

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



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 8 Term 4 - Friday 3 December 2010



This week we were so lucky to have a visit from Kilbirnie Fire Station - Brown Watch Team. They came to tell us about the different roles they play in a fire. They also gave us some important fire safety messages - we practiced 'Get down, get low, get out'!



TERM DATES for 2011

Please note these dates will differ from the usual, owing to the World Cup being held in New Zealand next year:

Term 1 - Tuesday 1 Feb to Friday 15 April

Term 2 - Monday 2 May to Friday 15 July

Term 3 - Monday 1 Aug to Friday 7 Oct

Term 4 - Tuesday 25 Oct to Friday 16 Dec

Friday 3 June and Tuesday 7 June (Queen's Birthday weekend) will be additional holidays.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

Rust never sleeps!

We are in the throes of sorting groupings for literacy and numeracy, planning 2011's topic and basically building the calendar. Much of which also involves you, our parent community!

Change being the new black, we are going to kick off the school year with the Family Sports Evening at Miramar Park, the first Thursday back in 2011. That's Thursday 3rd February - 5.00 - 7.00 pm. It's BYO picnic and a bit of cash for a raffle or two. Diary it now and build up the fitness post-Christmas!

Of course, there is plenty to keep us all occupied at the moment and we will see you all at the Christmas Wrap, Wednesday 15th December from 5.00 pm for a 5.45 pm start. We are anticipating wrapping up by 6.45 pm. To get the Christmas spirit really revving up, the children are bringing the song sheets home this Friday. This should give plenty of opportunity for compulsory family sing-alongs to get in practice!

Enjoy the lovely weather with plenty of slip, slop, slap

No ora mai ra!

Jude

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Help with our Beach Days, please!**
Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th:
Please let us know if you are able to help. Come and enjoy the lovely weather at the beach with the children.
- **Last Day of Banking:** Tuesday 7th December 2010
- **Thank You for Your Support Morning Tea:**
Thursday 9th December 11.00 am - see page 2.
RSVP by Monday 6th to the school office - sitemail@worserbay.school.nz
- **Xmas Wrap, Wednesday 15th December**
5.00 pm, for a 5.45 pm start
- **Year 6 BBQ, Thursday 16th December, 5.30 - 7.00 pm:**
Year 6 parents are welcome to stay and have refreshments in the staffroom. (If you don't want to go home and come back again!)
- **Assistance with Sport 2011 form** (asap please)
- **School Closes 1.00 pm, Friday 17th December.**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

* Working well with others to make jobs easier.

Tautoru - Molly and Tom

Autahi - Thanh, Louise and Henry

Māhutonga - Madi and Holly

The focus for next week will be:

* Keep going when things get tough. Show determination.

A Warm Welcome to Danielle, Megan and Olivia, who started with us this week, and whose families are here already. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning!

A note from John McDougall who is joining us next year...

Kia Ora.

He mihi mahana ki a koutou.

Warm greetings to you all.

I am really looking forward to being part of the Worsers Bay team next year.

I have visited your lovely school already a couple of times and I really like what I have seen. It is clearly a place where people are happy and good learning is taking place. I am really excited about it and feel inspired. It's funny but I know quite a lot of you already. It sometimes seems that Wellington is a small place even though it is a capital city, many of us are connected to each other in all sorts of different ways.

I am hoping to come and meet everybody properly before the end of the year but am still trying to arrange this; there is still so much to do at the school I am at now but I will do my best. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

John

The support from our School Community in our classroom programmes has been overwhelming - we would love to see you at our morning tea next week...

INVITATION

The Worsers Bay School Staff have much pleasure in inviting you to a 'Thank You for your fabulous support' morning tea on Thursday 9th December 2010 at 11.00 am- noon

We look forward to seeing you there!!

RSVP by Monday 6th December 2010

LIBRARY BOOKS

We have selected a really wonderful box of books from The Children's Book Shop that we would like in our library. If you are thinking of donating a book to the library this year, the books will be out on display, so you can choose a title, in the mornings of the last week of term and during the Christmas Wrap in or near Tautoru Iti, or see Marylyn. Student librarians will be manning the tables at the time of the Christmas Wrap.

REMINDERS!**Community Directory 2011**

If you do **NOT** want your name and telephone number in the 2011 Community Directory, please let us know by Friday 10 December. Thank you!

Lost Property Reminder

As per usual, any lost property not retrieved by the last Wednesday of the term, will be given to a local charity.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL**A Parents' Night Out**

Come along and join a relaxed evening of food and wine and the great company of other parents:

Wednesday 8th December 7.30pm at the Thai Canium in Miramar.

RSVP to Nicola 380 9339 / nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz by Monday 6th December 2010.

WBS Wrap 2010

The wrap will be on Wednesday 15th December at 5.45 pm with food available from 5 to 5.30pm. We will be offering a sausage sizzle and pizza both at \$2 each / slice.

We will aim to finish selling the food by 5.30pm so everyone can sit with their families and enjoy the carols. Don't forget to bring a bottle of your favourite tippie to enjoy, along with the picnic blanket.

WBS Silent Auction

Congratulations to those people who have successfully bid for the last few auction items, thank you for your support!

Summerfest 2011!!

Be the first to know about what's in store for Summerfest 2011 - follow us on Facebook! Click on the link from www.worsersbay.school.nz/summerfest2011.

There will be tickets available to purchase at the Wrap - \$5. Why not buy your friends and family a ticket for Christmas?

How Could You Help in 2011?

We have had a great year for community events and fundraising again this year. As always it takes a dedicated team to get stuck in and organise these events. We will really need some new enthusiastic and energetic members to join the Home and School next year.

Both Julia Rowling, as Treasurer, and myself, as Chair, will be stepping down from our positions this year to give more time to other commitments which will leave the Association in need of some new leadership!

If you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch:

Nicola 380 9339 / Julia 934 8202

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

A note from TAUTORU . . .



Tautoru students were showing remarkable skills in co-operation and leadership as they encouraged their groups to invent games. Later in the week they used these skills all over again when they searched the school grounds during a scavenger hunt.

Singing with Nicole everyday straight after lunch has been a bit of a highlight this term. We know lots of new songs, even some in other languages. You will be able to hear some of these at the Christmas Wrap.

We farewelled Lillian and Robbie before they head back to Hong Kong for a promising teaching career. We wish them every success and thank them for their contribution to our learning.

The library is closing for the annual stock take with the last books going out this week. If the stock take can be finished early books will be available again before the end of term and can be borrowed over the holidays.



Today is National Jandal Day and we had a visit from a Surf Life Saver before school this morning selling Jandal Key Rings. The children also paraded in their decorated jandals for the occasion.

Here is some writing from our children:
We have to get real small and crawl under the smoke - Get Down, Get Low, Get Out! Sophina

If you get low under the smoke you won't breathe it. Firepeople help cats get out of trees too! Eloise

They turned on the hose so we could see what it was like, and to see them working together. Isabelle

I learnt that you have to stay under the smoke, otherwise you can't breathe and you might die! Declan

News from MĀHUTONGA

In Māhutonga we have been learning a new language from our student teacher Robbie. He has been teaching us Chinese and it is really fun!

First he taught us how to say hello and introduce ourselves. Then we learnt how to ask "How are you?" and "I am fine, thank you." He also told us our names in Chinese. My name is Kè Kè.

Some of us are making a video of how to learn these phrases, which we can use to teach other classes around the school.

Nì hǎo
Hello

Wó de míng zì jiào Kè Kè.
My name is Coco

Nì hǎo ma?
How are you?

Wǒ hěn hǎo xiè xie, ní ne?
Fine, thank you. And you?

Wó yě hěn hǎo xiè xie.
I'm fine, too. Thank you.

Coco

Here are some more of our specially decorated jandals.



from AUTAHI

In Autahi some of us have been working on making comic strips for our newspapers. Here are some of our comments.

I am trying to make it have a joke all through the comic. I'm also trying not to make any spelling mistakes and to get it in the right order. Galactian was my first comic – I got the idea from a Dilbert cartoon with a few modifications. I am using symbols for exclamations. It stands for swear words. Nico

You need to have the skill of staying between the lines of your pictures. I'm doing a comic strip called The Adventures of Super Idiot. Jack S

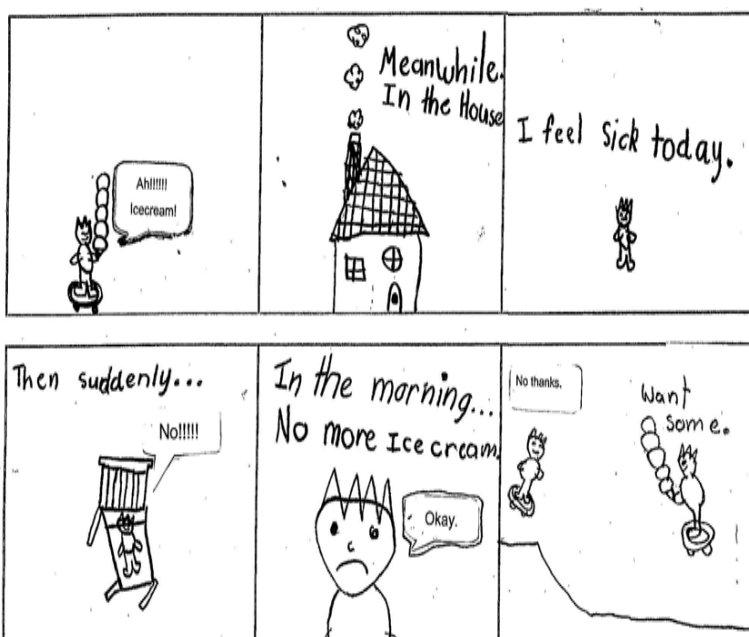
You need a piece of paper with squares. You need lots of funny parts to make people want to read more. You could have a funny ending. You need to be good at drawing. Harley

You need to make it funny and add lots of detail. Brenna
Start with a character that you want to share with others. You need to put that character in most of the scenes. If you are using the same character you have to draw them the same, otherwise the reader won't recognize the character. Anthony

I needed to think about the colours I would use. There is a cat that used to come past my house so I thought about the cat. I saw an owl in a forest at night so I included it as a character too. Danielle

I used a police catching a robber as I thought that would be interesting. Savva

*Devised by
Anthony Cater*



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holy Cross School OSCAR Programme needs an OSCAR Assistant Supervisor.

If you are passionate about working with children! Creative! Sporty! A team player! Hard working, personable and mature! This could be the job for you!

Hours : 2:30pm to 5pm Monday to Friday (excludes public holidays) term time (with the opportunity to work over the school holidays)

Position starts Term 1 2011

Please contact Eve at karl.eve1968@gmail.com or ring either 0276367276 or 462-7844 (work) or 9343094 (home) for more information. Applications close: December 24th 2010 5pm.

Holiday programmes based at Hataitai School - January 2011

For details, please visit the Hataitai School website at www.hataitai.school.nz, go to the Holiday programme page, and download the schedule appropriate for your child - one for years 0-3, one for years 4-8, and see the fun on offer.

Enrolment and booking forms can be emailed to hataitai.hararei.enrol@gmail.com

Enquiries to the Programme Manager (Aya Kövesy) on (021) 174 8067/(04) 934 8067, or email See you in January!

Reminder!

Students will be participating in the Surf Lifesaving Beach education programme next Monday and Tuesday.

Timetable

Years 3-6 Monday 6th **9.30-2.30**

Years 0-2 Tuesday 7th **9.30-2.30**

Students will need

- Togs/wetsuit
- Towel
- Packed lunch
- Drink bottle
- Warm jersey
- Hat and sunblock (applied in the morning)
- Bag to keep everything contained

If you have any queries or concerns about your child participating, please let us know.

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