wear.

Be ready to share this next Friday.

Year 6 Events

Sailing

Friday 9th December in the morning. **You will need to bring:** togs, towel, wetsuit (if you have one), change of clothes and snacks.

Swimming

Tuesday 13th December (approximately 9am - 2:30pm) at Porirua Pool. A cost and permission slip will be sent home next week.

You will need to bring: togs, towel, plastic bag for wet gear, morning tea and lunch.

We are still looking for 1 more parent helper.

Year 6 Dinner

Theme: 'The Movies'

(come as a movie character or actor or actress)

When: Wednesday 14th December 5:30 - 7pm

Where: WBS Courtyard

What to bring:

Talk to your child about what they have offered to bring. It will either be a curry, drinks, salad, ice-cream, strawberries, marshmallows, meringues, pancakes, chocolate fondue or chocolate sauce.

Parents - we would love to host you in the staffroom during this time.

BOARD SHORTS

It was great to get such a good turn out at The Roxy on Wednesday night to celebrate the year that has been, acknowledge the contributions that have been made, and look forward to the year ahead.

In between raising a glass or two and enjoying some lovely nibbles, we discussed revising the approach to community engagement and fundraising to ensure we have greater levels of sustainable fundraising to help build a great future for the school. If you'd like to know more about this, have a look at page 7 in this newsletter or the large posters outside the office window. (Or inside if it's wet or windy.) Please feel free to flag down or contact one of the members of the Board members (Vanessa Lee, Rachel Healy, Andrew Wilson, Sarah Gunn, Tai Paul, Jude or Hamish McRae) if you'd like to know more.

If you'd like to be part of the Worsler Bay Crew and be more centrally involved in next year's community engagement and wider fundraising initiatives we'd love to see you in the staffroom from 7.30pm on 6 December.

Andrew Wilson, **Board Chair**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- * Supporting others in the playground.

Tautoru-iti and Tautoru

Jack M. and Charlie T.

Autahi

Frankie, Adam and Anthony

Māhutonga and Matariki

Kate, Ellie, Greta, Henry and Ian

Our Principal's Awards for next week are for:

- * Great ideas, a flow of ideas.

Welcome to Arlo, Noah, Alexandra and Perry whose families are new to the school, who started with us this week.

We look forward to guiding your development and learning.

A message from Danny who is joining the staff in 2012

Kia ora everyone,

My name is Danny Johanson and I am thrilled to be joining the Worsler Bay School Community next year. After visiting the school earlier this year I was impressed with the beautiful and unique learning environment and the exciting direction that the school is heading.

I have been teaching for many years and have experience throughout the school. For the past 4 years I have been teaching Year 1 at Island Bay School. This has been a wonderful experience but it feels time for a change.

One of the things that I enjoy most in this profession is the opportunity to meet new people. So I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks.

A lovely letter from Education New Zealand;

"I just wanted to send a formal thank you to you, the staff and students, for the warm welcome to the Singapore Ministry of Education group at Worsler Bay School last week. They were very impressed – and not just with the "resort-like" location! They were impressed by the high level of teacher professionalism which allows you to differentiate the curriculum and teach effectively in multi-year groups, inspired by the level of creativity in planning (and in resulting student work), and your inquiry based approach to 'the sound of music' was a totally new concept to them, and very interesting. You provided a wonderful example of the NZ education system and curriculum in action. Also I really appreciate the time you took to talk to the group after the observation. You could tell from their questions that the group was very engaged! Please pass on my thanks to the other staff and to the students"

THE WRAP**Approximate order of events!**

- 4.30 - 5.20 pm
Sossies for sale and teachers in and around classes/hello and brief outline of programme for 2012.
- 5.25 -5.40 ish
The fabulous parent UKESTARS!
- 5.40-6.40 ish
Year 0 -3 Song - All junior children need to be up the front ready to roll at 5.40, then return to and stay with families for the remainder of the evening unless they are playing in a music group.

Year 4-6 Song - All senior children stay with families until they are called up, then return to families unless they are saying a speech, or are in a music group

- Year 6 Speeches
- Then children, parents, staff, extended whanau, neighbours, pets.....whoever wants to come along singing a few Christmas songs, interspersed by a few children's music groups and brief adult speeches!
- Finale

Please help us to keep things running along smoothly by taking care of your own children and not letting them go crazy on the playground and interrupt the speeches and singing. The intention is for THE WRAP to be a family time.....teachers need to enjoy themselves, celebrate and not feel like they are 'on duty'!

Good news! **Fonterra** have sponsored 5 trees for our school, for enrolling in their recycling programme.

From the Home and School

It was great to see so many faces at the Roxy and have a uninterrupted catch up!

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 29th November, 7:30pm in School Staffroom.
Its the final meeting for the year! So please come if you can make it.

Mini Silent Auction:

Do not forget to check out the Mini-Silent Auction on the following link <http://www.worserbay.school.nz/school-fair-2011/83.html>

Bidding has started and closes at 3pm Friday 2 December 2011. Winning bidders will be announced on Monday 5 December 2011. Do send it around to friends, family, work colleagues or just one of the many Facebook friends. They too can bid.

Eleni Moore

Chair of Home and School

moore@vodafone.net.nz or 388 8137

INVITATION

The Worser Bay School Staff have much pleasure in inviting you to a 'Thank You for your fabulous support' morning tea on Friday 2nd December 2011 straight after Assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

RSVP by Wednesday 30th November 2011



Summerfest 2012

3.00 - 6.00 pm Sunday 26 February

Worser Bay Boat Club

Celebrate summer and our local community at this family friendly event where you'll enjoy beer/food tasting, live music, and kids' entertainment. Tickets for will be on sale at The Christmas Wrap (\$5 pre-sales, they'll be \$10 at the door).

To make it all happen, we will need helpers from the school community to do a variety of tasks on and before the day. Thanks to those of you who have already offered your assistance. If you can help out please contact kirsty.chamberlain@paradise.net.nz or come and talk to me at the Summerfest ticket sales at The Wrap.

Koha for Tauroru

For poi and paper crafts in Tauroru, we are asking students to pay \$5.00 to cover costs of materials. Please bring your \$5.00 in an envelope with your child's name to the school office by Friday 2 December.

Come and raise a glass to Marylyn!



When? Friday 9th December, anytime between 3.30 and 6.00 pm

Where? Here at school, exact whereabouts dependent on the weather!

Do I bring a present? Marylyn would love to have an opportunity to buy books for the school library. So, the thing to do, is pop a koha into the office, we will purchase a voucher from the Children's Bookshop and Marylyn will then shop to her heart's content.

What do I do with the children?

A common question! We would love this to be more of an 'adult event' but realise the timing may not really support this. We encourage children to utilise our wonderful environment and bring their own afternoon snack please!

Drinks and nibbles provided for adults.



More happy sports people at the Sports Prizegiving...



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Hurricanes are training on Seatoun Park, next **Tuesday 29th November from 2pm**. This training is open and the guys would love to see their fans down there to support them. There will be time afterwards to get autographs and signatures.

Grasshoppers New Tennis for Kids!

If you are aged between 5 -10 years old, are new to tennis, why not come along? 1.00 - 3.00 pm **Sunday 4 December** Miramar Tennis Club, Darlington Road, Miramar \$10 per entry (payable on the day)
Please contact: JHamptontennis@hotmail.co.nz
Entries close Friday 2 December

Miramar Craftea

Our first Miramar Craftea was a huge success! The next Miramar Christmas Craftea will be held on **Sunday 11th December at Miramar Central School Hall between 10.00 and 3.00 pm**. We will once again have stall holders with beautiful items for sale, excellent Christmas gifts and afternoon tea, coffee and cakes will be served with proceeds going to the local Coast Guard.

Also we are hoping to hold a 'Harvest' Craftea in late February and would be very keen to hear from anyone who has extra fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs they may wish to sell from their gardens, or if anyone has jams or pickles (if they have a WCC food preparation licence). We can be contacted at miramarcraftea@gmail.com

NZSO Te Papa Family Day

To celebrate the holiday season New Zealand Symphony Orchestra are holding a family day full of **free** concerts at Te Papa Tongarewa on **Saturday 17th December** from 10.30 am - 3.00 pm. <http://www.nzso.co.nz/>

Camp Kaitoke's famous Y-Camps, Back-to-Back Weekend, Leapfrog, Pioneer Post and ever popular Horse Camps. In December we're offering Fun in the Sun Y-Camp, great to kick off the summer holidays with a bang. Then January gets pumping with all kinds of opportunities. Like 2 weeks of Y-Camp in a row, including an awesome Kaitoke weekend away (a great one for the parents too). Pioneer Post gets back to roots, living, exploring and hanging out - outdoors! Leapfrog is perfect for younger ones to gradually get used to camp life, building confidence and independence. And from hobby to passion, Horse Camps always go down a treat. Sound like you? Check out www.ymcawellington.org.nz, email campkaitoke@ymca.org.nz, phone 04 526 7338 or txt 027 600 5496 for more info. OSCAR subsidies apply.

Kelly Sports Summer Fun – Kelly Sports is running **fulltime summer fun** at Kelly Club this holidays. Our WINZ and OSCAR approved programmes are running out of Wilton and Berhampore from **8am-5pm every weekday** throughout the holidays. We go on trips, create crazy crafts, play sports and generally have heaps of fun! Download a flier from www.ksports.co.nz, or email or ring the office to find out more wqtn@kellysports.co.nz 04 972 7201.

East Care After 3 Inc

A non-profit community group

Do you need After School Child Care next year?

East Care After Three (ECAT) in Miramar is a non-profit community group run by a Parents committee.

- ECAT provides a safe environment. Multiple roll calls and child pick-up from local schools for travel back to the community centre.
- 1:10 ratio (one supervisor for every 10 children)
- Big healthy afternoon tea provided.
- Outdoor park and play equipment.
- Different indoor activities each day to suit all the children
- Homework space provided
- OSCAR approved and audited every two years by Child Youth & Family.
- Oscar funding of fees available for lower income and some middle income families.

ECAT: where children are safe and happy

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Community Engagement & Fundraising at WBS

- Community Engagement – a Strategic Goal & critical to success of other 3 Strategic Goals
- Challenge & longer term plans to take WBS from good to great
- Requires a strong school community & \$\$\$ each & every year
- Receive \$180k approx. per annum from Govt
- Need to raise \$80k per annum through voluntary donations (\$35k approx) & fundraising \$45k+ (approx) – to stay at good
- Longer term plans require an enhanced approach to greater sustainable fundraising

Community Engagement & Fundraising – An Overall Approach

