

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS

Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)



*Co-operative learning
across the whole school.
Weaving and working with flax.*

Read all about it on Page 3!



*Listening to Maori instruments at Te Papa.
"They sounded like a trumpet."*

Week 7/11 - Thursday 3 June 2010

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

You will have all received your child's summary of their progress. Believe me when I say we are trying so hard to cut the jargon and 'fluff' out! Our goal is for you to pick up that summary and be able to interpret it easily - you should know exactly where your child is at in reading, writing and maths, what their next learning steps are and how you can help at home. As we are all so entrenched in 'education lingo', we may still use language which is ambiguous. Please don't get the Thesaurus out - come in and see the teacher. It's vital for your child's learning that the stars are aligned both at home and at school! Our next step with these written summaries is to make progress in our assessment in the learning areas other than English and Maths. Your feedback is important and many of you have already acknowledged the improvements in the student led conference format this year. We are listening, we hear!

Well, I certainly look forward to some warmer weather over the next few weeks.... I'll be keeping an eye on you lot, technology is a marvellous thing! I look forward to seeing you all back smiling and energised in Term 3.

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Assembly** - 9.15am, Friday 11th June.
- **Eastern Zone Cross-Country** (for those children who have taken notices home) - money to be in by Tuesday 8th June. See details page 4.
- **Matariki Soup Lunch** - 1.00pm, Monday 14th June (See order slip on page 2 - orders in by Wednesday 9th June please.)
- **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 AND MONDAY 7th JUNE
(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)**

WORD FROM THE BOARD

We had the first meeting of the new Board on Monday night, and would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are Andrew Wilson, Hamish McRae, Jude Pentecost, Katherine Butterfield, Rachel Healy, Tai Paul, and Vanessa Lee. Our first business was to appoint a chair and deputy chair for 2010, who will be Katherine and Andrew respectively. We are looking forward to doing our job, supporting student achievement in our great little school.

We will be trying out a new format for the Word from the Board. Instead of weekly, it will be in the newsletter in the week after a board meeting, and will include a little more of the board's activities. We hope to be able to give you a better insight into the fascinating world of Board-dom.

The Board of Trustees

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Thanks to our great volunteers, we are providing a Matariki Soup Lunch on Monday 14th June

A nice warm cup of nutritious tomato soup with some fresh crusty bread will be available at 1pm for \$4. Please complete the form below to order your children a nice warm lunch and, if you're in the neighbourhood, why not come and join them?

The tomato soup will be gluten and dairy free, if you would like a gluten and dairy-free alternative to the bread please indicate on your order.

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!

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

Worser Bay School Branded Clothing

A reminder that the Home and School sell Worser Bay School branded clothing – more than just the red and blue t-shirts and sun-hats, we can supply long sleeved T-shirts (\$20.50), polar fleeces (\$41.50), winter beanies (\$15) and even backpacks and swimbags (\$33 and \$15 respectively). We'll be placing an order Wednesday 9th June, and delivery is approximately a fortnight later. So if you are looking for something to add to your children's gear, let us know and leave an order with the office.

Please remember though, if you are paying by internet banking, ensure you make your payment into the Worser Bay Home and School Account 060513 0304691 00.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

As we have two short weeks, our Principal's Awards for this week will carry over to next week. These are:

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

Maria's news ...

Maria is taking a break and saying goodbye to Worser Bay at the end of the term. Over the three years she has been here she has been instrumental in developing the transition space and providing a nurturing introduction to school life. This year, strengthening the links with Early Childhood Education Centres has also been a point of celebration. We wish Maria well and thank her for her contribution to 'our place'.

We are in the process of sorting our staffing for the third term and will give you an update soon.

From the library...

We are very keen to acquire a computer for students to search the catalogue in the library. We realise this is a 'big ask' because we will need at least a Pentium IV with memory of 512 MB of RAM to run the AccessIT library program.

If anyone out there in the school community knows of a computer lying around that will meet these requirements, we would be very pleased to hear about it.

Note: The library email is library@worserbay.school.nz (Sorry about the error in last week's newsletter.)

Please note: WCC are installing a new water supply link main and replacing an aging water main in our area. Work will begin on 8th June and take about 8 weeks. Only short section of the roads or footpaths will be worked on at any one time. You may see or hear excavators and concrete breakers during these hours. It will be necessary for water to be off for short periods but there will be notification at least 24 hours in advance.

Monday 14th June Matariki Soup Lunch

Child's Name _____
Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga

Child's Name _____
Tautoru / Autahi / Māhutonga

would like _____ yummy soup lunches at \$4 each.

I have enclosed \$ _____ Cash / Cheque

Or

I have paid \$ _____ by direct transfer to the Home and School Committee Account
060513 0304691 00

(Please use 'Soup' and Family Name as reference.)

We require a gluten and dairy free alternative to bread (such as corn thins).

News from TAUTORU

We have been learning about Matariki over the last two weeks and will continue on to the end of the term. It has been great working with students from the different areas and sharing our ideas and knowledge with each other. Tautoru went to Te Papa this week and had an informative morning's learning about Matariki and traditional Maori instruments. (See the students listening to the instrument on the front page.)

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out with getting us there and back safely.

Here are some of our thoughts.



First we cut some paper and then weaved paper through.



We made a porotiti. First we got two pieces of paper and stuck them together. Then we threaded string through some holes.



At Te Papa

Busy at work in their Matariki groups



I am weaving different patterns with strips of paper.

A note from AUTAHI & MĀHUTONGA



The Art of Weaving is part of our Matariki Celebration. We have been looking at different patterns and thinking about what reminds us of nature. As a group we are working together to try different types of weaving. It has been a chance for those who master the techniques to share their knowledge and help others.

"It was fun trying to get the younger kids to weave the porotaka – windmill. They kept getting their thumbs all wrapped up."

"The flax weaving was tricky. When you were up to the last bit you get confused and it falls apart. You had to start again! I felt annoyed but it was fun."

"When paper weaving you have to weave it over, under, over, under. It is kind of tricky. You need to use different colours to make a pattern."

"I thought it would be really hard but in fact it was easy because it was paper weaving and I am really familiar with paper weaving. I was helping Eloise and Kate. It was fun."

One student wove a paper guitar:

"I thought it would be cool to try something different."

A note from AUTAHI & MĀHUTONGA



In Māhutonga and the rest of the school we have been exploring Matariki. The Hunting and Gathering topic choice has been based in Māhutonga. Hunting and Gathering is technology based and we are looking at how food was acquired before the ease of popping into the local supermarket for plastic-wrapped, tinned and sugar-coated food was available. We will explore tradition and present day traps and the tools used to gather food. Our hunter and gatherers will then go through the process of designing, building and hopefully testing their own traps.

We discussed what we know about what sort of foods/ animals would have been eaten or gathered for traditional Matariki celebrations. Thomas D thought that freshwater crayfish and crayfish would have been eaten. Albert thought Tuatua and Pipi would be in the feast. Connor liked the idea of Moa but Nico preferred wood pigeon and eels.

We have had a think about what type of traps could catch these animals:

Harley: "They could have weaved a net out of flax to catch eels."

Adam: "Fishing hooks are like weapons for catching fish."

Connor: "Spring snares, made out of a bendy branch with a loop that catches the Kiwi by the feet."

Molly: "A cage would have come down on the birds to catch them."

Sports, Sports, Sports

Eastern Zones Cross-Country (Revisited!)

Primary Sport Wellington has now decided to give the Eastern Zone's Cross Country another go due to the weather this week.

This event will now take place on Wednesday 9th June at Martin Luckie Park from 9.30 - 12.30 pm. (There are two postponement dates - 10th and 11th June.)

All those children participating will be given an information letter to take home. We will not need another permission slip but we will need the \$5 back again by **Tuesday 8th June**. Let's hope the weather is better this time around!

Flippaball:

Worser Bay won 8 - 3 against Scots College last Friday.

Miniball:

Last week we had a great win 18-12, and this week another great game, but Mokotoa were too tall for us and we lost!

If any year 3 or 4's want to play Miniball next term, please let Hamish know!!

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 and T-shirt sales. *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!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Introducing Rongotai College/ Wynrs Football Academy

After 13 successful years in Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Hamilton promoting excellence and serving youth soccer Wynrs NZ will come to Wellington. We have developed more than 12 international players for NZ football teams. This includes Cole Peverley and Chris Wood, current All White squad members, at the Fifa World Cup 2010.

The Wynrs NZ Trust founded by Wynton Rufer and Rongotai College will establish a Football Academy at Rongotai College to run After School and Holiday Programmes. Primary School and Intermediate School students are the target market. The programme also uses football as a medium to teach children values and life skills.

For more details, please contact Tayo Agunlejika on 04 9382225 / 021 0295 5148 or email:

rongotai@wynrs.co.nz

The School Holiday Information folder in the foyer of the school office will be updated with the latest information we have received regarding programmes on offer.

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