

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 7/10 - Friday 3 September 2010



It's all go for 'Ebb and Flow'!



ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **'Ebb and Flow' - the Show of 2010!!** (15 & 16 September) - Please read Page 5 - Important Information: Reminders, Ticketing and Working Bee (10am Saturday 11 September)
- **Diary to book your SLC for next term from Monday 13 - Friday 24 September** (page 2)
- **Year 6 - EBIS Question & Answer Session** (page 2)
- **No Assembly next Friday** (10 September)
- **Photograph Day - Wednesday 22nd September**
Sports Team Photographs (please bring team uniform) will be taken at 9.00 am, followed by Class Photographs. Family photographs by request - check with office. Class and Sports Photograph envelopes available from office.
- **Sushi Lunch Orders** - Remember your Sushi Lunch Order needs to be in by 9.00am Thursday for Friday.
- Please pay your **Voluntary Donation, by the end of this term**, if you haven't yet done so.

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi
Kia ora koutou

Why assessment is often so difficult?

(taken from "Clarity in the Classroom", Michael Absolum)

- Assessment is difficult when we are not clear, either as teachers or a school, as to the purposes and relevance of assessment
- Assessment is difficult when we do it to students rather than with them
- Assessment is difficult when we assess for reporting rather than for informing learning
- Assessment is difficult when there is no alignment between what is taught and what is assessed
- Assessment is difficult when the results seem not to be used
- Assessment is difficult when the results seem to create confusion, or only to be done for the Education Review Office (ERO) or the Ministry of Education (MOE)
- Assessment is difficult when the school computerised data base doesn't give the teacher any useful information in a timely fashion
- Assessment is difficult when we assess too much

We don't want it to be difficult!

Over the next few weeks we are undertaking standardised assessment in reading, writing and maths. Testing looks different depending on the year group. The results of these assessments are combined with ongoing everyday assessment and teacher observation to provide an Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ). This OTJ will provide you with a good picture of your child's learning and progress.

At the next Student Led Conference (SLC) your child will have a great opportunity to share a slice of school life with you and the teacher will talk you through all the pieces that make up the jigsaw of how we judge where your child is at and what we need to focus on next to move them on together.

"Ū ki to ako, tū tāngata ai āpōpō."

("To excel in teaching so our learners will excel in the future.")

Noho ora mai ra!

Jude

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

The Principal's Awards for last week were for:

* Thinking independently so that we are ready for learning.

Tautoru

Zamyah

James

Autahi

Emma and Wil

Māhutonga

Samantha and Ella

* Coping with difficult situations by making good choices.

Tautoru

Gretel

Autahi

Jack R.

Māhutonga

Reuben

The foci for next week will be:

* Showing leadership skills.

* Relating well to the different groups of people we work with.

Year 6 2010 - EBIS Question and Answer Session

An Evans Bay Intermediate School Question and Answer Session will be held on Monday 6th September 6.00 - 7.30 pm, in the Worser Bay School Library.

**STUDENT LED CONFERENCES (SLCs)**

It's that time again soon. This provides the second formal opportunity of the year to celebrate learning and set goals together.

Dates: Tuesday 26 October to Friday 5 November.

Bookings Open: Monday 13 September

Bookings Close: Friday 24 September.

The instructions re booking are as follows:

* Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/home

* Enter the Worser Bay School code **BZR2L**

It is an extremely user-friendly system!

We are opening the bookings earlier than usual to limit the last minute rush. So be in early to get the booking of choice!

Māhutonga bookings

Fleur and Kath will be taking shared responsibility for Matt's home group in Term 4. Please check with your child as to whom their new home group teacher is so that you know who to book with. Any questions please see Kath or Fleur.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Ebb and Flow Help - Thank you to all our great volunteers who have offered to help so far. We could do with just a few more people to bring along some finger foods for our picnic boxes to sell on the night.

Can you help? Phone (or e mail below) Nicola 04 380 9339.

From "Around the World" we bring you our Fantastic Worser Bay School Fair; Sunday 7th November
11am to 2pm Rain or Shine.

Put it in your Diary now and a member of the fair committee will be in touch soon to see how you can help.

"Stop Press! Space wanted!" Yes we are still desperately seeking storage (preferably close to school); Do you have garage space, a work 'lock-up', a contact in the container business or storage business? We need space to store the treasures we get donated to sell at the fair. Can you help? Phone Nicola 380 9339 (or e mail nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

Plate Smashing stall?

We would dearly love to have a plate smashing stall but need someone to make us a "safe enclosure". Would you be up for the challenge? Phone Nicola 380 9339 (or e mail nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

Are you a keen Chef/ Foodie?

We would love some people to be able to help with some food stall ideas. Please get in touch if you are able to help: Phone Nicola 380 9339 (or e mail nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

We are now collecting :

- Clean jars, lids and ingredients for the Deli.
- Small treasures for the Lucky Dip (suitable for both boys and girls aged 3 - 10ish!)
- Clean second-hand clothes for the Clothes Boutique.
- Craft items/contributions

Please place these items in the boxes outside the staff room (or inside if wet).

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

Craft Stall - Bring your stuff to my place. We can work on our creations with wine, tea or coffee and chat!!
Wednesday 22 September 6.30 pm on ...
Please Telephone Toni 380 3062

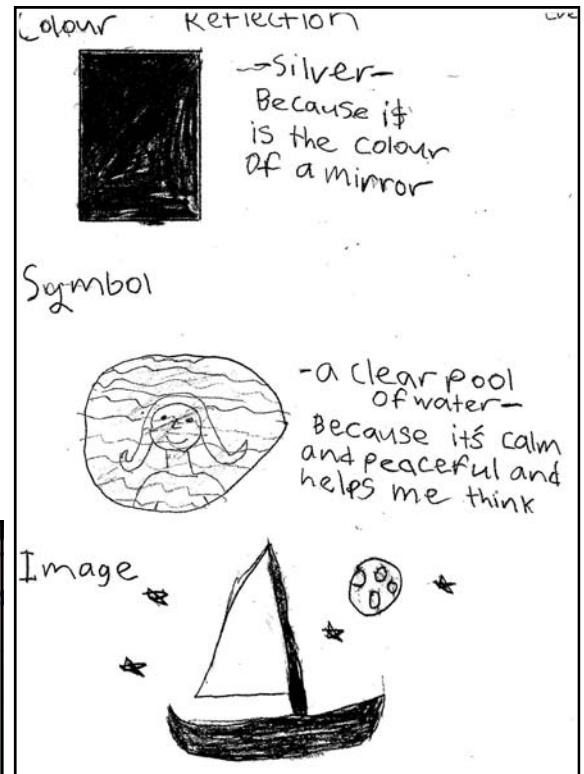
A note from MĀHUTONGA

'Active reflection provides opportunities to recognise and celebrate success in learning. When students become actively reflective they have the skills to do something to resolve any problems, their sense of self increases and therefore their motivation to learn.' – Clarity in the Classroom

As learners we all need opportunities to think about what we are learning and what challenges we face as well as where we need to go next. In Māhutonga we have been stopping regularly to take the time to reflect on our learning, what we think and how we feel about what we are learning. We have been learning about what the word 'reflection' means and why it is an important part of the learning process.

To discover our initial thinking about the word we did a CSI, a thinking tool in which we think of a Colour, Symbol and Image that we think expresses the idea of reflection. Have a look at what we thought....

In Maths we have been reflecting on how we work out problems (the strategies). We have been learning about using our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables to work out facts we don't know. Using Think Boards we record our strategy, draw and make the problem. Have a look at some of our thinking....



A note from TAUTORU

Tautoru has been split into two groups for the Ebb and Flow celebration. We have a calm sky group and a very enthusiastic storm group with lots of thunder and lightening! It has been awesome to see children working together sharing ideas and the energy is building.

Please check the newsletter for Ebb and Flow costume requirements. While not wanting to give too much away about our magical storm and calm dance pieces it would be very helpful if kids were encouraged to practise moves and poses at home.

Student led conferences are coming up next Term so now would be a great time to begin talking to children about what they have been learning at school, next learning steps and how they are working towards achieving goals.

We are all looking forward to the next few weeks and if you have any spare time and would like to help out, in any way, please ask.

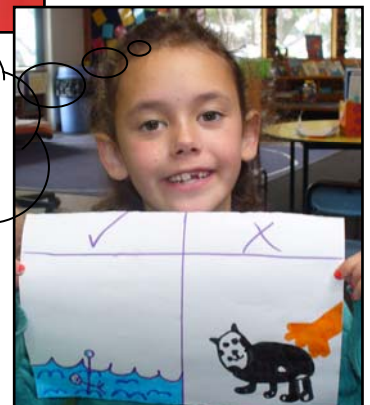
Juliette - I am wind for the arts celebration. People will know that I am being the wind because I am floating around in a spiral.

Embla - We are doing angry faces because we are trying to make our part a little bit spooky.



It would be good to keep an eye out when you are asleep, but you would get soap in your eye when you wash your hands!

If my eye was on the end of my finger I couldn't stroke my cat, but I could see out of the water when I'm swimming.



from Autahi



The class is getting excited about sharing their dance moves with you in the Ebb and Flow celebration!

We are working towards creating an atmosphere using movement, art, language and music. Reflecting on how our moves and actions express a clear feeling is important. We are thinking about what we are learning and why.

Here we are reflecting on what we are learning during rehearsals:

Aidan - *We thought about it while we were listening to the music we were doing. We decided as a class what moves we would do and if we could join some moves up.*

Ben - *Getting our moves was fun.*

Ian - *You have to remember to move at the right time and to look like you're really feeling it because you're the first one to be seen.*

Helen - *You have to get ready before you get on stage. Its good being the leader because people can see you.*

Ella - *We were moving to the beat and being able to share ideas with other people to eventually form a dance for our celebration. We were trying to do movements in the exciting way not the boring way.*

Faith - *We were trying to make our moves look more interesting, the exciting version - so for instance we swam in not walked in.*

Sport

Miniball

A really tough game against Kilbirnie! Thanks to Pauline for being Coach We played great defence but also had the height issue to contend with. Player of the day, Nicolas, got our goal and played great defence!

Worser Bay Sharks 14 vs Scots College 40 - this was a challenging game due to height difference, well done team. Player of the day for the Miniball Sharks Team – Thanh, for great all round technical skills.

Worser Bay Wizards' mini-baller Caleb Turnbull was Player of The Day after a tricky game against the Kilbirnie Knicks this week. Great game but we went down 24-8.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

Miramar Tennis Club Holiday Programme

Five day programme: Week 1: Sept 27-Oct 1. Week 2: Oct 6-10.

All ages \$140 per week. Lessons held rain or shine.

To book, contact MTC Resident Coach Reilly Smith:

reillysmith@gmail.com

021 855 790 or 386 1558

Wellington School of Cricket (WSC) Holiday Programmes now open for enrolments.

Please visit our website: www.cricketwellington.co.nz

BOOK NOW! - Holy Cross School Holiday Programme

Holy Cross School, Miramar

8am - 5:30pm 27th September-8th October

30 places available per day -

\$25/day per child for onsite day

\$30/day per child for outing day.

Payment is required to confirm your child's placement .

Enrolments close Monday 20th September.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Seatoun Arts & Crafts Exhibition & Sale

Friday 10th September, 7 - 9 pm

Sat 11th September, 9am - 6pm

Sun 12th September, 11am - 4pm

St Christopher's Hall, Forres Street Seatoun,

Start your Christmas shopping early!

Women's Self Defence Classes

Monday 7.30-8.30pm at Holy Cross Church Hall, Miramar

Tuesday 7.30-8.30 in Island Bay

There are 2 beginner's classes starting very soon.

The course will run for 6 consecutive weeks and the cost is \$60 payable on the first night. Classes have a maximum number of ten people per class, so to confirm your place in one of these classes, please do so **ASAP** by contacting Hailey & Steve on 971 0374 or kid-scakes@kol.co.nz

MIRAMAR TENNIS: OPEN DAY Sunday 12 September,

Rain or Shine! Miramar Tennis Club offers senior and junior social and Interclub tennis. Come along to our Open Day on Sunday 12 September - meet the coaches, committee and have a go on the courts.

11am-1pm: Junior registration, 1-3pm: Senior registration

For more information visit our website:

www.miramartennis.org.nz or

email: miramartennis@xtra.co.nz

Miramar Tennis Club – Mid Week Section Open Day

Darlington Road, Monday 20 September – 9:30-11am

Come and Have a Hit at *Club of the Year 2010!*

All welcome - childminding available.

The Improvisors Present: PIRATES!

27 September – 9 October

11am & 1pm weekdays, 11am Sat, no show Sun

Circa Theatre, 1 Taranaki St, Wellington

Bookings: 04 801 7992 or www.circa.co.nz

\$10 all ages

Ahoy, me Hearties! Set sail on the seven seas with The Improvisors these school holidays for their 3rd improvised show just for kids with an exciting piratical adventure at Circa!

‘EBB AND FLOW’

A Celebration of Music and Dance at Worser Bay School

15th and 16th September 2010

Arts Celebration Working Bee - 10am Saturday 11th September :

We need helpers to set up seating, rostra, black-out windows, rig lights and generally organize things set and seating-wise. So if you are good with a crescent, gaffer tape, standing on ladders, lifting and carrying, skip the gym and come along and give us a hand... If you are tied up with the soccer prize-giving, pop up afterwards for half an hour - it all helps.

It would be good to know who is intending to turn up so please ring Carolyn in the school office, 939 7281, as soon as possible.

Costume Information for Ebb and Flow

For our Art Celebration, Ebb and Flow, we are asking all students to bring these base costumes to school in a named plastic bag please. Could these please be at school by next Friday 3rd September. If you have any questions please see your child's home group teacher. Thank you, we appreciate your support.

Tauroru:

Butterflies - Black t-shirt, black tights or pants
The Calm Sky - Light blue or grey t-shirt, light blue long pants
Bird People - Black t-shirt, black pants or tights
Storm - Long sleeved dark tops, dark pants

Autahi:

The Calm Sea - White t-shirt (trousers provided)
The Stormy Sea - Blue t-shirt (WBS t-shirts are fine), dark pants/tights

Māhutonga:

Volcano Group - Dark black/blue tights or pants, red/yellow or orange t-shirt
Nature - Dark blue or black (pref. long sleeved) top, dark ¾ - long pants/tights
Broom and Construction Group - White singlet or t-shirt, dark pants/tights
Business Group - One of dad's or mum's shirts (pref. light coloured), an old tie, dark pants/tights
Umbrella Group - Worser Bay T-shirt, dark pants/tights, gumboots

A Reminder!!

The Arts are an important part of our curriculum, therefore the expectation is that all children will be available the evenings of 15 and 16 September to celebrate and be part of this whole school learning opportunity.

The nitty gritty, so you can organise your life well in advance:

We will be having one afternoon event at 2.00 pm on 15 September and two evening events at 6.30 pm on 15 and 16 September. Children will need to be in their rooms getting ready from 5.30 pm and no later than 5.45 pm. Adults will have the opportunity to indulge in a range of snacks and refreshments from 5.30 pm. Our very own parent Ukestars will be kicking things off with a bit of a sing song at 6.15 pm. We aim to have everyone seated by this time. We intend to be wrapping up around 7.15 pm.

- Tickets cost \$5.00, under 12s free.
- Tickets are limited. Door sales are not guaranteed as we have a limited space!
- Tickets are on sale from **Monday 30 August** for a period of 2 weeks.



Ticket Order for Worser Bay School Arts' Celebration

Please tick performance required, enter number of tickets required and enclose with the relevant payment in a **named** envelope.

- Matinee - Wednesday 15th September 2.00 pm**
- Evening - Wednesday 15th September 6.30 pm**
- Evening - Thursday 16th September 6.30 pm**

..... Tickets @ \$5.00 each = \$..... Children's tickets (under 12 (free))

Name.....