

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 4, Friday 26 August 2011



*"We went to the Hill Street Market on Saturday. We earned \$702.60. There were lots of people. It was surprising because we all thought that only kids and schools would be there but people who normally came to the market were there. We didn't sell all of it because we made too much but the aprons and cup cakes sold out - great!*

*Here is a list of things we sold: fudge, cupcakes, quiche, spoons, aprons, lemonade, bumpy paintings, coasters, lollies, popcorn, cookies, lamingtons, cakes and heaps more! We did it to earn money for the school. We got certificates for best presentation and for having an awesome stall. As well as selling from our own stall, we learnt that it was harder than we thought it would be but it was so fun we would do it again!"*  
by Kate and Ellie

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Change is the overarching theme for the year and change has certainly been the 'word of the day' around this place!

As you would've picked up at the Parent Workshops last week the emphasis on inquiry, creative thinking and going deeper has been a deliberate change in our programme as these are some of the skills of the future. This hasn't just meant change for the children, it's also teachers and parents. We all need to be open to new concepts, many times, so don't worry if you feel you still don't quite click into what we are doing..... you will!

Our expectations of what children are capable of achieving are always increasing - not only in the 3 Rs, but also in what we aim for in development of the key competencies. It's the:

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Understanding language, symbols and texts
- Managing self
- Participating and contributing.

It's actually these key competencies that need to kick in when we are faced with change. Think of the extreme weather last week, that's change..... we needed to quickly adapt, show some steel and cope! I must say it was challenging when stuck, needing to be towed and walking home..... but that's all new learning!

In China over the next few weeks I will be thinking about what is important for our students and what further opportunities can we give them so that they can develop 'cultural competencies' and move easily within and between a range of cultures.

Have a great 3 weeks and remember..... if you have any queries, please check in with the Team Leader, and they will either help you or locate the best teacher suited to your particular need.

No ora mai ra!

*Jude*

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Twitter** - Sign up to Twitter. It's now part of our Emergency Plan (see last week's newsletter).
- **Sports Fees are now due** - You will have received an email reminder if we haven't yet received your payment.
- **Flag Competition** - Entries are due to the office by **8.50am on Friday 2 Sept** (see page 4).

**"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**



Our Pupil Activity Leaders (PALs) are enjoying the great weather and doing a fab job.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Being open to new maths learning

#### **Tautoru-iti and Tautoru**

Milly and Rory MM

#### **Autahi**

Adam, Chanel, Emma S, Maya and Pieta

#### **Māhutonga and Matariki**

Alexandra, Caitlin, Ella W, Henry, Jacob, Polly and Ruby C

Next week's focus is:

\* Being able to explain your maths strategy to others.

#### **From the HOME AND SCHOOL**

Congratulations, Jude, have a wonderful trip. I'm sure that you will bring back many stories for us. Also, thank you to all the children and parents that did so much work for the Hill Street Market last Saturday. It was very successful, helping us raise around \$700 for the school.

#### **RAFFLE**

Don't forget to get your Raffle tickets! The Home and School account is **06 0513 0304691 00 (Ref: Raffle)**. Your envelope is due back by the end of Monday.



Our award-winning stall at the Hill Street Market

#### **From the Fair Committee**

*It may only be 14 days to the RWC, but it's only **8 school weeks** until the School Fair Revolution!*

We will be declaring Miramar a Republic with WBS as the Capital on 6th November 2011 and celebrating all things great about our super suburb at our annual School Fair! We need your help! There are all sorts of ways to contribute and many hands make light work.

**Have you got storage space?** Preferably near school and preferably with vehicle access (but not absolutely necessary!). Half a garage would be great! Can you help? Please contact Olive Mulcahy on 388 7020.

**Are you able to provide a service or product to auction?** Do you have a business contact who may be able to provide an auction item? We would love to be able to promote the businesses with direct links to school. Please contact Stephanie Wilson on 388 8285.

**Are you able to make your favourite preserves for the Deli stall?** Do you have a lemon tree we could harvest? Ingredient donations are also gratefully received! Contact Stephanie Calder on 388 7379.



**Green Fingers?** The plant stall would love a few of your seedlings (that you have nurtured through the recent weather!), plant pots, compost and pre-loved garden related items.

**Crafty Creations?** Get knitting, sewing, painting and creating! The craft stall will need contributions.

**Overflowing Wardrobe?** The popular clothes boutique is now collecting pre-loved children's & adults' good quality clothes, so sort through your wardrobe and bring it up to the school. Pop it in a clearly marked bag and drop it into the basket in the staffroom. Contact Jolie Dickson on 388 4503.

And, finally, we will start collecting pre-loved items soon! Sort through your cupboards! Toys, books and kitchenware that you no longer need - if it still "works" we can sell it!

#### **Collection Days**

Sunday 11th September, 10 - 12 noon  
 Sunday 25th September, 10 - 12 noon  
 Sunday 30th October, 10 - 12 noon

We will also have a pickup service on Sunday 30th October for the larger items that need collecting, however people must ring prior to arrange a time. Contact Olive on 388 7020 or Tracey on 971 2732.

Still not sure how you can help? Contact Nicola Lancaster on 380 9339 or come along to the next Fair Meeting on **Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm in the staffroom.**

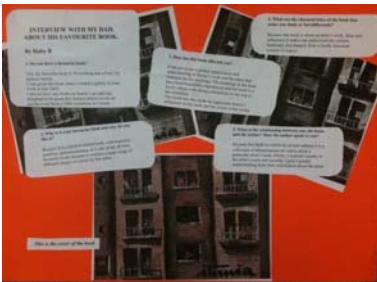
Have a safe weekend.

Eleni Moore  
 Chair of Home and School  
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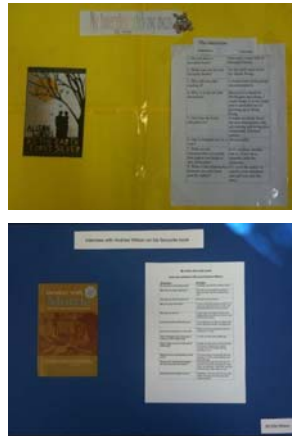
## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

We have had another week of good thinking in Māhutonga/ Matariki. We were really pleased with the level of questioning and the enthusiasm for new learning.

The interview questions were generated by a group of students using a thinking/questioning tool called 'Key Words to Unlock Big Ideas'. We were amazed by the high standards that students have achieved with this homework task. It was really good to read about your favourite book and it was great to hear about your passion and your interests. We are conscious that these questions presented our students with a degree of challenge, but we felt it was a good introduction to this type of questioning. This whole experience has got our students really thinking about how books and writing can affect our lives. We are planning to display this on our website and on our classroom walls. Come for a visit.



There has been some fabulous homework rolling in! The interviews make for great reading.



We are concluding our current Mini Inquiry about writing and writers and will be getting into the Music big time next week. We have already had some rock 'n roll in the classroom after which Harley commented that he felt the vibrations in his feet. Questions are arising in this area and there will be a significant focus on science during the Inquiry as we explore the physics of sound. We are looking forward to our musical visits from local musicians, including Worser Bay's parents. For these performances, students will need to bring a koha donation of \$5 - a dollar per performer. Keep an eye out for the notice next week.

Our literacy is focusing on character writing and we have been paying special attention to Jude and her characteristics, mainly her laughter. Each of the teachers has swapped literacy groups, demonstrating flexibility and keeping things fresh.

Reminder: For those of you who were unable to attend our Inquiry session, please do not fret as our slide show will be online soon.

### HOMEWORK

This week we are going to be using the same questions to interview ourselves about our favourite book. Students are expected to produce their interview in a presentable documentation. This will be due next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

Starting in Week 6, we will be looking to have a poster competition across the school. This competition is about a favourite book. Put on your thinking caps and start to brainstorm what this might look like. There will be more information in next week's newsletter.

## TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

Kia ora all and hope you have had a great week and life is getting back to normal (without snow and ice). In Autahi this week we have been continuing to focus on writing character descriptions and developing both our oral and written vocabularies. You may have noticed our Vivid Vocabulary tree starting to thicken its foliage. The words we are putting onto these leaves are ones we have come across during our teacher read time in the mornings. The books we are reading have been chosen for their interesting character descriptions of both people and animals and offer rich and new language that we can introduce the children to.

When we come across a word we are unsure of, we are learning to look it up in the dictionary with our Vivid Vocab buddy. We write out the meaning, find the synonyms (words that mean the same thing) and then put the word into our own interesting sentence. We are also, as a class (teachers included), trying to use these words as much as we can in our oral language, where appropriate. You can help at home by talking about any new or interesting language that you hear or see.



In Tautoru we have started looking at fiction and non-fiction texts and the difference between the two. We have been learning about the different parts of a non-fiction text, such as photographs and captions, and had a go at writing some of our own. We will be putting together fact files of different types of homes from around the world. As we do this, we will be learning about how to write bullet notes, find specific facts and think about the main ideas when we read. We are also learning about different parts of speech, like nouns, verbs and adjectives and how these make up a sentence.

Tautoru-iti's igloo is steadily growing. We are enjoying counting the bottles as they come in and charting them on our weekly table. It is helping us learn about numbers, particularly the teen numbers. Keep those 2L milk bottles coming!

## Republic of Miramar

### Worser Bay School Fair Flag Competition - OK, here we go!

With the theme 'Republic of Miramar' (very cool!), you are invited to enter your very own design for our official flag!

Think about the word 'Republic' and what it means too.

Think about using symbols that represent our community.

Make sure you:

- Use no more than 4 colours
- Use a piece of A4 paper, landscape
- Make it bold, clear and eye catching.

Entries are due to the office by **8.50am on Friday 2nd September**.

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

## Disco

Everyone is invited to the last school disco of the year!

It's a 'White Lights' disco – which means everything white will glow! We encourage everyone to wear white and have fun dressing up in the theme.



**When:** 6.00 – 8.00pm, Friday 16 Sept 2011

**Where:** Salvation Army Hall, Miramar

Tickets go on sale next week!

## SPORT

### Year 4/5 Netball

The Year 4/5 Netball team played a great game on Saturday against Kilbirnie School. Player of the Day was Evie for great defending in the goal circle. This Saturday's game is against Miramar Christian School at 1 pm on Court 3. Please be at the Practice Court at 12.30 pm for a warm up.

### Year 5/6 Netball

Last week's game was a tough one - the opposition were small and very fast! The final score was 18-5. Kirstie got Player of the Day for her excellent goal shooting. Well done, Kirstie! This week we are up against the Ridway Rockets on Court 4 at noon.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Free Open Day

#### Wellington's Indoor Community Sports Centre

Saturday 27 August, 10am-3pm, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie Watch, join in and take a tour. There will be netball, volleyball, basketball, korfbal, futsal (indoor football), athletics, celebrity sports match, face painting, inflatables and more. For more information and free bus details, go to [www.wellington.govt.nz](http://www.wellington.govt.nz)

### All About Kids Expo

Wellington Town Hall, Sunday 28 August, 9am-4pm  
Created for the parents of children from 0-10 years, the Expo focuses on Entertainment, Education and Expo Only Specials. \$5 entry, under 12 free.

### Miramar Tennis: Open Day

Sunday 28 August, Rain or Shine!

Miramar Tennis Club offers senior and junior social and Interclub tennis, based at our six plexipave courts at Miramar Park, Darlington Road. Resident coach Reilly Smith offers group and individual coaching. Come along to our Open Day, meet the coaches and the committee and have a go on the courts.

11am-1pm: Junior registration

1pm-3pm: Senior registration

For more information, visit our website:

[www.miramartennis.org.nz](http://www.miramartennis.org.nz)

or email: [miramartennis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:miramartennis@xtra.co.nz)

### SPCA Cupcake Day - Monday 29th August

This is one of Wellington SPCA's largest fundraising events for the year. Register online at [www.spcacupcakeday.co.nz](http://www.spcacupcakeday.co.nz) and download everything you need. You can register as an individual or team, and once you've baked some tasty cupcakes, you are ready to go!

### Recycle Baby - Baby and Toddler Second Hand Sale

Clothes - toys - nursery equipment - accessories

Saturday, 3 September, 11am - 1pm

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

17 Rongotai Road, Kilbirnie

Gold coin donation entry. Raffle and kids entertainment.

Refreshments.

If you would like to book a table to sell your babies' or children's pre-loved clothing, toys, etc, contact:

[kib-recyclebaby@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:kib-recyclebaby@hotmail.co.nz) or Emma on 021 866 661.

### 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 our website: <http://studentexchange.org.nz/host-a-student>.

### Wanted:

- **Clean, 4 litre paint cans** with handles, for a fair project. All will be revealed!
- **Clean, plastic 2L milk bottles** for Tauroru-iti. But just the square ones, please.
- **Matchbox cars** for Tauroru-iti.
- **Yummy Stickers**