

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 6/11 - Friday 28 May 2010



Working on a mosaic



Mono printing

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

It's so wonderful having a special library space. The librarians have been trained, recently receiving their Bronze Award in last week's assembly. They are doing a great job - providing book recommendations, stacking shelves, helping students select books and keeping an eye on the lunchtime chess players! What a great opportunity to develop those key competencies around participating and contributing and relating to others. Please remember, you can order library books through the library page on the school website and this is kept regularly updated.

Soon we will have a sign down the driveway so that you can easily see at a glance, when the library is open after school... in this weather you may not want to rush home - it's warm in the library! We have already purchased two of the winners of the NZ Post Children's Book Awards - Old Huhu and Wonky Donkey. <http://www.booksellers.co.nz/awards/new-zealand-post-childrens-book-awards/winners-2010>. Reserve them now!

Please come and check out our library - there is plenty to choose from! Did you know younger pre-school siblings can become a member of our school library too? Find Marylyn or Christine and they can sign you up. Or email lib@worserbay.school.nz.

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Te Papa Trip** - Please return your Matariki trip permission slip and money, if you have not yet done so, by **Monday 31st May**. Please see Suzanne or Kath if you can help with any of our Matariki activities.
- **Assembly** - 9.15am Friday 11th June.
- **Matariki Open Afternoon** - 3.00 - 6.00 pm Thursday 24th June.
- **Sushi Lunch Orders** - Remember your Sushi Lunch Order needs to be in by 9.00 am Thursday for Friday. Please put your **child's name, teacher's name and correct money** in a sealed envelope and drop in the box in the school office.

**IMPORTANT! SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY 4th JUNE (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)**

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Matariki Soup Lunch Monday 18th June

To coincide with the children's Matariki celebrations, we will be organising a nice warm cup of soup and some yummy fresh bread. So mark your calendars and watch this space for ordering information in future newsletters.

Also coming up... The School Disco!

This not to be missed event is now scheduled for next term - Friday 30th July. Mark your calendars and dust off those moves!

Worser Bay School Fair

Our 'World Famous' fair is pencilled in for Sunday

7th November and we are keen to get the ball rolling. If you are interested in helping put together this amazing day, have some great ideas, skills to offer, or business contacts, please let me know! You can contact me by email (below) or give me a call on 04 380 9339.

Coffee at Polo

on Wednesday Mornings, just after school drop off. This is a casual get together of parents catching up, so, if you're free, come on in and join us!

Chair of the Home and School
Nicola Lancaster
nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz

A warm welcome to: Liam and Felix, whose families are already here at Worser Bay school, and Hanne and Eleanor and their families who have recently joined Worser Bay School. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming Harley and Francesca to Years 1 and 3, and their family who have just moved into the area, and Taylor to New Entrants.

A note from the Office: There are two bank accounts that payments for school activities are paid into - one is the Worser Bay School Account and the other the Home and School.

- The school account is for Voluntary Donations and all activities run by the school.
- The Home and School Account is for activities they organise, eg. special lunches (Noodles, Soup, Sausage Sizzles, etc), T-shirt sales and Entertainment Books. *Please check carefully.*
- Please, please, **do not** combine payments to Worser Bay School with payments for Home and School activities. If in doubt, check with the two 'Carolyns'.
- Please, please, **do not** include sushi money with payments to the school or Home and School - the sushi provider is an outside company!

A note from the Tautoru Teachers...

We are beginning to put our Artsplash visual art piece together. In Tautoru we are hoping to create an 'interactive' mural of the rocky shore. We really want every child to create a creature that we can sew together and embellish. These will 'stick' to the mural with velcro so that they can be moved around.

If you have any craft items lying around the house that you don't need and would like to donate, please send them to school.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

- * Helping each other
- * Being forgiving

Tautoru

Helping each other: Hanne, Gretel and Hunter
Being forgiving: Leila

Autahi

Helping each other: Evie
Being forgiving: Lauren

Māhutonga

Helping each other: Yulia
Being forgiving: Oliver and Greta

Next week's foci will be:

- * Being a role model in and out of school.
- * Managing our resources.

Matariki online resource

This interactive website looks at where the constellation of Matariki is positioned in the sky and shows children what jobs were completed during the Matariki season, eg. hunting, fishing, digging.

Check out it out at:

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/wick_ed/matariki/index.php

Technology is a marvellous thing but sometimes it fails us!
Written summaries of the SLCs will now come home
Wednesday 2nd June.

Please note:

Jude will be away from 8th June. For the last 4 weeks of term, she will be in the Northern Hemisphere (as long as this ash cloud is kind to her!).

So from:

8 - 13 June - please see Maria

14 - 20 June - please see Kath

21 - 27 June - please see Hamish

28 June - 2 July - please see Suzanne

if you need to, but always go to the classroom teacher/s in the first instance.



Being helpful!

We are looking for such things as :

buttons, ribbons, material, bubble wrap, felt, pipe cleaners, sequins, coloured stockings, stretchy coloured lycra.

We are not limited to these items, so if you have any other 'bright' things that you think we could use, bring them in too.

Thanks, Suzanne, Scott and Maria

News from TAUTORU

We really value the times you spend with us. Not only do we like the help in class but it also lets the children share their learning with those to whom it matters most... it all helps to strengthen the connections between home and school.

The New Entrants enjoyed a speech and drama session with one of the children's grandmother the other day. We learned how to mime feelings and actions without using words and we can recite two more new poems. Look out for us at the next assembly!

Tautoru are avid readers and users of the library. They can find their way around the various collections especially the Picture Books and Easy Reads. They are beginning to use their alphabet knowledge which links with their class learning.

The students have been thinking of 'subjects' they are interested in. It seems dinosaurs and jokes are the leading contenders! This has been a good introduction to the Dewey System.

We have been finding facts in non fiction titles to support our writing. You will be seeing some of these facts in our information reports.

We have developed story maps of picture books and written one book review so far. Book reviews can be written for the library program and made available for everyone in the school to read.

We are learning about probability. We are learning to use words such as will, want and might. See what the children say about the story, Peter Pan:



Helping in the classroom.



"There might be a pond."
"There will be a little girl."
"There won't be a motorbike."



"There won't be a snake."
"There might be a policeman."
"There will be a pirate ship."

A note from MĀHUTONGA



We have been strengthening our mathematical thinking and problem solving through Algebra. We have been testing the theorem that in order to make a coloured map you need 4 or less colours. The only rule we've had to follow is that the same colour is not allowed to touch each other. Children have been practising with the map of South America and other layouts, ending up creating a map for their own world that uses 4 or less colours. If 5 colours are used the children are encouraged to rethink their map as to how they could reduce it to 4 or less.

Can you spot the maps that have used 4, 3 and 5 colours?
How could you change the 5 colour map to only use 4?



from AUTAHI

In Autahi we have been looking at the Key Competency of Managing Self. The first thing we did was to brainstorm what Managing Self might look like, sound like and feel like. After that we drew two pictures with a caption underneath each. The first picture is of us not managing ourselves properly and then the next one shows what we need to do to manage ourselves. You can help us at home by asking us what we have been doing to manage ourselves.

Here we are, showing some examples of our work. →

Sports, Sports, Sports

Flippaball:

The Flippaball team won last week against QMC (2nd team): 13 - 2.

Please note: Flippaball will be on as usual on Friday 4th June even though school is closed (provided there are enough players). If you are UNABLE to play, please email Carolyn B.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

TENNIS CENTRAL

Two Grasshopper Mini Tournaments coming up:

Tournament 1

Date: Sunday 13th June

Time: 9am – 11.30am

Venue: Thorndon Tennis Club, Katherine Ave, Thorndon

GHT Coach: Andy Wheeler, 027 4599321 or email

andywheels@hotmail.com

Tournament 2

Date: Sunday 20th June

Time: 1pm – 4pm

Venue: Churton Park Tennis Club

GHT Coach: Francis Glover, 027 428 9759 or email

francis@tennisinc.co.nz

Grasshopper Mini Tournaments are ideal for beginners aged 5-10 who would like to gain experience in participating in competitions. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with Andy, Francis or Katie, Regional Development Manager (385 9709/021 375496), www.wellingtontennis.org.nz

Nanny Needed!

Two days a week 2.30 - 7.00 pm. Has been Monday and Tuesday, but could change to any two days to fit around nanny. (Three out of every four weeks.) Boys aged 4 and 7 years. Must have own car. Start July. Lives near Worser Bay School. Please contact Lorraine on 938 8038 or 021 0273 7224.

Alliance Francaise

Saturday 19th June from 3.00 pm till late

Fete de la Musique

Free Admission

Southern Cross, 19 Abel Smith Street, Wellington.

ZEALANDIA's Winter Warmers

Until 31 August 2010, you can visit **ZEALANDIA: The Exhibition** for just \$20 adults, \$10 children aged 5-14 years and \$50 for 2 adults and up to 3 kids. And if you come Monday to Friday, we'll shout each adult a free tea or coffee at Rata, our cosy cafe!

Please note: Winter Warmer discounts are not valid with any other offer. Discount applies to ZEALANDIA: The Exhibition only. Visit www.visitzealandia.com for full ZEALANDIA admission charges. If you sign up as a member on the day your admission will be refunded. [Membership of Karori Sanctuary Trust](http://www.visitzealandia.com) costs as little as \$53 a year (or \$99 for a family). 10am-5pm daily, last entry at 4pm.

Understanding Your Anger - A workshop for Parents

7pm-10pm, Tuesday 22nd June

Do you ever feel like your anger is in control of you?

This workshop will help you to understand your anger and develop strategies so that you are in control of your anger more of the time.

To register: e-mail helen@breathingspacenz.com or visit the following website for further information: www.breathingspacenz.com.

Learn how to cook or ski these holidays, or just come along and have some fun! YMCA Camp Kaitoke has ski camp from July 4-9, and Kaitoke's Next Top Chef and our regular Y-camp from July 11-16. Camps are a great place to make new friends, try new activities, and learn great life skills. Onsite camps are OSCAR approved, so Working for Families subsidies may be available. For more information, contact Emily or Aidan on 04 526 7338 or campkaitoke@ymca.org.nz.

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