

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



**Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)**

**Term 2, Week 4, Friday 27 May 2011**

*Autahi, Tautoru and Tautoru-iti's Walk on Monday*



*We walked along the beach and looked for treasures.  
We saw lots of crabs and glass.*



*Don't forget cross-country next week.  
We have been training hard!*

## **Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi**

Kia ora koutou

Phew - a big week of SLCs is over and what a delight it has been to see the interactions between the children, teachers and yourselves - the 'triangle' in operation! On Monday at Karakia we asked the children to remind us all what the focus was for the week ..... "Having lots of ideas at your Student Led Confidence" was the brilliant response from Felix - and really couldn't be more correct. SLCs are about providing an opportunity for children to share their learning, their next steps and share what they are proud of.....and along the way confidence will grow. It's about taking some ownership and responsibility for learning too and not being that empty vessel, sitting passively waiting to be filled with knowledge that some of us may have memories of!

In the Dom Post on Saturday there was an interesting article "Why Parents should just learn to relax". Some of you may have seen it? I'm going to seek out the latest book by Bryan Caplan as I've always found the nature/nurture debate fascinating. In his research, much of it studying twins, some of whom were separated at birth, he has learnt the futility of forcing. He says that if there is anything you can instil in your child, it's fond memories of childhood. I enjoyed the line: "The most effective way to get the kids you want is to pick a spouse who has the traits you want your kids to have." He believes it's all in the genes. Interesting stuff. I guess if it's already a done deal us teachers may be out of a job anytime soon!

Teachers will be busy drafting the first of two written reports you will receive this year, post SLCs. Whilst we know that overall our achievement across the school is very high and we target support for students who require a little extra..... we also know that children are individuals, they progress at different rates over different timeframes.

The quote of the recent New Zealand Principals' Conference has to be "Children are just like popcorn..... they pop at different times!" I love it!

*Jude*

## **ACTION AT A GLANCE**

- **Patrollers** - please return Orange Day reply slip by Thursday 2nd June (see page 3)
- **Cross-Country** - Thursday 2nd June (see page 4)
- **School will be closed** on Friday 3rd and Tuesday 7th June for an extended Queen's Birthday holiday.
- Next **Newsletter** will be out on 10th June because of two short weeks. Please keep an eye on the Daily Notices on the website.
- Next **Assembly** will be Friday 24th June because of two short weeks.
- **Twitter** - now part of Worser Bay School's emergency plan (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".***

## TAUTORU-ITI, TAUTORU & AUTAHI News

*Toitu he whenua, whatungarongaro he tangata?*

Land is permanent, man disappears.

Through the stories we heard, and our observational drawings, our walk on Monday was a great way to hook into our Inquiry about how Worser Bay has changed over the last few hundred years. We were grateful for our coats as we headed along Marine Parade and into the wind, stopping to put into practice our observational skills and draw the bay from a different viewpoint. As we sat and drew, John told us stories about Kupe and how he came to Aotearoa and fought a giant wheke (octopus).

We also looked at Steeple Rock and heard the story about the Wahine Disaster; how the ship crashed coming into the Wellington Harbour, capsizing beside Steeple Rock with survivors coming to shore at Seatoun.

A sneak peek at the old Pilot's Cottage, where the first ships' pilots lived, in the late 1800s, was interesting and made us think about how people lived so long ago.

Throughout the rest of the term we will be exploring our area, what it used to be like in the past, compared to how it is today. We are going to be using the stories we heard and our drawings to create artworks and stories of our own.

### Volunteers

There is now a Parent Volunteer Calendar up outside Tauturu. Please put your name down if you would like to come in and help out with any of the following: reading, writing, spelling rocket testing, resource making or putting resources away, visual art or music. You may put your name down for something specific, a regular time each week, or simply just a one off time you'd like to help. We are enjoying building up the connection with you - our parent community. Thank you to all those who are helping out already, we are enjoying your energy and are grateful for your time.

### Passion gets into Fashion

Thank you, Diane, for your fabulous fascinator idea for our Passion Friday Afternoons. And thanks to those who came in to get them ready for the School Disco on Friday night. Watch out for them there! If you have a Passion Friday Afternoon idea or if you would like to help out with one of our current passions (knitting, badge making, skateboarding and drawing), please have a chat to a teacher.

### Rocketing to Success

We have had a few questions about the Spelling and Reading Rockets. So here is a quick answer to some of the FAQ:

- All children receive a list of 10 words to either learn to read or spell at home.
- They will have opportunities at school to practise their words, but work at home can be a real help.
- On Friday mornings they have a test to check if they know their words.
- If they get 10 out of 10 they get a star for that list.
- Words they get correct are highlighted in green.
- All children get a new list to take home on Friday after their test (regardless of how many words were correct).

Next week we will collect all rockets up, check them, and students who need to, will have a catch-up week, to look at the words from the last few words they got incorrect. New rockets will be handed out on Friday of Week 6 (after the long weekend).



*John told us lots of stories about Kupe and what Worser Bay used to be like.*



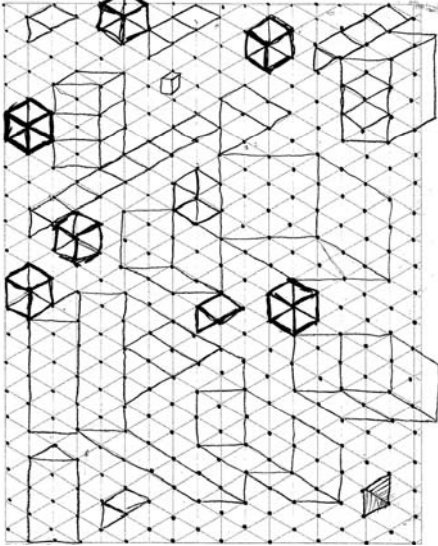
*We were drawing what we could see. I could see the mountains and the sea.*



*We thought the big anchor of the wahine at the playground looked like an elephant.*

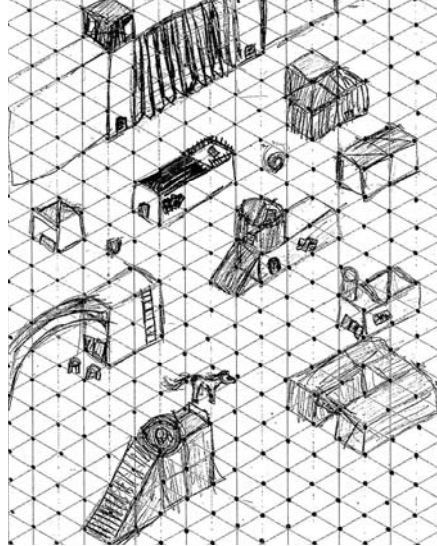


## A note from MĀHUTONGA and MATARIKI

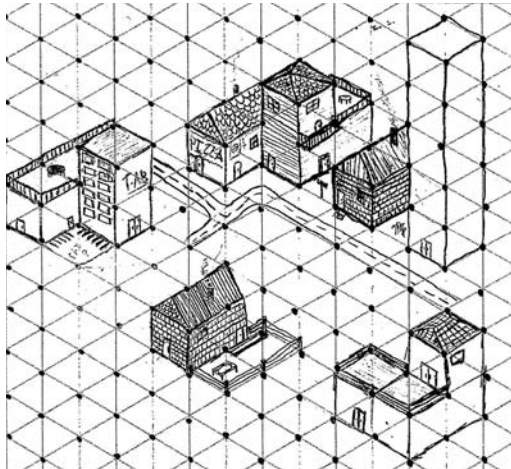


*This is how we began. Thomas D*

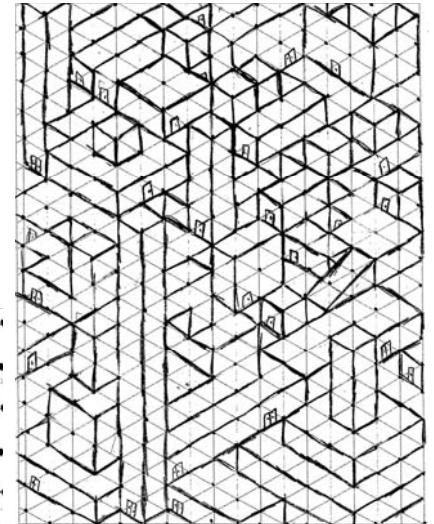
As part of Inquiry some students have been working at geometry and investigating 3-dimensional shapes in architecture. This has been a progression from looking at pa sites and pa floor plans in our Inquiry. The students drew 3D shapes on isometric paper with some going further and creating their own imagined cityscapes. Have a look at some of their work.



*This is a deserted Roman city. Taine*



*It was fun, creating a city in 3D. Oliver*



*When I drew this, I was imagining an Egyptian city in a desert landscape. Matt*

It has been great seeing you all and hearing the children so confidently sharing their learning samples with you. We have been receiving excellent feedback regarding how focused the children have been regarding their learning. We have been recognising those students who shared lots of ideas during their Student Led Conference with Principal Awards. Thank you for taking the time to attend these and for helping ensure they ran smoothly.

We are building on from our Te Papa trip with individual research projects. A high level of independence and self management is being expected of students during this task. They are learning to overcome the hurdles as work presents and will need further support at home. Students are able to email their research (information they have found) to the teachers so that they are able to continue working on it at school. Because we are asking students to gather information from various sources, the task involves weaving their findings together. They are making something new out of it. To help the students put the information into their own words they are assuming the role of a newspaper reporter – assuming that their audience knows nothing.

Our school cross-country is happening next week, so we have been preparing by running 4 laps around the school each day, when the rain stops, that is! It would be great to have supporters cheering us on next Thursday if you are able to make it.

Hope to see you at the Disco tonight for a right royal time!

### Orange Day Parade

It is time to celebrate our School Patrols and march for Road Safety on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Our Year 5 and 6 Patrolers will march from Parliament to the Old Town Hall.

We need some extra helpers just to keep us all together.

Please fill out the slip below to indicate if your child is attending and if you are able to help. They need to be returned to the office by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Thanks, Fleur.

### Reply Slip:

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Orange Day and March for Road Safety on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

I am able to help supervise at Orange Day: YES / NO

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Lots of ideas when they are sharing their learning at their SLCs.

**Tautoru** - Emma, Blake and Charlie T

**Autahi** - Maya, Tasia and Jack CC

**Māhutonga** - Ellie, Eve, Faith, Helen, Matahi, Harley, Jack S, Oliver and Sebastien

Next week's focus is:

\* Showing determination and perseverance.

## SPORT

### Cross Country

Worser Bay School Cross Country will be held on Thursday 2nd June at 9.30 am at Worser Bay Beach. Please assemble on the grass adjacent to the Surf Club. The younger children will run first.

### Eastern Zones Netball Tournament

Last Wednesday our two netball teams, a Year 4/5 and a Year 5/6, competed in the Eastern Zones Netball Tournament. Both teams played 4 games and won 1, drew 1, and lost 2! It was a fantastic day with lots of supporters coming along. The girls were great and it was exciting to see the improvements made from the first game to the last. Thank you so much to those parents and family members who were able to come along, it was great to have your help and encouragement.



*"Eastern Zones Netball was a thrilling experience. We lost against Seatoun 12-0, but I think that we played really well." Eve*

*"EZ Netball was fun! The Year 5/6 team won a game 3-0, the Year 4/5 team lost a game 5-2 to Lyall Bay. It was a great experience and lots of fun." Tiana*

### Netball Results

Last Saturday the year 5/6 girls played their first netball game of the season. They lost 9-4 to the Lyall Bay Twilights, but it was a great contest and despite the final score, we were very competitive. We awarded Samantha 'Player of the Day' for her fantastic intercepts.

### Miniball Results

Wasps 24-10 against Kilbirnie. Harriet was 'Player of the Day'. Wizards 36-20 against Seatoun. James was 'Player of the Day'.

## Using Twitter to get Emergency Information from Worser Bay School

We have now set up Twitter as a tool to enable parents to access information if there is ever a **dire** emergency at Worser Bay School. Follow this link to tell you all about it and how to sign up:

<http://goo.gl/QYJ1L>

## Reminders:

Please check when you take books back to the public library that they are **not** Worser Bay School books.

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## From the HOME AND SCHOOL

It was great to hear the school spirit in full swing on Wednesday at the miniball. As one of our WBS teams was playing on court, they had the other team members and siblings cheering them on from the bleachers with chanting that could be heard clearly across court. "Here we go Worser Bay....here we go!"

Thank you to the parents who attended the Home and School Meeting last Friday and for all the great ideas. Also the lovely baking!

A little personal request. Does anyone have any recipes for Granny Smith apples? We went apple picking and still have a bag to get through! Send it through to [moore@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:moore@vodafone.net.nz)

See you all at the Disco!

Eleni Moore

Chair of the Home and School

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**Lost** - A purple Jacques Farel watch with ballerina dancers on the band. Please let the office know if you find it.

**Found** - Wednesday afternoon/evening - Toyota car key and remote locking device. Please contact the office.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### CELEBRATE MATARIKI MĀORI NEW YEAR

#### BE A STARGAZER 4 JUNE - 4 JULY 2011

#### Capital E at Carter - family day

10am - 5.30pm, Sunday 5 June, Carter Observatory  
Capital E and Carter Observatory will be hosting a Matariki-themed family fun day of story telling, crafts and star prizes! Children free, normal admission price for adults (\$18).

For the full list of Matariki events in Wellington, phone 499 4444, or visit [Wellington.govt.nz](http://Wellington.govt.nz)

The **Eastern Bays Scout Hall** is available for regular meetings, e.g. classes, or a one-off occasion e.g. birthday parties. 'Donation' of \$10 per hour. Located next to the Worser Bay Lifesaving Club building.

For more information or to book - contact Morris van Voornveld, telephone 934 9386 or email [morris.vanvoornveld@iss-mckay.co.nz](mailto:morris.vanvoornveld@iss-mckay.co.nz).

Save, Heal, Equip, Deploy

Girls Night Out presents ...

"A Makeover Evening"

Daniela Pike, Make-Up Artist Tutor & Hairdresser

Dany has been running the Certificate in Make-up Artistry since its inception in 2005 and is excited to be able to teach New Zealand up & coming make-up artists. No botox or facelifts will be needed, after an evening spent under Dany's instruction. Come learn about make up and hair, plus so much more....

**Date:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Where:** Main Hall @ The Salvation Army Miramar, 63 Miramar Ave, Miramar (behind The Family Store)  
**Cost:** \$10 - if ticket purchased before 6<sup>th</sup> Jun '11  
\$15 - if ticket purchased between 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Jun '11  
**Contact:** Tish (in the office), The Salvation Army Miramar, Ph: 388 8284