

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Week 8/9 - Friday 26 March 2010

WORSER BAY FAMILY SPORTS EVENING

We hope you are ready for our big sports evening on Tuesday night, 5 - 7pm. The evening looks like it will be great fun and we look forward to seeing you all there!!.



At Camp
Thursday was a glorious day at camp - heaps of fun was had by everyone!



Worser Bay School Vision and Values

"We value respect for each other, our environment and ourselves."

As part of our curriculum development, it's important that we engage the school community to ensure we are all on the same page regarding our vision and values. In discussion with different community representatives, students and staff, we felt that this big value around respect is all encompassing. Respect can be identified and lived. Can you think of anything that is important for our children that cannot fit within this?

"We empower children with a love of learning so that they are adaptable and creative."

This has been the vision at WBS for many years now. It certainly aligns with the intent of the curriculum but is it still relevant? Is there anything missing? In Week 2 of next term, during SLCs, you will have an opportunity to add your thoughts to our vision and values (albeit one big value!). When you pop into the library for a look around and view the information on national standards, you will also come face to face with these statements and will be able to respond there and then. Give it some thought over the break!

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

It's great to see so many of you swooping into our electronic booking system and getting closer to the SLC time of your choice. Just like last year, we will be watching the clock closely, so please don't take it to heart when the teacher stands up and slowly starts manoeuvring you towards the door. We endeavour to keep to timeframes to limit the frustration of waiting... if you can think of it as not wanting to be late to the dentist or doctor it may help you stick to your allotted time. We will have a couple of chairs outside the room and encourage you to be early!

While you are up at school over the second week (26 - 30 April), we would like you to pop into our new library space. The entrance is down the driveway. Marylyn will be present for most of this time and is happy to show you around, check that you have a library barcode, and show you the library website links. Additionally, a display and pamphlets outlining the national standards will also be in the library space. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have a read, grab a pamphlet and ask any questions that may arise.

So how can you support your child in these conferences?

Please remember, this is a positive celebration of learning. Prompt, praise and keep looking forward, focussing on next steps and how you may support at home, if relevant. Any major worries, be it friendships or learning, need to be raised in a 1-1 with the teacher on a separate occasion, please.

What a term. What energy. What focus. What next?!

Have a fantastic holiday break, enjoy some indulgence.

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Family Fun Sports Evening** - Tuesday 30 March, 5 - 7 pm - details page 4.
- **Island Bay Marine Education Centre Trip** - Please return permission slip and \$8 by Friday 23 April.
- **SLC Bookings open until Wednesday 31 March** - for SLCs First Two Weeks of Term 2.
- **Voluntary Donation** - Please pay as soon as possible. \$50 discount if paid by the end of Term One (1 April).
- **Reminder - We still have ukuleles & tuners for sale!** See Carolyn A in the office.

WORD FROM THE BOARD

One of the particularly wonderful things about our school is its location, high on the ridge, next to the sea, inside a busy city, with mountains just over there. Our teachers incorporate this vibrant environment into the learning programme in many ways, including the over-arching themes (e.g. Rocky Shore), and activities (camp, tennis, and the many education outside the classroom - EOTC - activities). An important goal for the school is to provide a broad education through a balanced curriculum covering essential learning areas.

Priority is given to the development of high levels of competence in literacy and numeracy, science and technology and physical activity. Our school makes use of our unique environment to support all of these.

The Family Fun Sports evening, organised by both the teachers and Home and School, will be a great opportunity to share in some of the physical activities the children have been learning. Come on down, try something new and share a laugh. We hear there will be some delicious sausages too.

See you there.

The Board of Trustees

Archery at camp.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:
Looking after our environment inside and outside the classroom, and managing self - making a plan, setting the goal, rising to the challenge.

Tautoru

Chanel: Looking after the environment, especially our cloakroom area.

James: Rising to the challenge.

Louie: Working towards his goals in writing.

Autahi

Helen: Looking after our environment inside and outside the classroom.

Ruby: Managing self - making a plan, setting the goal, rising to the challenge.

Māhutonga

Caitlyn: Meeting her goals and achieving them in Maths.

Daniel: Achievement of Goals in Music and Writing.

Paris, Kirstie and Oliver: Taking care of our environment inside and out.

Next week's foci will be: Dealing with competition in a positive way and being positive and having fun at school.

Ukenewz - I'd like to thank all those who have been turning out on Tuesday nights for our ukulele jam sessions. From absolute beginners to those who show the teacher a thing or two, it makes for a great social evening.

I'd also like to apologise to those who did show last Tuesday and found the school locked. I'd gone to a work function and completely forgot it was Tuesday. What a "senior moment"! Anyway - I will organise for one other member of the group to have access to get around this happening in future.

The Ukulele Fiesta last Saturday at the Botanic Gardens Sound Shell was a success and great to see members of the "Worserbabes" in the crowd. Perhaps by next year they will have the confidence to take the stage!

Lastly, a reminder that the school has ukes for sale. Please see the office for details.

Worserbabes Ukestars - every Tuesday Night from 7.30pm. Ukes available for beginners.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL**Tuesday's Family Fun Sports Evening**

Tuesday 30th March, 5pm to 7pm

Miramar Tennis Club and Miramar Park

Come along and join us! Dust off your sports shoes and challenge the children to find a game that they can beat you at from the Push Play Trailer, or see who has the fastest serve on the tennis court.

We will have a sausage sizzle (yummy Bratwurst and Venison) and soft drinks available from 6pm.

(Please make sure that your sports shoes are the non-marking type if you are planning to play on the tennis courts.)

Yellow Volunteer Forms – It's never too late!**We have had about a 30% Return...**

Thank you to those families (25 from a possible 80) who have already managed to return the yellow "Volunteer Diary 2010" sheet to the school office. It's never too late, so please return your form!

These are an efficient way for event co-ordinators to contact people who **may** be available to help, so even if you are in doubt whether you may be available you can still fill it out and we will contact you nearer the time. We really want to raise funds for our fantastic school but we can only do this with our families support... so, go on, return that form!

We still require general committee members to come along, so please mark your diaries for the next meeting Tuesday 27th April.

Have a Happy and Safe Easter Break.

Chair of the Home and School

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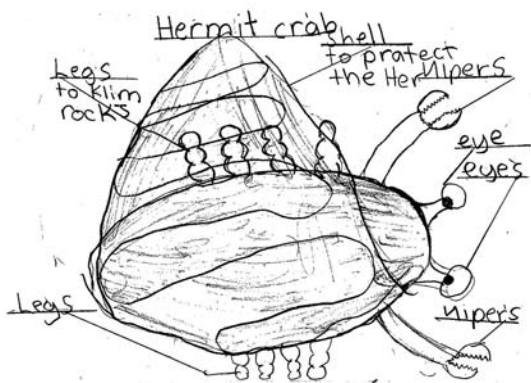
News from TAUTORU

We would like to welcome Victoria Jarratt from Victoria University. She will be with us for the next seven weeks. We look forward to working with her.

We have seen some key competencies come to life this week with Kerry coming to share his guitar expertise. It gave the guitarists something to aspire to. It was also great to see the school join us to celebrate our Lion Dance last Friday.

This week we have been focussing on respecting and taking pride in our environment in and out of the classroom. We have been talking about shared ownership of our environment throughout the day. In Tautoru over the next fortnight, we will be learning about ways to be self managing. We will be encouraging your child to get ready for the day's learning. This could look like:

- Putting down your chair.
- Returning your readers to the basket.
- Sharpening your pencil.
- Keeping things in your bag.
- Putting your book bag in your tote tray.
- Bringing your lunch box in from outside.



from AUTAHI

In Autahi, we have been creating our own scientific drawings of living creatures that we would find on the 'Rocky Shore'. We drew and labelled our drawings. I wonder what detail we will add at the end of our inquiry. It will be interesting to compare. In the holidays take a look at local rock pools wherever you may be and look closely at how the creatures interact with one another and their ever-changing environment.

"We had to concentrate and try our best to make it look real." *Ben*

"First I did the circle then I did the claws at the top and the legs down the bottom. I did the labelling after so that we could know what the bits were." *Kate R.*

"We think before we draw. It had a title and a name. I tried to make it look 3-d." *Nero*

"I drew a clingfish. I drew the head first then the tail. You got your ruler and ruled a line and then on the line you wrote what that part of the body was." *Anneke*

"We had to make sure it was the right shape and looked like it was real." *Billy*

A note from MĀHUTONGA

We had a wonderful time at camp this week as you can see by this week's photographs! Lots of smiling faces!



Up and Coming Trip to Island Bay Marine Education Centre

To complement our learning over the last term and to gear up for Term 2, we are planning to visit the Island Bay Marine Education Centre. We are going to experience their hands on approach to learning about the Rocky Shore.

The cost of this trip per child is : **\$8.00**

We will be going on **Friday 30 April**.

Years 1-3 will be leaving school at 9.30 am and returning at approx. 12.10pm

Years 4-6 will be leaving school at - 12.00 noon and returning at approx. 2.40 pm.

Your child will have the chance to explore the rock pools and the education centre. This is fantastic as we are hoping to make some comparisons between the biodiversity at Worser Bay and the differences and similarities at Island Bay.

We need an adult ratio of: 1 to 6 students.

If you are able to assist us on this trip, please indicate this on your return permission slip. We will be in contact with you before 26 April. All of our helpers will be responsible for a group of students. This means that we can not have helpers who need to bring young siblings/strollers. We would like helpers to join us on the bus, if possible. All children will be travelling to and from the trip together on the bus.

Thanks for your continuing support.

Reply Slip for Island Bay Trip - Friday 30th April

Child's Name:

Room:

has permission to go on the above trip.

I enclose \$8.00.

I am able/unable to assist. (Please circle.)

Parent's Signature:

Please return signed permission slip with \$8.00 per child by **Friday 23rd April**.

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Hi all - I hope that you are ready for our big sports evening on Tuesday night. The evening looks like it will be great fun and we look forward to seeing you all there. Just a little follow-on from last week's message - the tennis supplier and their merchandise can be viewed at www.thumpsports.co.nz if anyone would like to have a look.

Remember, the evening will run from **5-7pm on Tuesday 30th March**.

The programme roughly being:

5pm-6pm:

Free choice of three family games and tennis.

6pm-6.30pm:

Friendly competitive games between parents. The WBS enrolment zone area has been split into North and South to make up teams.

Click on the [website map](#) so that you can get organised and start some friendly sledging.

6.30-7pm:

Sausage sizzle and soft drinks.

We'll see you there!!!

SPORT

Flippaball:

If anyone would like to play Flippaball in Term 2, please contact the school office by **Wednesday 31st March**.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

If you are interested in things to do in the school holidays, there is some information in the green folder by the laminator in the office, in the pamphlets in the stand and on our noticeboard. Click on our webpage link for other [Community Notices](#).

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