

WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)

Week 2/11 - Friday 30 April 2010



Tangaroa's Gift

*Scott (or is it Brett?)
basking in the reflected glory
of his brother's First New
Zealand Master Chef win!!*



*But then, the real
First New Zealand
Master Chef visits
Worser Bay School!*

Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

It's been a hive of activity this week with timers going off, next steps being agreed, celebrations, catch-ups and a bit of socialising thrown in to top it all off. Thanks for making the effort to come and support your child as they share their work and progress. Your feedback has been very useful and extremely positive. Thank you. The time goes by in a flash, so if you have gone home feeling you need some more information, please remember that the teachers will gladly make the extra time for a follow-up appointment.

I am totally thrilled with the number of WBS children keen to represent the school in Miniball, Netball or Flippaball. In some cases, it's all three! We have never had so much interest..... so are really excited to see this movement, it's a positive swing alright! Team sports is such a good opportunity for developing those key competencies, too. We are wondering if there is a correlation between our increased focus on PE/Health in the last couple of years, or whether it's just something in the water! Thanks to our parents who are willing to get into their trackies to coach and manage the teams.

Exploring the habitat of Island Bay was the place to be today! Thanks to all our parent support to allow these trips away from #168 to happen.

Noho ora mai ra.

Jude

A warm welcome to Emma, Molly, Sophina and their families who have recently joined Worser Bay School. We look forward to helping guide your development and learning!

ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Book Now!! Mum - Cocktails and Great Food is only one week away!** Details page 2.
- **Assembly - Friday 7 May 9.15 am**
- **Miniball and Flippaball fees**
Please pay \$20 per child by 7th May.
- **Voluntary Donations** - Please pay as soon as possible, if you haven't done so already.

IMPORTANT!

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

WORD FROM THE BOARD

We're sure that many of you would have enjoyed attending the Student Led Conferences this week, and hope you took the extra time to pop into Matariki, the refurbished library space, to learn a bit more about National Standards and provide your feedback on the School's Vision.

The SLCs were a great opportunity for parents to better understand how our children have been progressing, what they are looking to achieve, and how those at home can meaningfully contribute to that achievement. The mixture of portfolio-based discussion led by the students and achievement data provided by the teachers gave parents two very valuable perspectives on their children's achievement. Our thanks again to the energy, effort and time the teachers have put into making this very important exercise so worthwhile. You can have your evenings back, and your families can have you back from next week!

Thanks also to those of you that took the time to provide your thoughts about our Vision at the SLCs. Our Vision is: ***We empower children with a love of learning so that they are adaptable and creative.*** Visions should be regularly revisited so they remain a relevant 'marker' for where we want to be heading. They should be aspirational, achievable (with effort), imply action, and be motivating. They should also be widely known and understood by the students, staff, board and community.

The Board of Trustees

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for: Being proactive - when you see a job or something that needs doing, just DO IT! And: Speaking up and sharing your ideas confidently. Taking a risk.

Tautoru

Emma Shea for speaking up and sharing ideas confidently.

Jaida Dawson for sharing ideas.

Burton McKay for sharing ideas on the rocky shore and creatures.

Autahi

Reuben for sharing ideas confidently and clearly.

Tasia for being proactive and doing things without having to be asked.

Māhutonga

Taine for organising himself and getting ready for his SLC without being prompted. Awesome, Taine!

Millie for always putting things away in the right place, helping the teacher and others without being asked. Thanks, Millie!

Monique for sharing her ideas confidently and clearly in maths. Taking risks to share her ways of thinking.

Next week's foci will be:

Relating others. Making new friends.

Sharing your ideas confidently in a group and in class discussion.

A Message from the Library

Some families visiting the library in the last couple of days have told us that they need the password for the EPIC databases. As long as the search is for educational purposes you can use EPIC for free. Some of the searchable EPIC databases are:

- * The Encyclopaedia Britannica
- * History Resource Centre
- * Oxford Art on Line
- * The Oxford English Dictionary
- * Virtual Reference Library

The user name and password for this school are:

Username: worserbay Password: hqgiitnk

If you are accessing the library through the website and you have some problem or want assistance you can contact Christine by email: library@worserbay.school.nz.

Thank you also, parents, for all the positive comments about our new library environment. Remember, parents are very welcome to have their own ID number and become a borrower.

From the HOME AND SCHOOL

Mum – Cocktails and Great Food is only one week away!

Friday 7th May 6pm onwards at Soi Café and Bar, Greta Point Wharf, Evans Bay.

Come, relax, connect with some wonderful women and enjoy!

If you can only make happy hour drinks or dinner, you're most welcome to pop along, simply RSVP to Hari on 027 600 4150 or hirata_harris@yahoo.com (by Wed 5th May).

Entertainment Books

A BIG Thank you to all of those families who have purchased an Entertainment book, or sent in a \$12.00 donation, it is greatly appreciated. Payment or return of books is due next **Friday 7 May 2010 to the school office.** If you require additional books for family, friends or work colleagues, please contact Stephanie Wilson on 3888 285 or asewilson@xtra.co.nz. Thank you for supporting this fund-raising venture, which benefits the school and your child/ren.

Did you Know.....

Worserbay School Home and School Committee is a registered charity. This means we are able to issue 'official' receipts for donations received that you can then claim a tax rebate with. It also means we are eligible for corporate donations; some companies offer a reward scheme / match the amount for their employee's fund-raising efforts.

Just putting that out thereyou never know!

Chair of the Home and School

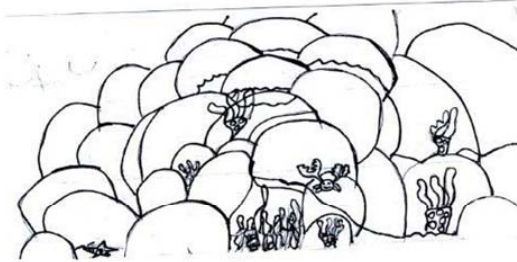
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News from TAUTORU

With student led conferences well underway this week we've been very focused on trying to achieve writing goals. For some students, this means extending the sentence and adding more detail using 'and', 'but' or 'because'; for others, it means painting a picture in the reader's mind using interesting vocabulary. Our New Entrants are learning to record their story plan and write a clear message for the audience using simple punctuation. Here are some examples of this week's writing.

What am I? *I live in rock pools and I am little and I scuttle on the ground. I am a crab. Embla*



The ugly duckling was sad because it wasn't liked. George



This is my bedroom and my bed to snuggle in. I have lots of toys in my bed. Molly

A note from MĀHUTONGA

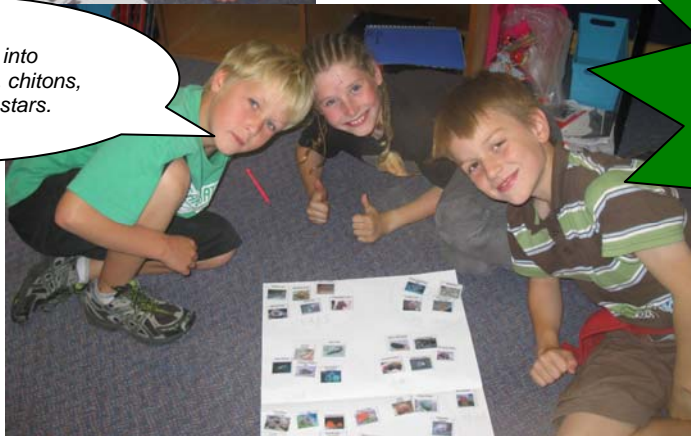
It was great to meet with parents and students to share in celebrating the successes of the year so far. It is exciting to see so many goals from last year achieved or well under way.

There are all sorts of unusual creatures living in the rock pools. We have been learning to classify creatures in different ways in preparation for our visit to the Island Bay Marine Education Centre. We talked about ourselves first and how we could be put into groups based on how we look, where we live or what we eat. We used these headings to group all sorts of living creatures found along the rocky shore. We will be taking a closer look at how scientists classify these creatures into families and learning more about the specific features of these families. These activities link to the big science ideas we are learning about.



We classified sea creatures by what they look like, eg. we put all the crabs together and all the creatures that stick to the rocks together.

We organised them into species like limpets, chitons, anemones and sea stars.



Big Idea 1

Recognise that there are lots of different living things in the world and that they can be grouped in different ways.

Big Idea 2

Recognise that living things are suited to a particular habitat.

from AUTAH!



We are learning to describe and act out the movements of different weather patterns.

Thank you to all the parents and students for such a successful week of student led conferences. It was fantastic to see so many students confidently sharing their learning, celebrating the steps that they have made towards achieving their goals and setting new ones.

Many of these goals are around writing. In our writing we have been focusing on how writers create a mood through the words that they use, particularly the use of verbs and adjectives. We have also been learning to use similes to create clear pictures in the reader's mind. Here are some examples:

"If I was hail I would spit down on buildings, pitter-patter on roofs and drop on roads."

Once there was hail at my house and it covered everywhere and looked white and I remembered that time and came up with those words. Ella W

"If I were a tsunami I would plunge onto the bamboo made houses. I would sound like a super loud roaring lion and I would look like a super fluffy white wolf charging towards its prey."

I was thinking of me being a tsunami and looking like that and sounding like that and doing those things. Thomas W

"If I was a tsunami I would rampage at the frightened houses. I would viciously rip washing off the line. I would demolish bridges. I would slice through flower beds."

When I wrote this I imagined a tsunami and used the words that came into my head. Joe R

SPORT

Miniball: Our first game Worser Bay Wild Bulls vs Kilbirnie - lost 20-7 (But they look very happy!)



Reminder: **Miniball and Flippaball** players' fees for this term are \$20 per child. Please pay by Friday 7th May.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Artsight's Term 2 After School Art Classes begin this week. We offer a range of fun and inspiring Art classes for 5-10 years and 10+. All classes are taught by a registered Visual Arts teacher in a spacious and light art studio at Toi Poneke Arts Centre, Wellington. For enquiries and to book check out our website: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona on 04 3862908, 021786629 or email fiona@artsight.co.nz.

Meridian Kids' Bike Jams

Reminder that entries in the Wellington Region Meridian Kids' Bike Jams, Mount Victoria, Sunday 2 May close on Tuesday 27th April - info@kidsbikejams.co.nz.

Seatoun Home and Garden Club

A great way to escape the pressures of the day, relax and meet new people over a glass of wine and supper, while catching up on the latest in home and garden trends from our monthly speakers. Our friendly club welcomes new members and visitors from the Miramar Peninsula and beyond. We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, St Christopher's Church Hall, Forres St, Seatoun. Members \$2.00, Guests \$7.00. Come along to our next meeting or call Stella on 388 2142 to find out more.