

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Friday 26 February 2010



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for using our manners and being patient, and active listening.

Tautoru

Liam and Khailin - active listening
Jack CC and Juliette - lovely manners and active listening

Autahi

Ella and James - manners and patience
Harriette and Henry A - active listening

Māhutonga

Alexandra and Albert - manners and patience
Briana - active listening.

Next week's foci will be: Keep going when things get tough (showing determination) and having a "can do" attitude... Can you do this? Yes you can!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Entertainment Book Flyers** coming home today
- **Ukestars!** - Tuesday 2 March 7.30 pm and continuing... **And Ukuleles for Sale!** (see page 2)
- **Family Fun Sports Evening** - Tuesday 30 March, 5 - 7 pm
- **Enrolments are open** - tell your friends and neighbours (see page 2 & Cook Strait News).
- **Voluntary Donation** - Please pay as soon as possible. \$50 discount if paid by the end of Term 1 (1 April).
- **Parking** - Please do not park over driveways when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please note: Here is the link to our **Google Calendar**:
<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/wb-newsletter-and-calendar.html> (copy and paste to your browser).

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Just like our children we need to be "trying out new stuff". The Ukestars had their inaugural get together on Tuesday evening - what a great way to bring the community in and have some fun to boot. Apparently it was a great start, we may have our very own Worserbay Ukulele Orchestra before we know it! There's a fundraising opportunity there surely!

Lately I've been thinking about how we might introduce new families into our school community. Currently we have processes in place for the children but nothing for 'the family'. If we apply something like the tuakana/teina model (learning from each other) that we use at school, new families could get a head start, meet other families easily, find out what's happening in the community and if fresh to the Peninsula, where to buy the best vegetables and decent coffee.

If you are keen to talk further about this introduction to WBS and what this parent buddy idea could look like, I'm keen to have a discussion and get onto this .

Think about what would have been useful for you, either as new to the school, or both new to the school and suburb. Please email or call Carolyn Anderson before Friday 6 March to let us know and I'll be in contact soon.

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

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PS: Remember to purchase your ukulele now!



Watching, then practising, the Chinese New Year Lion Dance



From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Entertainment Books

This Friday, your child will receive a flyer about the new 2010-2011 Entertainment Books. Each book costs \$60.00 with \$12.00 from each book sold going to the school, so it is a worthwhile fund raiser. The books provide many discounts and savings on a number of cafes, restaurants, family entertainment, activities, accommodation and rental car hire.

This year you can pre-pay for your book. If you do you will receive \$150.00 of bonus offers and you will be able to use your book in time for the school holidays. So get in early and pre-pay so you can get the benefits.

If you wish to pre-pay, complete the form on the flyer and hand into the office, or contact Stephanie Wilson on 04 388 8285 or asewilson@xtra.co.nz

In the first week of Term 2, books will be issued to families who have not taken up pre-pay option.

You can order more than one book, so keep this in mind and offer it to friends, family and work colleagues.

Thank you for your support of this fundraising venture, which will benefit your child/ren at Worser Bay School.

The annual fun run will look a little different this year ...

Family Fun Sports Evening

Tuesday 30th March 5pm to 7pm
Miramar Tennis Club and Miramar Park
Mark it on your calendar, dust off your sports shoes, challenge the children to find a game that they can beat you at and come along for an evening of fun, fitness and food.

Chair of the Home and School

Nicola Lancaster

nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz

Worser Bay School Enrolment Scheme

With families seeking job opportunities both out of Wellington and out of NZ (good for them, sad for us) combined with extra space, we have a fabulous opportunity to welcome up to 20 new children across the school from out of our home zone in 2010.

Many of you have been asking, so the time is nigh! Get out there and let your friends, families and neighbours know that enrolments for the remainder of 2010 are open and applications close on **Friday 28 March 2010 at 3.00 pm**.

For further information please contact our Office Manager, Carolyn Anderson, on 939 7281 or email canderson@worserbay.school.nz.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

Board Elections are fast approaching in May of this year. The Board is a representative group of the school community including Jude and a staff representative (currently Kath). We make a commitment to be engaged and active members of the school community and understand that this can mean many things, sometimes something as simple as asking your child "What did you learn today?"!

As a Board we are also involved in developing the strategic plan for the school. In doing this, one must keep in mind the vision and values of the school, legal requirements which must be adhered to, and most importantly, maintain focus on what it's all about - student achievement.

This isn't all we do - to function as a successful board, it is definitely a team effort which is both challenging and rewarding.

Over the next couple of months we will be seeking nominations for the board elections. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact a board member or come along to a board meeting and see what it's all about.

Kirsty Chamberlain

Board Member

WORSER BAY UKESTARS!

Unleash your inner ukulele deviant and come and join in our jam session on Tuesday nights. We had a great first night last week - the more the merrier!!



Aimed at beginners, this workshop / jam session is a fun occasion for parents and friends to get together and perhaps get a head start on the kids who will be learning ukulele this year.

The school has purchased 10 Ukuleles which will be available to those who wish to try before they buy.

Song lists and chord charts will be provided and taught. Bring your own if you have them as well.

Tuesday nights 7.30pm in the Staff Space.

For more information, call Ty on 027 590 0009 anytime or 388 4086 at home.

Speaking of which...

Ukuleles for Sale!!

We will have 20 gorgeous Mahala Ukuleles for sale from Monday. First in—first choice of colour!!

Mahala Ukulele	Retail \$55	WBS \$60
Tuner	Retail \$27	WBS \$30

Please buy from us - not only is it convenient and you don't need to pay for petrol and parking - you will be making a small donation towards our music programme!!

News from TAUTORU

We've been getting to know each other and talking about the special things we bring to Tautoru. Great to see children and parents looking closely at the visual whakapapa and wanting to know more about who is in each photo.

Finding out more about each other and our strengths helps the learning partnership. A buddy approach to learning is safe and enriching. Peer feedback is a very effective influence on progress and achievement. Our focus on Portfolios is increasing the number of learning conversations we are having between teacher, or teacher aide to student, and between students themselves. Our next step is to explore giving and receiving supportive feedback.



Language Experience

This morning we made links between reading and writing by reading a book called "Hedgehog Fun". After we read the fruit hedgehog procedure, we started to write recounts about our experience. We will be making improvements to our writing over the week so watch out for our recounts in next week's newsletter!!

from AUTAHI

In Autahi we have been really concentrating on the language we use within our writing, reading and conversations. We are learning to identify descriptive adjectives, verbs and adverbs and transfer these into our own work. We have also started our Vivid Vocab lessons which are intended to build our students' vocabulary by introducing them to new and descriptive words.

A Vivid Vocab lesson consists of groups of three students working together to find the meaning of an identified word. They need to think about and list any synonyms they can think of and then write an interesting sentence using the word. Families can help at home by discussing the meaning of new and interesting language they come across and also by encouraging students to use increasingly sophisticated language. Feel free to come in and check out our Vivid Vocab books.

SPORT

Flippaball

Our team unfortunately had to cancel this week as many of our players were unavailable.

Netball

If there are any Year 4,5 and 6 children who would like to play outdoor Netball for Worser Bay School during terms 2 and 3, please contact Sue Haberfield on 380 8250 for further information. Teams need to be registered shortly, so if your child is interested, please let Sue know as soon as possible.



A note from MĀHUTONGA

We have had a week of movement and dance as we learn and develop our own Chinese dragon dances. We have been learning about how dance is used to express culture and why it is important. Playing a regular beat and moving in time to different rhythms and tempos has also been an important part of creating them and been interesting learning for us too.

More action happened at Kilbirnie Park when some of our students went to Eastern Zones cricket on Wednesday. They had a fantastic day in the sunshine, all being positive representatives of Worser Bay School and demonstrating awesome teamwork. Well done!

I.C.A.S. 2010

The ICAS – International Competitions - are for students in years 4-6. The information is not used as assessment information as it doesn't reflect the New Zealand Curriculum.

Some of our children like a challenge and these competitions are just that. So we are very willing to organise these competitions if your child wishes to enter. Have a chat with your child and see how they feel about this opportunity.

The competitions will be held on the following days:

Computer Skills

Tuesday 25 May \$7.50

Science

Wednesday 9 June \$7.50

Spelling

Tuesday 22 June \$9.50

Writing

Tuesday 22 June \$17.50

Mathematics

Tuesday 17 August \$7.50

English

Tuesday 3 August \$7.50

We require payment for the **total number of entries** by **Tuesday 20 April** at the very latest. (Please list subjects required together with total paid.)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Miramar Rangers AFC - 2010 Junior Registrations

Online registrations available from the 6th February at

www.miramarfc.org.nz

Junior Registration Forms for new members and all enquires. Contact Janine Paul on 388-4405 or email mrfcjuniors@xtra.co.nz

Wellington MS Society are collecting for the Annual Street Collection day on Friday March 19th in all areas of Wellington. I am looking for people who could help me collect in Kilbirnie for a few hours. If anyone is able to help you can contact me:

Carrie Philliskirk (Adam's mum) 3884727 or carrie.phill@xtra.co.nz

I would appreciate any assistance and would be very grateful!

The **Plunket Appeal** is fast approaching and we need some help. The appeal is our main revenue earner for the year and we need funds to help pay for a fence around the Miramar Plunket rooms to make our building safe for our littlies whilst visiting the rooms - especially as the rooms are located on such a busy road. We are also supporting the Plunket Family centre in Rongotai. There are several things we need help with:

We need street collectors to go out anytime between 20th March - 28th March and collect money from a small area (your street) in Miramar, Maupuia, Strathmore or Seatoun.

If you work in a business in the area that is happy to have a collection bucket for the week, that would be a great help too.

If you or your loved ones are able to assist in any way please contact us - any help will be great appreciated.

Miramar Plunket: Contact Kelly Miller 388 6022, 021 1564526 or miramarplunket@gmail.com

Strathmore, Seatoun & Bays Plunket: Contact Jenny McDougall, jenny@mcdougalls.co.nz

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